
**State Government, Elections &
Information Technology Committee**

HB 2459

Brief Description: Modifying gender references pertaining to major political party committees.

Sponsors: Representatives Reeves, Robinson, Macri, Riccelli, Hudgins and Pollet.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Expands gender categories beyond male/female as it relates to the chairs and vice chairs of major political party committees, and the committee persons selected for state committees.

Hearing Date: 1/19/18

Staff: Desiree Omli (786-7105).

Background:

A major political party is a party whose nominees for president and vice president received at least 5 percent of the total votes cast at the last presidential election. Each major political party has a county central committee composed of the precinct committee officers of the party. The county central committee elects one committeeman and one committeewoman to serve on the state party committee.

The state party committee may call a state convention, elect delegates to the party's national convention, and nominate presidential electors. The state party committee must elect a chair and vice chair of opposite sexes.

Summary of Bill:

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

The chairs and vice chairs of the county central committee and the state party committee must be persons of different declared gender identity. The committee persons elected to serve on the state party committee must be also be persons of different declared gender identity.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.