

REFERENCE TITLE: legislative district committee; county committee

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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 earlier than the second Saturday after the
14 general election provided for in section 16-211 and no later than the
15 first Saturday in the following December and organize by electing from its
16 membership a chairman, two vice chairmen, a secretary and a
17 treasurer. The latter two offices may be filled by the same person. In
18 addition, the district party committee shall elect state committeemen as
19 prescribed by section 16-825. The chairman of the district committee is
20 ex officio a member of the county committee of the county in which a
21 plurality of the district's registered voters resides AND IS A NONVOTING
22 MEMBER OF THAT COUNTY COMMITTEE UNLESS THE CHAIRMAN RESIDES IN THAT
23 COUNTY. FOR ANY DISTRICT COMMITTEE THAT HAS A COUNTY SUBCOMMITTEE, THE
24 COUNTY SUBCOMMITTEE MAY NOT TAKE ANY ACTION THAT BINDS THE LEGISLATIVE
25 DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

26 D. Each district party committee established pursuant to subsection
27 A of this section shall meet after the effective date of reapportionment
28 ~~legislation~~ that realigns or changes legislative district boundaries and
29 organize according to the new boundaries, electing from its membership a
30 chairman, two vice chairmen, a secretary and a treasurer. The latter two
31 offices may be filled by the same person. In addition, the district party
32 committee shall elect state committeemen as prescribed by section 16-825.
33 The chairman of the district committee is ex officio a member of the
34 county committee of the county in which a plurality of the district's
35 registered voters resides AND IS A NONVOTING MEMBER OF THAT COUNTY
36 COMMITTEE UNLESS THE CHAIRMAN RESIDES IN THAT COUNTY. ~~The effective date~~
37 ~~for reapportionment legislation as provided in this subsection shall be as~~
38 ~~provided in article IV, part 1, section 1, Constitution of Arizona.~~

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

1 any legal challenge to the reapportionment ~~legislation~~ the district
2 organizations in effect before the ~~enactment~~ ADOPTION of the
3 reapportionment ~~legislation~~ are considered dissolved.

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

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

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