

REFERENCE TITLE: political parties; precinct committeemen; organization

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Representatives Sandoval: Aguilar

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-821, 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 16-821, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-821. County committee; vacancy in office of precinct
5 committeeman; notice

6 A. At the primary election the members of a political party WHO ARE
7 entitled to representation pursuant to section 16-804 ~~residing~~ AND WHO
8 RESIDE in each precinct shall choose one of their number as a county
9 precinct committeeman, and the members shall choose one additional
10 precinct committeeman for each one hundred twenty-five voters or major
11 fraction thereof WHO ARE registered in the party in the precinct as
12 reported pursuant to section 16-168, subsection G on January 2 of the year
13 in which the general election is held. The whole number of precinct
14 committeemen of a political party shall constitute the county committee of
15 the party.

16 B. The board of supervisors ~~upon~~ ON the recommendation of the
17 county chairman, or the recommendation of a committee designated in the
18 bylaws of the county committee for that purpose, shall determine when a
19 vacancy exists in the office of precinct committeeman. If a vacancy
20 exists, the vacancy shall be filled by the board of supervisors from a
21 list of names submitted by the county chairman of the appropriate
22 political party. Only a precinct committeeman WHO IS elected at the
23 primary election ~~prior to~~ BEFORE the date of a state or county committee
24 organizing meeting shall be ~~permitted~~ ALLOWED to vote at ~~such~~ THAT
25 meeting. The criteria used to establish when a vacancy exists in the
26 office of precinct committeeman shall be as established in section 38-291.

27 C. ON COMPLETION OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION CANVASS, THE COUNTY
28 RECORDER SHALL PROVIDE TO THE CURRENT COUNTY CHAIRPERSON OF EACH POLITICAL
29 PARTY THAT IS ENTITLED TO CONTINUED REPRESENTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION
30 16-804 WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE NUMBER OF ELECTED PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN IN
31 THE COUNTY FOR THAT POLITICAL PARTY FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAKING THE
32 CALCULATION PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-825. THE COUNTY RECORDER SHALL
33 PROVIDE THIS WRITTEN NOTICE IN ADVANCE OF THE ORGANIZING MEETING OF THE
34 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THAT POLITICAL PARTY THAT IS HELD
35 PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-823, SUBSECTION C. ON RECEIPT OF THE COUNTY
36 RECORDER'S NOTICE, THE CURRENT COUNTY CHAIRPERSON SHALL PROVIDE THAT
37 NOTICE TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THAT
38 POLITICAL PARTY.