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ADP Bylaw Amendment Proposal

State Committee Membership

Redistricting has again created several legislative districts whose boundaries encompass parts of multiple counties. Per the current bylaws, election to the State Committee occurs at the legislative district committee level in Maricopa and Pima Counties and at the county level in other counties. The amendments proposed below provide for elections to occur in all duly formed legislative district committees no matter their boundaries while maintaining proportional representation from the individual counties within the legislative districts. This will help ensure that all areas of the state will be covered in State Committee elections and begin at the legislative district committee level throughout the state as prescribed in statute (ARS 16-825). An additional amendment delineates who provides advice and consent to the State Chair when a vacancy on the State Committee arises from a legislative district committee encompassing multiple counties.

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ARTICLE II. STATE COMMITTEE

Section 1. MEMBERSHIP.

A. Unless otherwise prescribed by law, membership of the State Committee shall consist of the chairperson of each County Committee; plus one (1) member of the County Committee for every three (3) members of the County Committee elected pursuant to statute.

B. State Committeepersons shall be elected at the ***Legislative District Committee Organizational Meetings. In areas in which there are no Legislative District Committees, State Committeepersons will be elected at*** County Committee Organizational Meetings. ~~In Maricopa and Pima Counties, State Committeepersons shall be selected at the Legislative District Committee Organizational Meeting.~~

- 1. In legislative districts whose boundaries encompass multiple counties, State Committee membership shall be proportioned to include the number of State Committeepersons allocated per Section 1(A) of this Article II.***
- 2. In legislative districts whose boundaries encompass multiple counties, State Committee members shall be elected by and from the elected precinct committee members from their respective counties.***

3. ***In areas in which there are no Legislative District Committees, elections will be held at County Committee Organizational Meetings to elect State Committee members to the number of slots remaining to which the county is entitled pursuant to Section 1(A) of this Article II.***
4. ***County Parties may enact bylaws or procedures to encourage proportional representation of LDs from their counties in the State Committee.***

C. Nominations for election to the State Committee shall be allowed from the floor. No slate identification shall be allowed on any ballots or balloting at these elections. Only precinct committeepersons elected at the preceding primary election shall be eligible to vote in elections of State Committeepersons or to be elected as State Committeepersons at a County Committee Organizational Meeting or Legislative District Committee Organizational Meeting.

D. If, following a County Committee Organizational Meeting, there are fewer Precinct Committeepersons elected to the State Committee than the number of slots to which that county is entitled pursuant to Section 1(A) of this Article II, the County Committee Chair may recommend duly appointed Precinct Committeeperson(s) to the State Chair to fill the vacant State Committeeperson slot(s) for that County. Any such appointed State Committeeperson shall be entitled to all the duties and responsibilities of elected State Committeepersons except the right to vote at the State Committee Organizational Meeting.

E. Following the State Committee Organizational Meeting, vacancies in the State Committee may be filled by any precinct committeeperson pursuant to statutory procedure, and Section 5 of this Article.

Section 5. VACANCIES.

A. A vacancy in the State Committee shall occur upon any of the following events:

1. When a State Committeeperson (a) dies, (b) resigns, (c) fails to maintain Democratic registration, (d) is removed by cause, or (e) otherwise ceases to be a member of his/her county committee.;
2. When a State Committeeperson originally elected in a county with a population of less than five hundred thousand (500,000) persons moves from that county.
3. When a State Committeeperson originally elected in a Legislative District located in a county with a population of five hundred thousand (500,000) or more persons moves from that Legislative District.

B. A State Committeeperson position shall be filled within fifteen (15) days of the occurrence of a vacancy as follows:

1. In counties with populations of less than five hundred thousand (500,000) persons, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment made by the State Chair with the advice and consent of the County Chair of the county in which the vacancy occurred, and shall be filled by a qualified person who resides in the same County in which the vacancy occurred.
2. In counties with populations of five hundred thousand (500,000) or more persons, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment made by the State Chair with the advice and consent of the County Chair of the county in which the vacancy occurred and the District Chair of the Legislative District in which the vacancy occurred, and shall be filled by a qualified person who resides in the same district in which the vacancy occurred.
3. ***If a vacancy occurs in a Legislative District whose boundaries encompass multiple counties, such vacancy shall be filled by an individual who resides in the same county as the county of the individual giving rise to the vacancy. The appointment will be made by the State Chair with***

the advice and consent of the County Chair of the county in which the individual giving rise to the vacancy resided and of the District Chair of the Legislative District in which the vacancy occurred, and shall be filled by a qualified person who resides in the same area of the county within the district in which the vacancy occurred.