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county committee; vacancy; precinct committeeman

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SENATE BILL 1217

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

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 COUNTY
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~~ H on January 2 of the
13 year in which the general election is held. The whole number of COUNTY
14 precinct committeemen of a political party shall constitute the county
15 committee of the party. IF A LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
16 COMMITTEE INCLUDES MORE THAN ONE COUNTY WHEN REDISTRICTING TAKES EFFECT,
17 THE PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN FROM THE COUNTY WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF
18 REGISTERED VOTERS IN THAT POLITICAL PARTY SHALL ACT AS THE COUNTY
19 COMMITTEE FOR THAT LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.

20 B. The ~~board of supervisors upon the~~ recommendation of the county
21 chairman, or the recommendation of a committee designated in the bylaws of
22 the county committee for that purpose, shall determine when a vacancy
23 exists in the office of precinct committeeman. If a vacancy exists, the
24 vacancy shall be filled ~~by the board of supervisors~~ from a list of names
25 submitted TO THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS by the
26 county chairman of the appropriate political party. A PRECINCT
27 COMMITTEEMAN VACANCY IS DEEMED FILLED WHEN THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN SUBMITS THE
28 LIST OF THE NAMES. THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS
29 MUST APPROVE OR REJECT THE PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN APPOINTMENT WITHIN
30 FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE NAME. Only a precinct committeeman
31 elected at the primary election ~~prior to~~ BEFORE the date of a state or
32 county committee organizing meeting shall be ~~permitted~~ ALLOWED to vote at
33 such meeting. The criteria used to establish when a vacancy exists in the
34 office of precinct committeeman shall be as established in section 38-291.