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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 115.607, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to county political party committees.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 115.607, RSMo, is repealed and one new section  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.607, to read as follows:

115.607. 1. No person shall be elected or shall serve as a member of a  
2 county committee who is not, for one year next before the person's election, both  
3 a registered voter of and a resident of the county and the committee district from  
4 which the person is elected if such district shall have been so long established,  
5 and if not, then of the district or districts from which the same shall have been  
6 taken. Except as provided in subsections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this section, the  
7 membership of a county committee of each established political party shall consist  
8 of a man and a woman elected from each township or ward in the county.

9 2. In each county of the first classification containing the major portion  
10 of a city which has over three hundred thousand inhabitants, [two members of  
11 the committee, a man and a woman, shall be elected from each ward in the  
12 city. Any township entirely contained in the city shall have no additional  
13 representation on the county committee. The election authority for the county  
14 shall, not later than six months after the decennial census has been reported to  
15 the President of the United States, divide the most populous township outside the  
16 city into eight subdistricts of contiguous and compact territory and as nearly  
17 equal in population as practicable. The subdistricts shall be numbered from one  
18 upward consecutively, which numbers shall, insofar as practicable, be retained  
19 upon reapportionment. Two members of the county committee, a man and a

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

20 woman, shall be elected from each such subdistrict. Six members of the  
21 committee, three men and three women, shall be elected from the second and  
22 third most populous townships outside the city. Four members of the committee,  
23 two men and two women, shall be elected from the other townships outside the  
24 city] **members of the committee shall be elected from the districts of**  
25 **each state representative that are in any way contained in the county**  
26 **in the following manner: within six months after each legislative**  
27 **reapportionment, each portion of a legislative district contained in the**  
28 **county shall constitute a single committee district. Three men and**  
29 **three women shall be elected from each committee district formed from**  
30 **a legislative district that is wholly contained in the county as members**  
31 **of the committee, two men and two women shall be elected from each**  
32 **committee district formed from a legislative district that is**  
33 **predominantly contained in the county as members of the committee,**  
34 **and one man and one woman shall be elected from each committee**  
35 **district formed from a legislative district that is partially but not**  
36 **predominantly contained in the county as members of the committee.**

37 3. [In any city which has over three hundred thousand inhabitants, the  
38 major portion of which is located in a county with a charter form of government,  
39 for the portion of the city located within such county and notwithstanding section  
40 82.110, it shall be the duty of the election authority, not later than six months  
41 after the decennial census has been reported to the President of the United  
42 States, to divide such cities into not less than twenty-four nor more than  
43 twenty-five wards after each decennial census. Wards shall be so divided that the  
44 number of inhabitants in any ward shall not exceed any other ward of the city  
45 and within the same county, by more than five percent, measured by the number  
46 of the inhabitants determined at the preceding decennial census.

47 4.] In each county of the first classification containing a portion, but not  
48 the major portion, of a city which has over three hundred thousand inhabitants,  
49 ten members of the committee, five men and five women, shall be elected from the  
50 district of each state representative wholly contained in the county in the  
51 following manner: within six months after each legislative reapportionment, the  
52 election authority shall divide each legislative district wholly contained in the  
53 county into five committee districts of contiguous territory as compact and as  
54 nearly equal in population as may be; two members of the committee, a man and  
55 a woman, shall be elected from each committee district. The election authority

56 shall divide the area of the county located within legislative districts not wholly  
57 contained in the county into similar committee districts; two members of the  
58 committee, a man and a woman, shall be elected from each committee district.

59 [5.] 4. In each city not situated in a county, two members of the  
60 committee, a man and a woman, shall be elected from each ward.

61 [6.] 5. In all counties with a charter form of government and a population  
62 of over nine hundred thousand inhabitants, the county committee persons shall  
63 be elected from each township. Within ninety days after August 28, 2002, and  
64 within six months after each decennial census has been reported to the President  
65 of the United States, the election authority shall divide the county into  
66 twenty-eight compact and contiguous townships containing populations as nearly  
67 equal in population to each other as is practical.

68 [7.] 6. If any election authority has failed to adopt a reapportionment  
69 plan by the deadline set forth in this section, the county commission, sitting as  
70 a reapportionment commission, shall within sixty days after the deadline, adopt  
71 a reapportionment plan. Changes of township, ward, or precinct lines shall not  
72 affect the terms of office of incumbent party committee members elected from  
73 districts as constituted at the time of their election.

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