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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 600

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 600 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 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. In each congressional district at the

1 general primary election held in 2010 and every 4 years
2 thereafter, the male candidate receiving the highest number of
3 votes of the party's male candidates for State central
4 committeeman, and the female candidate receiving the highest
5 number of votes of the party's female candidates for State
6 central committeewoman, shall be declared elected State
7 central committeeman and State central committeewoman from the
8 district. At the general primary election held in 2010 and
9 every 4 years thereafter, if all a party's candidates for State
10 central committeemen or State central committeewomen from a
11 congressional district are of the same sex, the candidate
12 receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected
13 a State central committeeman or State central committeewoman
14 from the district, and, because of a failure to elect one male
15 and one female to the committee, a vacancy shall be declared to
16 exist in the office of the second member of the State central
17 committee from the district. This vacancy shall be filled by
18 appointment by the congressional committee of the political
19 party, and the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall be a
20 resident of the congressional district and of the sex opposite
21 that of the committeeman or committeewoman elected at the
22 general primary election. Each congressional committee shall
23 make this appointment by voting on the basis set forth in
24 paragraph (e) of this Section.

25 Whenever ~~At the primary in 1970 and at the general primary~~
26 ~~election held every 4 years thereafter, each primary elector~~

1 ~~may vote for one candidate of his party for member of the State~~
2 ~~central committee for the congressional district in which he~~
3 ~~resides. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes~~
4 ~~shall be declared elected State central committeeman from the~~
5 ~~district. A political party may, in lieu of the foregoing, by a~~
6 ~~majority vote of delegates at any State convention of such~~
7 ~~party, determine to thereafter elect the State central~~
8 ~~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 (c) 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 The changes made to this subsection (a) by this amendatory
4 Act of the 96th General Assembly apply to State central
5 committees elected at or after the 2010 general primary.

6 Ward, Township and Precinct Committeemen

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

1 township. At the primary in 1970 and at the general primary
2 election every 2 years thereafter, each primary elector, except
3 in counties having a population of 2,000,000 or over, may vote
4 for one candidate of his party in his precinct for precinct
5 committeeman. Each candidate for precinct committeeman must be
6 a bona fide resident of the precinct where he seeks to be
7 elected precinct committeeman. The one having the highest
8 number of votes shall be such precinct committeeman of such
9 party for such precinct. The official returns of the primary
10 shall show the name of the committeeman of each political
11 party.

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

1 (c) The Multi-Township Central Committee shall consist of
2 the precinct committeemen of such party, in the multi-township
3 assessing district formed pursuant to Section 2-10 of the
4 Property Tax Code and shall be organized for the purposes set
5 forth in Section 45-25 of the Township Code. In the
6 organization and proceedings of the Multi-Township Central
7 Committee each precinct committeeman shall have one vote for
8 each ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors of
9 his party at the primary at which he was elected.

10 County Central Committee

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

1 election for the nomination of candidates for election to the
2 General Assembly immediately preceding the meeting of the
3 county central committee.

4 Cook County Board of Review Election District Committee

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

22 Congressional Committee

23 (e) The congressional committee of each party in each
24 congressional district shall be composed of the chairmen of the
25 county central committees of the counties composing the
26 congressional district, except that in congressional districts

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

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

1 chairman of such county central committee shall have one vote
2 for each ballot voted in his county by the primary electors of
3 his party at the primary election immediately preceding the
4 meeting of the congressional committee.

5 Judicial District Committee

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

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

17 Circuit Court Committee

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

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

1 committee.

2 Judicial Subcircuit Committee

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

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

26 Municipal Central Committee

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

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

25 Powers

26 (i) Each committee and its officers shall have the powers

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

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

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

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

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

17 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 95-6, eff. 6-20-07; 95-699,
18 eff. 11-9-07.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law."