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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2620

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2620 on page 1, in
3 line 4, by replacing "Section" with "Sections 7-8 and"; and

4 on page 1, by inserting below line 5 the following:

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

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

9 State Central Committee

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

15 Alternative A. In each congressional district at the
16 general primary election held in 2010 and every 4 years

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

24 The Chairman of a State central committee composed as
25 provided in this Alternative A must be selected from the
26 committee's members. ~~At the primary in 1970 and at the general~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section.

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

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

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

1 taken by a political party at a State convention in accordance
2 with this Section shall be reported to the State Board of
3 Elections by the chairman and secretary of such convention
4 within 10 days after such action.

5 The changes made to this subsection (a) by this amendatory
6 Act of the 96th General Assembly apply to State central
7 committees elected at or after the 2010 general primary.

8 Ward, Township and Precinct Committeemen

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

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

14 Terms of Committeemen. All precinct committeemen elected
15 under the provisions of this Article shall continue as such
16 committeemen until the date of the primary to be held in the
17 second year after their election. Except as otherwise provided
18 in this Section for certain State central committeemen who have
19 2 year terms, all State central committeemen, township
20 committeemen and ward committeemen shall continue as such
21 committeemen until the date of primary to be held in the fourth
22 year after their election. However, a vacancy exists in the
23 office of precinct committeeman when a precinct committeeman
24 ceases to reside in the precinct in which he was elected and
25 such precinct committeeman shall thereafter neither have nor
26 exercise any rights, powers or duties as committeeman in that

1 precinct, even if a successor has not been elected or
2 appointed.

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

12 County Central Committee

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

1 committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his
2 ward by the primary electors of his party at the primary
3 election for the nomination of candidates for election to the
4 General Assembly immediately preceding the meeting of the
5 county central committee.

6 Cook County Board of Review Election District Committee

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

24 Congressional Committee

25 (e) The congressional committee of each party in each
26 congressional district shall be composed of the chairmen of the

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

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

1 congressional committees composed of the chairmen of the county
2 central committees of the counties within such district, each
3 chairman of such county central committee shall have one vote
4 for each ballot voted in his county by the primary electors of
5 his party at the primary election immediately preceding the
6 meeting of the congressional committee.

7 Judicial District Committee

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

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

19 Circuit Court Committee

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

24 In the organization and proceedings of circuit court
25 committees, each chairman of a county central committee shall
26 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 political
6 party in each judicial subcircuit in a judicial circuit divided
7 into subcircuits shall be composed of (i) the ward and township
8 committeemen of the townships and wards composing the judicial
9 subcircuit in Cook County and (ii) the precinct committeemen of
10 the precincts composing the judicial subcircuit in any county
11 other than Cook County.

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

1 subcircuit committee.

2 Municipal Central Committee

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

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

1 Powers

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

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

16 (k) For the purpose of the designation of a proxy by a
17 Congressional Committee to vote in place of an absent State
18 central committeeman or committeewoman at meetings of the State
19 central committee of a political party which elects its members
20 by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this Section, the proxy
21 shall be appointed by the vote of the ward and township
22 committeemen, if any, of the wards and townships which lie
23 entirely or partially within the Congressional District from
24 which the absent State central committeeman or committeewoman
25 was elected and the vote of the chairmen of the county central
26 committees of those counties which lie entirely or partially

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

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

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

21 on page 9, by inserting below line 13 the following:

22 "Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law."