

SENATE BILL NO. 901

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MOSLEY.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 115.365, 115.603, 115.619, and 115.621, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to county commission district political party committees.

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

Section A. Sections 115.365, 115.603, 115.619, and
2 115.621, RSMo, are repealed and four new sections enacted in
3 lieu thereof, to be known as sections 115.365, 115.603, 115.619,
4 and 115.621, to read as follows:

115.365. 1. The nominating committee authorized to
2 select a candidate for nomination or election to office
3 pursuant to section 115.363 shall be one of the following:

4 (1) To select a candidate for **[county] countywide**
5 office, the nominating committee shall be the county
6 committee of the party, **provided that in the case a vacancy**
7 **in the county commission to be filled by a special election,**
8 **or to select a candidate for county commissioner, county**
9 **council, or county legislator, the nominating committee**
10 **shall be the county commission district committee;**

11 (2) To select a candidate for state representative,
12 the nominating committee shall be the legislative district
13 committee of the party;

14 (3) To select a candidate for state senator, the
15 nominating committee shall be the senatorial district
16 committee of the party;

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

17 (4) To select a candidate for circuit court judge not
18 subject to the provisions of Article V, Section 25 of the
19 State Constitution, the nominating committee shall be the
20 judicial district committee of the party;

21 (5) To select a candidate for representative in
22 Congress, the nominating committee shall be the
23 congressional district committee of the party;

24 (6) To select a candidate for statewide office, the
25 nominating committee shall be the state committee of the
26 party.

27 2. After any decennial redistricting, the nominating
28 committee shall be composed from the new districts, and the
29 new district lines shall be used in the selection of a
30 candidate; provided, however, that members of nominating
31 committees for candidates for special elections to fill
32 vacancies conducted pursuant to section 21.130 shall be from
33 the old districts.

 115.603. Each established political party shall have a
2 state committee, a congressional district committee for each
3 congressional district in the state, a judicial district
4 committee for each circuit judge district in the state not
5 subject to the provisions of Article V, Section 25 of the
6 state constitution, a senatorial district committee for each
7 senatorial district in the state, a legislative district
8 committee for each legislative district in the state, **a**
9 **county commission district committee for each county**
10 **commission district, county council district, and county**
11 **legislative district in each county in the state,** and a
12 county committee for each county in the state, except any
13 city not within a county which shall have a city committee
14 in lieu of a county committee.

115.619. 1. A legislative district committee shall
2 consist of the precinct, ward, or township committeeman and
3 committeewoman from such precincts, wards, or townships
4 included in whole or in part of the legislative district.
5 There shall be elected from the membership of each
6 legislative district committee a chairman and a vice
7 chairman, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall
8 be a man, and each legislative district at the same time
9 shall elect a secretary and a treasurer, one of whom shall
10 be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, but who may or
11 may not be members of the legislative district committee.
12 Party state committees may provide for voting by proxy and
13 for weighted or fractional voting.

14 2. The congressional, senatorial, or judicial
15 committee of a district which is composed of:

- 16 (1) One or more whole counties; or
17 (2) One or more whole counties and part of one or more
18 counties;

19 shall consist of the county committee chair and vice chair
20 of each county within the district and the committeeman and
21 committeewoman of each legislative district committee within
22 the district.

23 3. The congressional, senatorial, or judicial
24 committee of a district which consists of:

- 25 (1) Parts of one or more counties;
26 (2) Part of a city not within the county;
27 (3) A whole city not within a county; or
28 (4) Part of a city not within a county and parts of
29 one or more counties;

30 shall consist of the committeemen and committeewomen of the
31 precinct, ward, or township included in whole or in part of
32 the district and the chair and vice chair of each
33 legislative district committee within the district in whole
34 or in part.

35 **4. A county commission district committee shall**
36 **consist of the precinct, ward, or township committeeman and**
37 **committeewoman from such precincts, wards, or townships**
38 **included in whole or in part of the county commission**
39 **district, county council district, or county legislative**
40 **district, as the case may be. There shall be elected from**
41 **the membership of each county commission district committee**
42 **a chair and a vice chair, one of whom shall be a woman and**
43 **one of whom shall be a man, and each county commission**
44 **district committee at the same time shall elect a secretary**
45 **and a treasurer, one of whom shall be a woman and one of**
46 **whom shall be a man, but who may or may not be members of**
47 **the county commission district committee. Party state**
48 **committees may provide for voting by proxy and for weighted**
49 **or fractional voting.**

115.621. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 this section to the contrary, any legislative, senatorial,
3 or judicial district committee that is wholly contained
4 within a county or a city not within a county may choose to
5 meet on the same day as the respective county or city
6 committee. All other committees shall meet as otherwise
7 prescribed in this section.

8 2. The members of each county committee shall meet at
9 the county seat not earlier than two weeks after each
10 primary election but in no event later than the third
11 Saturday after each primary election, at the discretion of
12 the chairman at the committee. In each city not within a

13 county, the city committee shall meet on the same day at the
14 city hall. In all counties of the first, second, and third
15 classification, the county courthouse shall be made
16 available for such meetings and any other county political
17 party meeting at no charge to the party committees. In all
18 cities not within a county, the city hall shall be made
19 available for such meetings and any other city political
20 party meeting at no charge to the party committees. At the
21 meeting, each committee shall organize by electing two of
22 its members, a man and a woman, as chair and vice chair, and
23 a man and a woman who may or may not be members of the
24 committee as secretary and treasurer.

25 3. The members of each congressional district
26 committee shall meet at some place and time within the
27 district, to be designated by the current chair of the
28 committee, not earlier than five weeks after each primary
29 election but in no event later than the sixth Saturday after
30 each primary election. The county courthouse in counties of
31 the first, second and third classification in which the
32 meeting is to take place, as designated by the chair, shall
33 be made available for such meeting and any other
34 congressional district political party committee meeting at
35 no charge to the committee. At the meeting, the committee
36 shall organize by electing one of its members as chair and
37 one of its members as vice chair, one of whom shall be a
38 woman and one of whom shall be a man, and a secretary and a
39 treasurer, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom
40 shall be a man, who may or may not be members of the
41 committee.

42 4. The members of each legislative district committee
43 shall meet at some place and date within the legislative
44 district or within one of the counties in which the

45 legislative district exists, to be designated by the current
46 chair of the committee, not earlier than three weeks after
47 each primary election but in no event later than the fourth
48 Saturday after each primary election. The county courthouse
49 in counties of the first, second and third classification in
50 which the meeting is to take place, as designated by the
51 chair, shall be made available for such meeting and any
52 other legislative district political party committee meeting
53 at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, the
54 committee shall organize by electing two of its members, a
55 man and a woman, as chair and vice chair, and a man and a
56 woman who may or may not be members of the committee as
57 secretary and treasurer.

58 5. The members of each senatorial district committee
59 shall meet at some place and date within the district, to be
60 designated by the current chair of the committee, if there
61 is one, and if not, by the chair of the congressional
62 district in which the senatorial district is principally
63 located, not earlier than four weeks after each primary
64 election but in no event later than the fifth Saturday after
65 each primary election. The county courthouse in counties of
66 the first, second and third classification in which the
67 meeting is to take place, as so designated pursuant to this
68 subsection, shall be made available for such meeting and any
69 other senatorial district political party committee meeting
70 at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, the
71 committee shall organize by electing one of its members as
72 chair and one of its members as vice chair, one of whom
73 shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, and a
74 secretary and a treasurer, one of whom shall be a woman and
75 one of whom shall be a man, who may or may not be members of
76 the committee.

77 6. The members of each senatorial district shall also
78 meet at some place within the district, to be designated by
79 the current chair of the committee, if there is one, and if
80 not, by the chair of the congressional district in which the
81 senatorial district is principally located, on the Saturday
82 after each general election or concurrently with the
83 election of senatorial officers, if designated or not
84 objected to by the chair of the congressional district where
85 the senatorial district is principally located. At the
86 meeting, the committee shall proceed to elect two registered
87 voters of the district, one man and one woman, as members of
88 the party's state committee.

89 7. The members of each judicial district may meet at
90 some place and date within the judicial district or within
91 one of the counties in which the judicial district exists,
92 to be designated by the current chair of the committee or
93 the chair of the congressional district committee, not
94 earlier than six weeks after each primary election but in no
95 event later than the seventh Saturday after each primary
96 election. The county courthouse in counties of the first,
97 second and third classification in which the meeting is to
98 take place, as so designated pursuant to this subsection,
99 shall be made available for such meeting and any other
100 judicial district political party committee meeting at no
101 charge to the committee. At the meeting, the committee
102 shall organize by electing two of its members, a man and a
103 woman, as chair and vice chair, and a man and a woman who
104 may or may not be members of the committee as secretary and
105 treasurer.

106 **8. The members of each county commission district**
107 **shall meet at some place and date within the county**
108 **commission district, to be designated by the current chair**

109 of the committee or, if there is none, the chair of the
110 county committee, on September 25, 2022, and thereafter, not
111 earlier than seven weeks after each primary election but in
112 no event later than the eighth Saturday after each primary
113 election. The county courthouse in counties of the first,
114 second, and third classification in which the meeting is to
115 take place, as so designated pursuant to this subsection,
116 shall be made available for such meeting and any other
117 county commission district political party committee meeting
118 at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, the
119 committee shall organize by electing two of its members, a
120 man and a woman, as chair and vice chair, and a man and a
121 woman who may or may not be members of the committee as
122 secretary and treasurer.

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