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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1752

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1752, AS AMENDED,  
3 with reference to page and line numbers of Senate Amendment No.  
4 1, by replacing line 1 on page 10 through line 7 on page 26 with  
5 the following:

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

7 Sec. 7-8. The State central committee shall be composed of  
8 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 in  
17 March 1970, and at the primary held every 4 years thereafter,

1 each primary elector may vote for one candidate of his party  
2 for member of the State central committee for the congressional  
3 district in which he resides. The candidate receiving the  
4 highest number of votes shall be declared elected State central  
5 committeeman from the district. A political party may, in lieu  
6 of the foregoing, by a majority vote of delegates at any State  
7 convention of such party, determine to thereafter elect the  
8 State central committeemen in the manner following:

9 At the county convention held by such political party State  
10 central committeemen shall be elected in the same manner as  
11 provided in this Article for the election of officers of the  
12 county central committee, and such election shall follow the  
13 election of officers of the county central committee. Each  
14 elected ward, township or precinct committeeman shall cast as  
15 his vote one vote for each ballot voted in his ward, township,  
16 part of a township or precinct in the last preceding primary  
17 election of his political party. In the case of a county lying  
18 partially within one congressional district and partially  
19 within another congressional district, each ward, township or  
20 precinct committeeman shall vote only with respect to the  
21 congressional district in which his ward, township, part of a  
22 township or precinct is located. In the case of a congressional  
23 district which encompasses more than one county, each ward,  
24 township or precinct committeeman residing within the  
25 congressional district shall cast as his vote one vote for each  
26 ballot voted in his ward, township, part of a township or

1 precinct in the last preceding primary election of his  
2 political party for one candidate of his party for member of  
3 the State central committee for the congressional district in  
4 which he resides and the Chairman of the county central  
5 committee shall report the results of the election to the State  
6 Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections shall certify  
7 the candidate receiving the highest number of votes elected  
8 State central committeeman for that congressional district.

9 The State central committee shall adopt rules to provide  
10 for and govern the procedures to be followed in the election of  
11 members of the State central committee.

12 After the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st  
13 General Assembly, whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of  
14 Chairman of a State central committee, or at the end of the  
15 term of office of Chairman, the State central committee of each  
16 political party that has selected Alternative A shall elect a  
17 Chairman who shall not be required to be a member of the State  
18 Central Committee. The Chairman shall be a registered voter in  
19 this State and of the same political party as the State central  
20 committee.

21 Alternative B. Each congressional committee shall, within  
22 30 days after the adoption of this alternative, appoint a  
23 person of the sex opposite that of the incumbent member for  
24 that congressional district to serve as an additional member of  
25 the State central committee until his or her successor is  
26 elected at the general primary election in 1986. Each

1 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting  
2 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section. In  
3 each congressional district at the general primary election  
4 held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, the male candidate  
5 receiving the highest number of votes of the party's male  
6 candidates for State central committeeman, and the female  
7 candidate receiving the highest number of votes of the party's  
8 female candidates for State central committeewoman, shall be  
9 declared elected State central committeeman and State central  
10 committeewoman from the district. At the general primary  
11 election held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, if all a  
12 party's candidates for State central committeemen or State  
13 central committeewomen from a congressional district are of the  
14 same sex, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes  
15 shall be declared elected a State central committeeman or State  
16 central committeewoman from the district, and, because of a  
17 failure to elect one male and one female to the committee, a  
18 vacancy shall be declared to exist in the office of the second  
19 member of the State central committee from the district. This  
20 vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the congressional  
21 committee of the political party, and the person appointed to  
22 fill the vacancy shall be a resident of the congressional  
23 district and of the sex opposite that of the committeeman or  
24 committeewoman elected at the general primary election. Each  
25 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting  
26 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section.

1           The Chairman of a State central committee composed as  
2 provided in this Alternative B must be selected from the  
3 committee's members.

4           Except as provided for in Alternative A with respect to the  
5 selection of the Chairman of the State central committee, under  
6 both of the foregoing alternatives, the State central committee  
7 of each political party shall be composed of members elected or  
8 appointed from the several congressional districts of the  
9 State, and of no other person or persons whomsoever. The  
10 members of the State central committee shall, within 41 days  
11 after each quadrennial election of the full committee, meet in  
12 the city of Springfield and organize by electing a chairman,  
13 and may at such time elect such officers from among their own  
14 number (or otherwise), as they may deem necessary or expedient.  
15 The outgoing chairman of the State central committee of the  
16 party shall, 10 days before the meeting, notify each member of  
17 the State central committee elected at the primary of the time  
18 and place of such meeting. In the organization and proceedings  
19 of the State central committee, each State central committeeman  
20 and State central committeewoman shall have one vote for each  
21 ballot voted in his or her congressional district by the  
22 primary electors of his or her party at the primary election  
23 immediately preceding the meeting of the State central  
24 committee. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the State central  
25 committee of any political party, the vacancy shall be filled  
26 by appointment of the chairmen of the county central committees

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

1 reported to the State Board of Elections by the chairman and  
2 secretary of such convention within 10 days after such action.

3 Ward, Township and Precinct Committeemen

4 (b) At the primary held on the third Tuesday in March,  
5 1972, and every 4 years thereafter, each primary elector in  
6 cities having a population of 200,000 or over may vote for one  
7 candidate of his party in his ward for ward committeeman. Each  
8 candidate for ward committeeman must be a resident of and in  
9 the ward where he seeks to be elected ward committeeman. The  
10 one having the highest number of votes shall be such ward  
11 committeeman of such party for such ward. At the primary  
12 election held on the third Tuesday in March, 1970, and every 4  
13 years thereafter, each primary elector in counties containing a  
14 population of 2,000,000 or more, outside of cities containing a  
15 population of 200,000 or more, may vote for one candidate of  
16 his party for township committeeman. Each candidate for  
17 township committeeman must be a resident of and in the township  
18 or part of a township (which lies outside of a city having a  
19 population of 200,000 or more, in counties containing a  
20 population of 2,000,000 or more), and in which township or part  
21 of a township he seeks to be elected township committeeman. The  
22 one having the highest number of votes shall be such township  
23 committeeman of such party for such township or part of a  
24 township. At the primary held on the third Tuesday in March,  
25 1970 and every 2 years thereafter, each primary elector, except  
26 in counties having a population of 2,000,000 or over, may vote

1 for one candidate of his party in his precinct for precinct  
2 committeeman. Each candidate for precinct committeeman must be  
3 a bona fide resident of the precinct where he seeks to be  
4 elected precinct committeeman. The one having the highest  
5 number of votes shall be such precinct committeeman of such  
6 party for such precinct. The official returns of the primary  
7 shall show the name of the committeeman of each political  
8 party.

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

24 (c) The Multi-Township Central Committee shall consist of  
25 the precinct committeemen of such party, in the multi-township  
26 assessing district formed pursuant to Section 2-10 of the



1 Property Tax Code and shall be organized for the purposes set  
2 forth in Section 45-25 of the Township Code. In the  
3 organization and proceedings of the Multi-Township Central  
4 Committee each precinct committeeman shall have one vote for  
5 each ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors of  
6 his party at the primary at which he was elected.

7 County Central Committee

8 (d) The county central committee of each political party in  
9 each county shall consist of the various township committeemen,  
10 precinct committeemen and ward committeemen, if any, of such  
11 party in the county. In the organization and proceedings of the  
12 county central committee, each precinct committeeman shall  
13 have one vote for each ballot voted in his precinct by the  
14 primary electors of his party at the primary at which he was  
15 elected; each township committeeman shall have one vote for  
16 each ballot voted in his township or part of a township as the  
17 case may be by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
18 election for the nomination of candidates for election to the  
19 General Assembly immediately preceding the meeting of the  
20 county central committee; and in the organization and  
21 proceedings of the county central committee, each ward  
22 committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
23 ward by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
24 election for the nomination of candidates for election to the  
25 General Assembly immediately preceding the meeting of the  
26 county central committee.

1 Cook County Board of Review Election District Committee

2 (d-1) Each board of review election district committee of  
3 each political party in Cook County shall consist of the  
4 various township committeemen and ward committeemen, if any, of  
5 that party in the portions of the county composing the board of  
6 review election district. In the organization and proceedings  
7 of each of the 3 election district committees, each township  
8 committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
9 or her township or part of a township, as the case may be, by  
10 the primary electors of his or her party at the primary  
11 election immediately preceding the meeting of the board of  
12 review election district committee; and in the organization and  
13 proceedings of each of the 3 election district committees, each  
14 ward committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in  
15 his or her ward or part of that ward, as the case may be, by the  
16 primary electors of his or her party at the primary election  
17 immediately preceding the meeting of the board of review  
18 election district committee.

19 Congressional Committee

20 (e) The congressional committee of each party in each  
21 congressional district shall be composed of the chairmen of the  
22 county central committees of the counties composing the  
23 congressional district, except that in congressional districts  
24 wholly within the territorial limits of one county, ~~or partly~~  
25 ~~within 2 or more counties, but not coterminous with the county~~  
26 ~~lines of all of such counties,~~ the precinct committeemen,

1 township committeemen and ward committeemen, if any, of the  
2 party representing the precincts within the limits of the  
3 congressional district, shall compose the congressional  
4 committee. A State central committeeman in each district shall  
5 be a member and the chairman or, when a district has 2 State  
6 central committeemen, a co-chairman of the congressional  
7 committee, but shall not have the right to vote except in case  
8 of a tie.

9 In the organization and proceedings of congressional  
10 committees composed of precinct committeemen or township  
11 committeemen or ward committeemen, or any combination thereof,  
12 each precinct committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot  
13 voted in his precinct by the primary electors of his party at  
14 the primary at which he was elected, each township committeeman  
15 shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his township or  
16 part of a township as the case may be by the primary electors  
17 of his party at the primary election immediately preceding the  
18 meeting of the congressional committee, and each ward  
19 committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in each  
20 precinct of his ward located in such congressional district by  
21 the primary electors of his party at the primary election  
22 immediately preceding the meeting of the congressional  
23 committee; and in the organization and proceedings of  
24 congressional committees composed of the chairmen of the county  
25 central committees of the counties within such district, each  
26 chairman of such county central committee shall have one vote

1 for each ballot voted in his county by the primary electors of  
2 his party at the primary election immediately preceding the  
3 meeting of the congressional committee.

4 Judicial District Committee

5 (f) The judicial district committee of each political party  
6 in each judicial district shall be composed of the chairman of  
7 the county central committees of the counties composing the  
8 judicial district.

9 In the organization and proceedings of judicial district  
10 committees composed of the chairmen of the county central  
11 committees of the counties within such district, each chairman  
12 of such county central committee shall have one vote for each  
13 ballot voted in his county by the primary electors of his party  
14 at the primary election immediately preceding the meeting of  
15 the judicial district committee.

16 Circuit Court Committee

17 (g) The circuit court committee of each political party in  
18 each judicial circuit outside Cook County shall be composed of  
19 the chairmen of the county central committees of the counties  
20 composing the judicial circuit.

21 In the organization and proceedings of circuit court  
22 committees, each chairman of a county central committee shall  
23 have one vote for each ballot voted in his county by the  
24 primary electors of his party at the primary election  
25 immediately preceding the meeting of the circuit court  
26 committee.

## 1                   Judicial Subcircuit Committee

2           (g-1) The judicial subcircuit committee of each political  
3 party in each judicial subcircuit in a judicial circuit divided  
4 into subcircuits shall be composed of (i) the ward and township  
5 committeemen of the townships and wards composing the judicial  
6 subcircuit in Cook County and (ii) the precinct committeemen of  
7 the precincts composing the judicial subcircuit in any county  
8 other than Cook County.

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 the  
13 primary electors of his party at the primary election  
14 immediately preceding the meeting of the judicial subcircuit  
15 committee; each precinct committeeman shall have one vote for  
16 each ballot voted in his precinct or part of a precinct, as the  
17 case may be, in the judicial subcircuit by the primary electors  
18 of his party at the primary election immediately preceding the  
19 meeting of the judicial subcircuit committee; and each ward  
20 committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
21 ward or part of a ward, as the case may be, in the judicial  
22 subcircuit by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
23 election immediately preceding the meeting of the judicial  
24 subcircuit committee.

## 25                   Municipal Central Committee

26           (h) The municipal central committee of each political party

1 shall be composed of the precinct, township or ward  
2 committeemen, as the case may be, of such party representing  
3 the precincts or wards, embraced in such city, incorporated  
4 town or village. The voting strength of each precinct, township  
5 or ward committeeman on the municipal central committee shall  
6 be the same as his voting strength on the county central  
7 committee.

8 For political parties, other than a statewide political  
9 party, established only within a municipality or township, the  
10 municipal or township managing committee shall be composed of  
11 the party officers of the local established party. The party  
12 officers of a local established party shall be as follows: the  
13 chairman and secretary of the caucus for those municipalities  
14 and townships authorized by statute to nominate candidates by  
15 caucus shall serve as party officers for the purpose of filling  
16 vacancies in nomination under Section 7-61; for municipalities  
17 and townships authorized by statute or ordinance to nominate  
18 candidates by petition and primary election, the party officers  
19 shall be the party's candidates who are nominated at the  
20 primary. If no party primary was held because of the provisions  
21 of Section 7-5, vacancies in nomination shall be filled by the  
22 party's remaining candidates who shall serve as the party's  
23 officers.

#### 24 Powers

25 (i) Each committee and its officers shall have the powers  
26 usually exercised by such committees and by the officers

1       thereof, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article.  
2       The several committees herein provided for shall not have power  
3       to delegate any of their powers, or functions to any other  
4       person, officer or committee, but this shall not be construed  
5       to prevent a committee from appointing from its own membership  
6       proper and necessary subcommittees.

7           (j) The State central committee of a political party which  
8       elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this  
9       Section shall adopt a plan to give effect to the delegate  
10      selection rules of the national political party and file a copy  
11      of such plan with the State Board of Elections when approved by  
12      a national political party.

13          (k) For the purpose of the designation of a proxy by a  
14      Congressional Committee to vote in place of an absent State  
15      central committeeman or committeewoman at meetings of the State  
16      central committee of a political party which elects its members  
17      by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this Section, the proxy  
18      shall be appointed by the vote of the ward and township  
19      committeemen, if any, of the wards and townships which lie  
20      entirely or partially within the Congressional District from  
21      which the absent State central committeeman or committeewoman  
22      was elected and the vote of the chairmen of the county central  
23      committees of those counties which lie entirely or partially  
24      within that Congressional District and in which there are no  
25      ward or township committeemen. When voting for such proxy the  
26      county chairman, ward committeeman or township committeeman,

1 as the case may be shall have one vote for each ballot voted in  
2 his county, ward or township, or portion thereof within the  
3 Congressional District, by the primary electors of his party at  
4 the primary at which he was elected. However, the absent State  
5 central committeeman or committeewoman may designate a proxy  
6 when permitted by the rules of a political party which elects  
7 its members by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this  
8 Section.

9 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person is  
10 ineligible to hold the position of committeeperson in any  
11 committee established pursuant to this Section if he or she is  
12 statutorily ineligible to vote in a general election because of  
13 conviction of a felony. When a committeeperson is convicted of  
14 a felony, the position occupied by that committeeperson shall  
15 automatically become vacant.

16 (Source: P.A. 93-541, eff. 8-18-03; 93-574, eff. 8-21-03;  
17 93-847, eff. 7-30-04; 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)".