

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 955

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 955 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Section 7-8 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/7-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-8)

7 Sec. 7-8. The State central committee shall be composed
8 of one or two members from each congressional district in the
9 State and shall be elected as follows:

10 State Central Committee

11 (a) Within 30 days after the effective date of this
12 amendatory Act of 1983 the State central committee of each
13 political party shall certify to the State Board of Elections
14 which of the following alternatives it wishes to apply to the
15 State central committee of that party.

16 Alternative A. At the primary held on the third Tuesday
17 in March 1970, and at the primary held every 4 years
18 thereafter, each primary elector may vote for one candidate
19 of his party for member of the State central committee for
20 the congressional district in which he resides. The
21 candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be
22 declared elected State central committeeman from the

1 district. A political party may, in lieu of the foregoing, by
2 a majority vote of delegates at any State convention of such
3 party, determine to thereafter elect the State central
4 committeemen in the manner following:

5 At the county convention held by such political party
6 State central committeemen shall be elected in the same
7 manner as provided in this Article for the election of
8 officers of the county central committee, and such election
9 shall follow the election of officers of the county central
10 committee. Each elected ward, township or precinct
11 committeeman shall cast as his vote one vote for each ballot
12 voted in his ward, township, part of a township or precinct
13 in the last preceding primary election of his political
14 party. In the case of a county lying partially within one
15 congressional district and partially within another
16 congressional district, each ward, township or precinct
17 committeeman shall vote only with respect to the
18 congressional district in which his ward, township, part of a
19 township or precinct is located. In the case of a
20 congressional district which encompasses more than one
21 county, each ward, township or precinct committeeman residing
22 within the congressional district shall cast as his vote one
23 vote for each ballot voted in his ward, township, part of a
24 township or precinct in the last preceding primary election
25 of his political party for one candidate of his party for
26 member of the State central committee for the congressional
27 district in which he resides and the Chairman of the county
28 central committee shall report the results of the election to
29 the State Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections
30 shall certify the candidate receiving the highest number of
31 votes elected State central committeeman for that
32 congressional district.

33 The State central committee shall adopt rules to provide
34 for and govern the procedures to be followed in the election

1 of members of the State central committee.

2 After the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
3 91st General Assembly, whenever a vacancy occurs in the
4 office of Chairman of a State central committee, or at the
5 end of the term of office of Chairman, the State central
6 committee of each political party that has selected
7 Alternative A shall elect a Chairman who shall not be
8 required to be a member of the State Central Committee. The
9 Chairman shall be a registered voter in this State and of the
10 same political party as the State central committee.

11 Alternative B. Each congressional committee shall,
12 within 30 days after the adoption of this alternative,
13 appoint a person of the sex opposite that of the incumbent
14 member for that congressional district to serve as an
15 additional member of the State central committee until his or
16 her successor is elected at the general primary election in
17 1986. Each congressional committee shall make this
18 appointment by voting on the basis set forth in paragraph (e)
19 of this Section. In each congressional district at the
20 general primary election held in 1986 and every 4 years
21 thereafter, the male candidate receiving the highest number
22 of votes of the party's male candidates for State central
23 committeeman, and the female candidate receiving the highest
24 number of votes of the party's female candidates for State
25 central committeewoman, shall be declared elected State
26 central committeeman and State central committeewoman from
27 the district. At the general primary election held in 1986
28 and every 4 years thereafter, if all a party's candidates for
29 State central committeemen or State central committeewomen
30 from a congressional district are of the same sex, the
31 candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be
32 declared elected a State central committeeman or State
33 central committeewoman from the district, and, because of a
34 failure to elect one male and one female to the committee, a

1 vacancy shall be declared to exist in the office of the
2 second member of the State central committee from the
3 district. This vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the
4 congressional committee of the political party, and the
5 person appointed to fill the vacancy shall be a resident of
6 the congressional district and of the sex opposite that of
7 the committeeman or committeewoman elected at the general
8 primary election. Each congressional committee shall make
9 this appointment by voting on the basis set forth in
10 paragraph (e) of this Section.

11 The Chairman of a State central committee composed as
12 provided in this Alternative B must be selected from the
13 committee's members.

14 Except as provided for in Alternative A with respect to
15 the selection of the Chairman of the State central committee,
16 under both of the foregoing alternatives, the State central
17 committee of each political party shall be composed of
18 members elected or appointed from the several congressional
19 districts of the State, and of no other person or persons
20 whomsoever. The members of the State central committee
21 shall, within 30 days after each quadrennial election of the
22 full committee, meet in the city of Springfield and organize
23 by electing a chairman, and may at such time elect such
24 officers from among their own number (or otherwise), as they
25 may deem necessary or expedient. The outgoing chairman of the
26 State central committee of the party shall, 10 days before
27 the meeting, notify each member of the State central
28 committee elected at the primary of the time and place of
29 such meeting. In the organization and proceedings of the
30 State central committee, each State central committeeman and
31 State central committeewoman shall have one vote for each
32 ballot voted in his or her congressional district by the
33 primary electors of his or her party at the primary election
34 immediately preceding the meeting of the State central

1 committee. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the State central
2 committee of any political party, the vacancy shall be filled
3 by appointment of the chairmen of the county central
4 committees of the political party of the counties located
5 within the congressional district in which the vacancy occurs
6 and, if applicable, the ward and township committeemen of the
7 political party in counties of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants
8 located within the congressional district. If the
9 congressional district in which the vacancy occurs lies
10 wholly within a county of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, the
11 ward and township committeemen of the political party in that
12 congressional district shall vote to fill the vacancy. In
13 voting to fill the vacancy, each chairman of a county central
14 committee and each ward and township committeeman in counties
15 of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants shall have one vote for each
16 ballot voted in each precinct of the congressional district
17 in which the vacancy exists of his or her county, township,
18 or ward cast by the primary electors of his or her party at
19 the primary election immediately preceding the meeting to
20 fill the vacancy in the State central committee. The person
21 appointed to fill the vacancy shall be a resident of the
22 congressional district in which the vacancy occurs, shall be
23 a qualified voter, and, in a committee composed as provided
24 in Alternative B, shall be of the same sex as his or her
25 predecessor. A political party may, by a majority vote of the
26 delegates of any State convention of such party, determine to
27 return to the election of State central committeeman and
28 State central committeewoman by the vote of primary electors.
29 Any action taken by a political party at a State convention
30 in accordance with this Section shall be reported to the
31 State Board of Elections by the chairman and secretary of
32 such convention within 10 days after such action.

33 Ward, Township and Precinct Committeemen

34 (b) At the primary held on the third Tuesday in March,

1 1972, and every 4 years thereafter, each primary elector in
2 cities having a population of 200,000 or over may vote for
3 one candidate of his party in his ward for ward committeeman.
4 Each candidate for ward committeeman must be a resident of
5 and in the ward where he seeks to be elected ward
6 committeeman. The one having the highest number of votes
7 shall be such ward committeeman of such party for such ward.
8 At the primary election held on the third Tuesday in March,
9 1970, and every 4 years thereafter, each primary elector in
10 counties containing a population of 2,000,000 or more,
11 outside of cities containing a population of 200,000 or more,
12 may vote for one candidate of his party for township
13 committeeman. Each candidate for township committeeman must
14 be a resident of and in the township or part of a township
15 (which lies outside of a city having a population of 200,000
16 or more, in counties containing a population of 2,000,000 or
17 more), and in which township or part of a township he seeks
18 to be elected township committeeman. The one having the
19 highest number of votes shall be such township committeeman
20 of such party for such township or part of a township. At the
21 primary held on the third Tuesday in March, 1970 and every 2
22 years thereafter, each primary elector, except in counties
23 having a population of 2,000,000 or over, may vote for one
24 candidate of his party in his precinct for precinct
25 committeeman. Each candidate for precinct committeeman must
26 be a bona fide resident of the precinct where he seeks to be
27 elected precinct committeeman. The one having the highest
28 number of votes shall be such precinct committeeman of such
29 party for such precinct. The official returns of the primary
30 shall show the name of the committeeman of each political
31 party. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person is
32 ineligible to become a candidate for ward or township
33 committeeman in Cook County if he or she has been convicted
34 of an infamous crime.

1 Terms of Committeemen. All precinct committeemen elected
2 under the provisions of this Article shall continue as such
3 committeemen until the date of the primary to be held in the
4 second year after their election. Except as otherwise
5 provided in this Section for certain State central
6 committeemen who have 2 year terms, all State central
7 committeemen, township committeemen and ward committeemen
8 shall continue as such committeemen until the date of primary
9 to be held in the fourth year after their election. However,
10 a vacancy exists in the office of precinct committeeman when
11 a precinct committeeman ceases to reside in the precinct in
12 which he was elected and such precinct committeeman shall
13 thereafter neither have nor exercise any rights, powers or
14 duties as committeeman in that precinct, even if a successor
15 has not been elected or appointed.

16 (c) The Multi-Township Central Committee shall consist
17 of the precinct committeemen of such party, in the
18 multi-township assessing district formed pursuant to Section
19 2-10 of the Property Tax Code and shall be organized for the
20 purposes set forth in Section 45-25 of the Township Code. In
21 the organization and proceedings of the Multi-Township
22 Central Committee each precinct committeeman shall have one
23 vote for each ballot voted in his precinct by the primary
24 electors of his party at the primary at which he was elected.

25 County Central Committee

26 (d) The county central committee of each political party
27 in each county shall consist of the various township
28 committeemen, precinct committeemen and ward committeemen, if
29 any, of such party in the county. In the organization and
30 proceedings of the county central committee, each precinct
31 committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his
32 precinct by the primary electors of his party at the primary
33 at which he was elected; each township committeeman shall
34 have one vote for each ballot voted in his township or part

1 of a township as the case may be by the primary electors of
2 his party at the primary election for the nomination of
3 candidates for election to the General Assembly immediately
4 preceding the meeting of the county central committee; and in
5 the organization and proceedings of the county central
6 committee, each ward committeeman shall have one vote for
7 each ballot voted in his ward by the primary electors of his
8 party at the primary election for the nomination of
9 candidates for election to the General Assembly immediately
10 preceding the meeting of the county central committee.

11 Congressional Committee

12 (e) The congressional committee of each party in each
13 congressional district shall be composed of the chairmen of
14 the county central committees of the counties composing the
15 congressional district, except that in congressional
16 districts wholly within the territorial limits of one county,
17 or partly within 2 or more counties, but not coterminous with
18 the county lines of all of such counties, the precinct
19 committeemen, township committeemen and ward committeemen, if
20 any, of the party representing the precincts within the
21 limits of the congressional district, shall compose the
22 congressional committee. A State central committeeman in each
23 district shall be a member and the chairman or, when a
24 district has 2 State central committeemen, a co-chairman of
25 the congressional committee, but shall not have the right to
26 vote except in case of a tie.

27 In the organization and proceedings of congressional
28 committees composed of precinct committeemen or township
29 committeemen or ward committeemen, or any combination
30 thereof, each precinct committeeman shall have one vote for
31 each ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors of
32 his party at the primary at which he was elected, each
33 township committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot
34 voted in his township or part of a township as the case may

1 be by the primary electors of his party at the primary
2 election immediately preceding the meeting of the
3 congressional committee, and each ward committeeman shall
4 have one vote for each ballot voted in each precinct of his
5 ward located in such congressional district by the primary
6 electors of his party at the primary election immediately
7 preceding the meeting of the congressional committee; and in
8 the organization and proceedings of congressional committees
9 composed of the chairmen of the county central committees of
10 the counties within such district, each chairman of such
11 county central committee shall have one vote for each ballot
12 voted in his county by the primary electors of his party at
13 the primary election immediately preceding the meeting of the
14 congressional committee.

15 Judicial District Committee

16 (f) The judicial district committee of each political
17 party in each judicial district shall be composed of the
18 chairman of the county central committees of the counties
19 composing the judicial district.

20 In the organization and proceedings of judicial district
21 committees composed of the chairmen of the county central
22 committees of the counties within such district, each
23 chairman of such county central committee shall have one vote
24 for each ballot voted in his county by the primary electors
25 of his party at the primary election immediately preceding
26 the meeting of the judicial district committee.

27 Circuit Court Committee

28 (g) The circuit court committee of each political party
29 in each judicial circuit outside Cook County shall be
30 composed of the chairmen of the county central committees of
31 the counties composing the judicial circuit.

32 In the organization and proceedings of circuit court
33 committees, each chairman of a county central committee shall
34 have one vote for each ballot voted in his county by the

1 primary electors of his party at the primary election
2 immediately preceding the meeting of the circuit court
3 committee.

4 Judicial Subcircuit Committee

5 (g-1) The judicial subcircuit committee of each
6 political party in each judicial subcircuit in Cook County
7 shall be composed of the ward and township committeemen of
8 the townships and wards composing the judicial subcircuit.

9 In the organization and proceedings of each judicial
10 subcircuit committee, each township committeeman shall have
11 one vote for each ballot voted in his township or part of a
12 township, as the case may be, in the judicial subcircuit by
13 the primary electors of his party at the primary election
14 immediately preceding the meeting of the judicial subcircuit
15 committee; and each ward committeeman shall have one vote for
16 each ballot voted in his ward or part of a ward, as the case
17 may be, in the judicial subcircuit by the primary electors of
18 his party at the primary election immediately preceding the
19 meeting of the judicial subcircuit committee.

20 Municipal Central Committee

21 (h) The municipal central committee of each political
22 party shall be composed of the precinct, township or ward
23 committeemen, as the case may be, of such party representing
24 the precincts or wards, embraced in such city, incorporated
25 town or village. The voting strength of each precinct,
26 township or ward committeeman on the municipal central
27 committee shall be the same as his voting strength on the
28 county central committee.

29 For political parties, other than a statewide political
30 party, established only within a municipality or township,
31 the municipal or township managing committee shall be
32 composed of the party officers of the local established
33 party. The party officers of a local established party shall
34 be as follows: the chairman and secretary of the caucus for

1 those municipalities and townships authorized by statute to
2 nominate candidates by caucus shall serve as party officers
3 for the purpose of filling vacancies in nomination under
4 Section 7-61; for municipalities and townships authorized by
5 statute or ordinance to nominate candidates by petition and
6 primary election, the party officers shall be the party's
7 candidates who are nominated at the primary. If no party
8 primary was held because of the provisions of Section 7-5,
9 vacancies in nomination shall be filled by the party's
10 remaining candidates who shall serve as the party's officers.

11 Powers

12 (i) Each committee and its officers shall have the
13 powers usually exercised by such committees and by the
14 officers thereof, not inconsistent with the provisions of
15 this Article. The several committees herein provided for
16 shall not have power to delegate any of their powers, or
17 functions to any other person, officer or committee, but this
18 shall not be construed to prevent a committee from appointing
19 from its own membership proper and necessary subcommittees.

20 (j) The State central committee of a political party
21 which elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph (a)
22 of this Section shall adopt a plan to give effect to the
23 delegate selection rules of the national political party and
24 file a copy of such plan with the State Board of Elections
25 when approved by a national political party.

26 (k) For the purpose of the designation of a proxy by a
27 Congressional Committee to vote in place of an absent State
28 central committeeman or committeewoman at meetings of the
29 State central committee of a political party which elects its
30 members by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this Section,
31 the proxy shall be appointed by the vote of the ward and
32 township committeemen, if any, of the wards and townships
33 which lie entirely or partially within the Congressional
34 District from which the absent State central committeeman or

1 committeewoman was elected and the vote of the chairmen of
2 the county central committees of those counties which lie
3 entirely or partially within that Congressional District and
4 in which there are no ward or township committeemen. When
5 voting for such proxy the county chairman, ward committeeman
6 or township committeeman, as the case may be shall have one
7 vote for each ballot voted in his county, ward or township,
8 or portion thereof within the Congressional District, by the
9 primary electors of his party at the primary at which he was
10 elected. However, the absent State central committeeman or
11 committeewoman may designate a proxy when permitted by the
12 rules of a political party which elects its members by
13 Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this Section.

14 (Source: P.A. 90-627, eff. 7-10-98; 91-426, eff. 8-6-99.)".