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district committees; reapportionment; reorganization

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# HOUSE BILL 2837

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-823, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO POLITICAL PARTIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 16-823, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 16-823. Legislative district committee; organization;  
5 boundary change; reorganization

6 A. A political party entitled to representation on the ballot  
7 pursuant to section 16-801 or 16-804 may establish a district party  
8 committee for any legislative district as prescribed by law.

9 B. A district party committee established pursuant to subsection A  
10 of this section shall consist of the precinct committeemen residing in the  
11 district and elected pursuant to section 16-821.

12 C. Each district party committee established pursuant to subsection  
13 A of this section shall meet ~~no~~ NOT earlier than the second Saturday after  
14 the general election provided for in section 16-211 and ~~no~~ NOT later than  
15 the first Saturday in the following December and organize by electing from  
16 its membership a ~~chairman~~ CHAIRPERSON, two vice ~~chairmen~~ CHAIRPERSONS, a  
17 secretary and a treasurer. The latter two offices may be filled by the  
18 same person. In addition, the district party committee shall elect state  
19 committeemen as prescribed by section 16-825. The chairman of the  
20 district committee is ex officio a member of the county committee of the  
21 county in which a plurality of the district's registered voters resides.

22 D. Each district party committee established pursuant to subsection  
23 A of this section shall meet after the effective date of reapportionment  
24 legislation that realigns or changes legislative district boundaries and  
25 organize according to the new boundaries, electing from its membership a  
26 ~~chairman~~ CHAIRPERSON, two vice ~~chairmen~~ CHAIRPERSONS, a secretary and a  
27 treasurer. ~~THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OFFICES MAY BE FILLED BY THE SAME~~  
28 ~~PERSON. IF THE DISTRICT LIES IN TWO OR MORE COUNTIES, THE MEETING SHALL~~  
29 ~~BE CALLED AND ORGANIZED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT PARTY COMMITTEE WHO~~  
30 ~~RESIDE IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH MOST OF THE DISTRICT PARTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS~~  
31 ~~RESIDE OR IF THE DISTRICT LIES IN TWO COUNTIES, MAY ORGANIZE WITH THE~~  
32 ~~ELECTED PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN FROM THOSE PORTIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE~~  
33 ~~DISTRICT FROM THE OTHER COUNTY IN WHICH THE REMAINDER OF THE DISTRICT~~  
34 ~~PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN RESIDE, WITHOUT REGARD TO WHETHER THE OTHER COUNTY'S~~  
35 ~~POLITICAL PARTY HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN ORGANIZED BY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.~~  
36 ~~ALL ELECTED PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN IN THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT ARE ELIGIBLE~~  
37 ~~FOR ELECTION TO THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BUT A LEGISLATIVE~~  
38 ~~DISTRICT PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN MAY VOTE IN COUNTY PARTY MEETINGS ONLY FOR~~  
39 ~~THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN RESIDES. THE CHAIR OF THE~~  
40 ~~DISTRICT COMMITTEE MAY DESIGNATE PROXIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING AND~~  
41 ~~VOTING AT THE COUNTY PARTY'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTIES IN THAT~~  
42 ~~LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT. The latter two offices may be filled by the same~~  
43 ~~person.~~ In addition, the district party committee shall elect state  
44 committeemen as prescribed by section 16-825. The chairman of the  
45 district committee is ex officio a member of the county committee of the

1 county in which a plurality of the district's registered voters resides.  
2 The effective date for reapportionment legislation as provided in this  
3 subsection shall be as provided in article IV, part 1, section 1,  
4 Constitution of Arizona.

5 E. In the event the reapportionment legislation is challenged in  
6 court or by the United States justice department, the district  
7 organizations in effect before the passage of the reapportionment  
8 legislation shall continue to function along with the new district  
9 organizations created in accordance with subsection D of this section  
10 until the final settlement or adjudication of any legal challenge to the  
11 reapportionment legislation. On the final settlement or adjudication of  
12 any legal challenge to the reapportionment legislation the district  
13 organizations in effect before the enactment of the reapportionment  
14 legislation are considered dissolved.

15 F. If the boundaries of any district are changed as a result of  
16 legal action, each district party committee in that district shall meet as  
17 soon as possible and organize according to the boundaries that result from  
18 the legal action. On organization pursuant to this subsection all prior  
19 district organizations are dissolved.

20 G. For the purposes of the election prescribed in subsection D of  
21 this section the district committee shall consist of all precinct  
22 committeemen residing in the district who were serving in that position at  
23 least thirty days before the enactment of reapportionment legislation.

24 H. The chairman of the legislative district committee shall give  
25 notice of the time and place of the meetings prescribed by this section by  
26 United States mail to each precinct committeeman at least ten days before  
27 the date of the meeting. If the precinct committeeman has provided a  
28 valid ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL address and has authorized the chairman to give notice  
29 to the precinct committeeman by ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL instead of by United States  
30 mail, the chairman of the legislative district committee shall provide  
31 notice of the meeting by ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL at least ten days before the date of  
32 the meeting.