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HOUSE BILL NO. 342

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SANDER.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 115.607, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to political committee qualifications.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 115.607, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.607, to read as follows:

115.607. 1. No person shall be elected or shall serve as a member of a county or city committee who is not ~~[, for one year next before the person's election,]~~ both a registered voter of and a resident of the county or city not within a county and the committee district from which the person is elected if such district shall have been so long established, and if not, then of the district or districts from which the same shall have been taken. Except as provided in subsections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this section, the membership of a county or city committee of each established political party shall consist of a man and a woman elected from each precinct, township, or ward in the county or city not within a county.

2. In each county of the first classification containing the major portion of a city which has over three hundred thousand inhabitants, two members of the committee, a man and a woman, shall be elected from each ward in the city. Any township entirely contained in the city shall have no additional representation on the county committee. The election authority for the county shall, not later than six months after the decennial census has been reported to the President of the United States, divide the most populous township outside the city into eight subdistricts of contiguous and compact territory and as nearly equal in population as practicable. The subdistricts shall be numbered from one upward consecutively, which numbers shall, insofar as practicable, be retained upon reapportionment. Two members of the county committee, a man

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 and a woman, shall be elected from each such subdistrict. Six members of the committee, three
19 men and three women, shall be elected from the second and third most populous townships
20 outside the city. Four members of the committee, two men and two women, shall be elected
21 from the other townships outside the city.

22 3. In any city which has over three hundred thousand inhabitants, the major portion of
23 which is located in a county with a charter form of government, for the portion of the city located
24 within such county and notwithstanding section 82.110, it shall be the duty of the election
25 authority, not later than six months after the decennial census has been reported to the President
26 of the United States, to divide such cities into not less than twenty-four nor more than
27 twenty-five wards after each decennial census. Wards shall be so divided that the number of
28 inhabitants in any ward shall not exceed any other ward of the city and within the same county,
29 by more than five percent, measured by the number of the inhabitants determined at the
30 preceding decennial census.

31 4. In each county of the first classification containing a portion, but not the major
32 portion, of a city which has over three hundred thousand inhabitants, ten members of the
33 committee, five men and five women, shall be elected from the district of each state
34 representative wholly contained in the county in the following manner: within six months after
35 each legislative reapportionment, the election authority shall divide each legislative district
36 wholly contained in the county into five committee districts of contiguous territory as compact
37 and as nearly equal in population as may be; two members of the committee, a man and a
38 woman, shall be elected from each committee district. The election authority shall divide the
39 area of the county located within legislative districts not wholly contained in the county into
40 similar committee districts; two members of the committee, a man and a woman, shall be elected
41 from each committee district.

42 5. In each city not situated in a county, two members of the committee, a man and a
43 woman, shall be elected from each ward.

44 6. In all counties with a charter form of government and a population of over nine
45 hundred thousand inhabitants, the county committee persons shall be elected from each
46 township. Within ninety days after August 28, 2002, and within six months after each decennial
47 census has been reported to the President of the United States, the election authority shall divide
48 the county into twenty-eight compact and contiguous townships containing populations as nearly
49 equal in population to each other as is practical.

50 7. If any election authority has failed to adopt a reapportionment plan by the deadline set
51 forth in this section, the county commission, sitting as a reapportionment commission, shall
52 within sixty days after the deadline, adopt a reapportionment plan. Changes of township, ward,

53 or precinct lines shall not affect the terms of office of incumbent party committee members
54 elected from districts as constituted at the time of their election.

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