

REFERENCE TITLE: **district committees; reapportionment; reorganization**

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## **HB 2837**

Introduced by  
Representative Griffin

**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. ~~IF THE DISTRICT LIES IN TWO OR MORE COUNTIES, THE MEETING~~  
28 ~~SHALL BE CALLED AND ORGANIZED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT PARTY~~  
29 ~~COMMITTEE WHO RESIDE IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH MOST OF THE DISTRICT PARTY~~  
30 ~~COMMITTEE MEMBERS RESIDE.~~ The latter two offices may be filled by the  
31 same person. In addition, the district party committee shall elect state  
32 committeemen as prescribed by section 16-825. The chairman of the  
33 district committee is ex officio a member of the county committee of the  
34 county in which a plurality of the district's registered voters resides.  
35 The effective date for reapportionment legislation as provided in this  
36 subsection shall be as provided in article IV, part 1, section 1,  
37 Constitution of Arizona.

38 E. In the event the reapportionment legislation is challenged in  
39 court or by the United States justice department, the district  
40 organizations in effect before the passage of the reapportionment  
41 legislation shall continue to function along with the new district  
42 organizations created in accordance with subsection D of this section  
43 until the final settlement or adjudication of any legal challenge to the  
44 reapportionment legislation. On the final settlement or adjudication of  
45 any legal challenge to the reapportionment legislation the district

1 organizations in effect before the enactment of the reapportionment  
2 legislation are considered dissolved.

3 F. If the boundaries of any district are changed as a result of  
4 legal action, each district party committee in that district shall meet as  
5 soon as possible and organize according to the boundaries that result from  
6 the legal action. On organization pursuant to this subsection all prior  
7 district organizations are dissolved.

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

12 H. The chairman of the legislative district committee shall give  
13 notice of the time and place of the meetings prescribed by this section by  
14 United States mail to each precinct committeeman at least ten days before  
15 the date of the meeting. If the precinct committeeman has provided a  
16 valid ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL address and has authorized the chairman to give notice  
17 to the precinct committeeman by ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL instead of by United States  
18 mail, the chairman of the legislative district committee shall provide  
19 notice of the meeting by ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL at least ten days before the date of  
20 the meeting.