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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2168

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2168, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

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

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

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

11 State Central Committee

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

1 Alternative A. At the primary in 1970 and at the general
2 primary election held every 4 years thereafter, each primary
3 elector may vote for one candidate of his party for member of
4 the State central committee for the congressional district in
5 which he resides. The candidate receiving the highest number of
6 votes shall be declared elected State central committeeman from
7 the district. A political party may, in lieu of the foregoing,
8 by a majority vote of delegates at any State convention of such
9 party, determine to thereafter elect the State central
10 committeemen in the manner following:

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

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

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

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

23 Alternative B. Each congressional committee shall, within
24 30 days after the adoption of this alternative, appoint a
25 person of the sex opposite that of the incumbent member for
26 that congressional district to serve as an additional member of

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

1 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting
2 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section.

3 In addition, a person who is elected as a caucus leader of
4 either chamber of the General Assembly of a political party
5 that selects its State central committee in accordance with
6 this Alternative B and who is not an elected member of the
7 State central committee shall automatically become a third
8 member of the State central committee from the congressional
9 district in which he or she resides and shall have the same
10 rights and duties as the two members elected from that
11 district. The caucus leader's automatic term on the State
12 central committee shall end when he or she ceases to be a
13 caucus leader of that political party or when he or she becomes
14 an elected member of the State central committee.

15 The Chairman of a State central committee composed as
16 provided in this Alternative B must be selected from the
17 committee's members.

18 Except as provided for in Alternative A with respect to the
19 selection of the Chairman of the State central committee, under
20 both of the foregoing alternatives, the State central committee
21 of each political party shall be composed of members elected or
22 appointed from the several congressional districts of the
23 State, and of no other person or persons whomsoever. The
24 members of the State central committee shall, within 41 days
25 after each quadrennial election of the full committee, meet in
26 the city of Springfield and organize by electing a chairman,

1 and may at such time elect such officers from among their own
2 number (or otherwise), as they may deem necessary or expedient.
3 The outgoing chairman of the State central committee of the
4 party shall, 10 days before the meeting, notify each member of
5 the State central committee elected at the primary of the time
6 and place of such meeting. In the organization and proceedings
7 of the State central committee, each State central committeeman
8 and State central committeewoman shall have one vote for each
9 ballot voted in his or her congressional district by the
10 primary electors of his or her party at the primary election
11 immediately preceding the meeting of the State central
12 committee. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the State central
13 committee of any political party, the vacancy shall be filled
14 by appointment of the chairmen of the county central committees
15 of the political party of the counties located within the
16 congressional district in which the vacancy occurs and, if
17 applicable, the ward and township committeemen of the political
18 party in counties of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants located
19 within the congressional district. If the congressional
20 district in which the vacancy occurs lies wholly within a
21 county of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, the ward and township
22 committeemen of the political party in that congressional
23 district shall vote to fill the vacancy. In voting to fill the
24 vacancy, each chairman of a county central committee and each
25 ward and township committeeman in counties of 2,000,000 or more
26 inhabitants shall have one vote for each ballot voted in each

1 precinct of the congressional district in which the vacancy
2 exists of his or her county, township, or ward cast by the
3 primary electors of his or her party at the primary election
4 immediately preceding the meeting to fill the vacancy in the
5 State central committee. The person appointed to fill the
6 vacancy shall be a resident of the congressional district in
7 which the vacancy occurs, shall be a qualified voter, and, in a
8 committee composed as provided in Alternative B, shall be of
9 the same sex as his or her predecessor. A political party may,
10 by a majority vote of the delegates of any State convention of
11 such party, determine to return to the election of State
12 central committeeman and State central committeewoman by the
13 vote of primary electors. Any action taken by a political party
14 at a State convention in accordance with this Section shall be
15 reported to the State Board of Elections by the chairman and
16 secretary of such convention within 10 days after such action.

17 Ward, Township and Precinct Committeemen

18 (b) At the primary in 1972 and at the general primary
19 election every 4 years thereafter, each primary elector in
20 cities having a population of 200,000 or over may vote for one
21 candidate of his party in his ward for ward committeeman. Each
22 candidate for ward committeeman must be a resident of and in
23 the ward where he seeks to be elected ward committeeman. The
24 one having the highest number of votes shall be such ward
25 committeeman of such party for such ward. At the primary
26 election in 1970 and at the general primary election every 4

1 years thereafter, each primary elector in counties containing a
2 population of 2,000,000 or more, outside of cities containing a
3 population of 200,000 or more, may vote for one candidate of
4 his party for township committeeman. Each candidate for
5 township committeeman must be a resident of and in the township
6 or part of a township (which lies outside of a city having a
7 population of 200,000 or more, in counties containing a
8 population of 2,000,000 or more), and in which township or part
9 of a township he seeks to be elected township committeeman. The
10 one having the highest number of votes shall be such township
11 committeeman of such party for such township or part of a
12 township. At the primary in 1970 and at the general primary
13 election every 2 years thereafter, each primary elector, except
14 in counties having a population of 2,000,000 or over, may vote
15 for one candidate of his party in his precinct for precinct
16 committeeman. Each candidate for precinct committeeman must be
17 a bona fide resident of the precinct where he seeks to be
18 elected precinct committeeman. The one having the highest
19 number of votes shall be such precinct committeeman of such
20 party for such precinct. The official returns of the primary
21 shall show the name of the committeeman of each political
22 party.

23 Terms of Committeemen. All precinct committeemen elected
24 under the provisions of this Article shall continue as such
25 committeemen until the date of the primary to be held in the
26 second year after their election. Except as otherwise provided

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

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

21 County Central Committee

22 (d) The county central committee of each political party in
23 each county shall consist of the various township committeemen,
24 precinct committeemen and ward committeemen, if any, of such
25 party in the county. In the organization and proceedings of the
26 county central committee, each precinct committeeman shall

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

15 Cook County Board of Review Election District Committee

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

1 proceedings of each of the 3 election district committees, each
2 ward committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in
3 his or her ward or part of that ward, as the case may be, by the
4 primary electors of his or her party at the primary election
5 immediately preceding the meeting of the board of review
6 election district committee.

7 Congressional Committee

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

21 In the organization and proceedings of congressional
22 committees composed of precinct committeemen or township
23 committeemen or ward committeemen, or any combination thereof,
24 each precinct committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot
25 voted in his precinct by the primary electors of his party at
26 the primary at which he was elected, each township committeeman

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

16 Judicial District Committee

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

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

1 the judicial district committee.

2 Circuit Court Committee

3 (g) The circuit court committee of each political party in
4 each judicial circuit outside Cook County shall be composed of
5 the chairmen of the county central committees of the counties
6 composing the judicial circuit.

7 In the organization and proceedings of circuit court
8 committees, each chairman of a county central committee shall
9 have one vote for each ballot voted in his county by the
10 primary electors of his party at the primary election
11 immediately preceding the meeting of the circuit court
12 committee.

13 Judicial Subcircuit Committee

14 (g-1) The judicial subcircuit committee of each political
15 party in each judicial subcircuit in a judicial circuit divided
16 into subcircuits shall be composed of (i) the ward and township
17 committeemen of the townships and wards composing the judicial
18 subcircuit in Cook County and (ii) the precinct committeemen of
19 the precincts composing the judicial subcircuit in any county
20 other than Cook County.

21 In the organization and proceedings of each judicial
22 subcircuit committee, each township committeeman shall have
23 one vote for each ballot voted in his township or part of a
24 township, as the case may be, in the judicial subcircuit by the
25 primary electors of his party at the primary election
26 immediately preceding the meeting of the judicial subcircuit

1 committee; each precinct committeeman shall have one vote for
2 each ballot voted in his precinct or part of a precinct, as the
3 case may be, in the judicial subcircuit by the primary electors
4 of his party at the primary election immediately preceding the
5 meeting of the judicial subcircuit committee; and each ward
6 committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his
7 ward or part of a ward, as the case may be, in the judicial
8 subcircuit by the primary electors of his party at the primary
9 election immediately preceding the meeting of the judicial
10 subcircuit committee.

11 Municipal Central Committee

12 (h) The municipal central committee of each political party
13 shall be composed of the precinct, township or ward
14 committeemen, as the case may be, of such party representing
15 the precincts or wards, embraced in such city, incorporated
16 town or village. The voting strength of each precinct, township
17 or ward committeeman on the municipal central committee shall
18 be the same as his voting strength on the county central
19 committee.

20 For political parties, other than a statewide political
21 party, established only within a municipality or township, the
22 municipal or township managing committee shall be composed of
23 the party officers of the local established party. The party
24 officers of a local established party shall be as follows: the
25 chairman and secretary of the caucus for those municipalities
26 and townships authorized by statute to nominate candidates by

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

10 Powers

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

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

25 (k) For the purpose of the designation of a proxy by a
26 Congressional Committee to vote in place of an absent State

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

21 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person is
22 ineligible to hold the position of committeeperson in any
23 committee established pursuant to this Section if he or she is
24 statutorily ineligible to vote in a general election because of
25 conviction of a felony. When a committeeperson is convicted of
26 a felony, the position occupied by that committeeperson shall

1 automatically become vacant.

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

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.".