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1 AN ACT Relating to eliminating gender-based barriers from
2 elections for state and county political party positions; and
3 amending RCW 29A.80.020 and 29A.80.030.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.80.020 and 2013 c 11 s 79 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The state committee of each major political party consists of
8 (~~one committeeman and one committeewoman~~) two committee members
9 from each county elected by the county central committee at its
10 organization meeting. It must have a chair and vice chair (~~of~~
11 ~~opposite sexes~~). This committee shall meet during January of each
12 odd-numbered year for the purpose of organization at a time and place
13 designated by a notice mailed at least one week before the date of
14 the meeting to all new state committeemen and committeewomen by the
15 authorized officers of the retiring committee. At its organizational
16 meeting it shall elect its chair and vice chair, and such officers as
17 its bylaws may provide, and adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations. It
18 may:

19 (1) Call conventions at such time and place and under such
20 circumstances and for such purposes as the call to convention
21 designates. The manner, number, and procedure for selection of state

1 convention delegates is subject to the committee's rules and
2 regulations duly adopted;

3 (2) Provide for the election of delegates to national
4 conventions;

5 (3) Provide for the nomination of presidential electors; and

6 (4) Perform all functions inherent in such an organization.

7 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the committee may
8 not adopt rules governing the conduct of the actual proceedings at a
9 party state convention.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.80.030 and 2003 c 111 s 2003 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 The county central committee of each major political party
13 consists of the precinct committee officers of the party from the
14 several voting precincts of the county. Following each state general
15 election held in even-numbered years, this committee shall meet for
16 the purpose of organization at an easily accessible location within
17 the county, subsequent to the certification of precinct committee
18 officers by the county auditor and no later than the second Saturday
19 of the following January. The authorized officers of the retiring
20 committee shall cause notice of the time and place of the meeting to
21 be mailed to each precinct committee officer at least seventy-two
22 hours before the date of the meeting.

23 At its organization meeting, the county central committee shall
24 elect a chair and vice chair (~~of opposite sexes~~).

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