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1 AN ACT Relating to political party state committees and county
2 central committees; and amending RCW 29.42.020 and 29.42.030.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.42.020 and 1987 c 295 s 11 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The state committee of each major political party shall consist of
7 one committeeman and one committeewoman from each county elected by the
8 county committee at its organization meeting. It shall have a chair
9 and vice-chair (~~who must be of opposite sexes~~). This committee shall
10 meet during January of each odd-numbered year for the purpose of
11 organization at a time and place designated by a sufficient notice to
12 all the newly elected state committeemen and committeewomen by the
13 authorized officers of the retiring committee. For the purpose of this
14 section a notice mailed at least one week prior to the date of the

1 meeting shall constitute sufficient notice. At its organizational
2 meeting it shall elect its chair and vice-chair, and such officers as
3 its bylaws may provide, and adopt bylaws, rules and regulations. It
4 shall have power to:

5 (1) Call conventions at such time and place and under such
6 circumstances and for such purposes as the call to convention shall
7 designate. The manner, number and procedure for selection of state
8 convention delegates shall be subject to the committee's rules and
9 regulations duly adopted;

10 (2) Provide for the election of delegates to national conventions;

11 (3) Fill vacancies on the ticket for any federal or state office to
12 be voted on by the electors of more than one county;

13 (4) Provide for the nomination of presidential electors; and

14 (5) Perform all functions inherent in such an organization.

15 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the committee shall
16 not set rules which shall govern the conduct of the actual proceedings
17 at a party state convention.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.42.030 and 1987 c 295 s 12 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 The county central committee of each major political party shall
21 consist of the precinct committee officers of the party from the
22 several voting precincts of the county. Following each state general
23 election held in even-numbered years, this committee shall meet for the
24 purpose of organization at an easily accessible location within the
25 county, subsequent to the certification of precinct committee officers
26 by the county auditor and no later than the second Saturday of the
27 following January. The authorized officers of the retiring committee
28 shall cause notice of the time and place of such meeting to be mailed

1 to each precinct committee officer at least seventy-two hours prior to
2 the date of the meeting.

3 At its organization meeting, the county central committee shall
4 elect a chair and vice-chair (~~(who must be of opposite sexes)~~); it
5 shall also elect a state committeeman and a state committeewoman.