

HCS HB 692 -- ELECTIONS

SPONSOR: Entlicher

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Elections by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Local Governments by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill changes the name of the St. Louis county political party committee to a city committee.

Criteria for the membership of congressional, senatorial, and judicial district committees that overlap more than one county or city committee district are specified in the bill. If these districts overlap exactly with a county or city committee, then membership on both committees is identical.

All types of committees must elect a man and a woman as chair and vice-chair and must also elect a man and a woman to be secretary and treasurer. The man and woman chosen for the secretary and treasurer positions are not required to be members of the committee.

This bill includes precinct committee persons in the composition of legislative district committees; requires that the chair and vice chair of congressional, senatorial, and judicial district committees be registered to vote in that district unless no one is eligible to serve in which case a waiver can be granted; an individual must not represent more than one precinct, ward, or township on any congressional, senatorial, or judicial district committee.

The bill specifies meeting dates for forming a committee; county committees will meet at the county courthouse which must be available free of charge and city committees must meet at city hall on the second Saturday after a primary election to choose members; Congressional district committees meet on the fifth Saturday after a primary, legislative district committees on the third Saturday after a primary election, senatorial district committees meet on the fourth Saturday after a primary election, and judicial district committees will meet on the sixth Saturday after a primary election.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill clarifies meeting dates for political party committees and makes the process for running committees clear.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Entlicher; Adam Bohn;

and Pat Thomas.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.