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# SENATE BILL NO. 271

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MOSLEY.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 115.607, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to reapportionment within political subdivisions.

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Section A. Section 115.607, RSMo, is repealed and one new  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

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

14 2. In each county of the first classification  
15 containing the major portion of a city which has over three  
16 hundred thousand inhabitants, two members of the committee,  
17 a man and a woman, shall be elected from each ward in the  
18 city. Any township entirely contained in the city shall

**EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

19 have no additional representation on the county committee.  
20 The election authority for the county shall, **as provided**  
21 **under subsection 7 of this section**, not later than six  
22 months after the decennial census has been reported to the  
23 President of the United States, divide the most populous  
24 township outside the city into eight subdistricts of  
25 contiguous and compact territory and as nearly equal in  
26 population as practicable. The subdistricts shall be  
27 numbered from one upward consecutively, which numbers shall,  
28 insofar as practicable, be retained upon reapportionment.  
29 Two members of the county committee, a man and a woman,  
30 shall be elected from each such subdistrict. Six members of  
31 the committee, three men and three women, shall be elected  
32 from the second and third most populous townships outside  
33 the city. Four members of the committee, two men and two  
34 women, shall be elected from the other townships outside the  
35 city.

36 3. In any city which has over three hundred thousand  
37 inhabitants, the major portion of which is located in a  
38 county with a charter form of government, for the portion of  
39 the city located within such county and notwithstanding  
40 section 82.110, it shall be the duty of the election  
41 authority, **as provided under subsection 7 of this section**,  
42 not later than six months after the decennial census has  
43 been reported to the President of the United States, to  
44 divide such cities into not less than twenty-four nor more  
45 than twenty-five wards after each decennial census. Wards  
46 shall be so divided that the number of inhabitants in any  
47 ward shall not exceed any other ward of the city and within  
48 the same county, by more than five percent, measured by the  
49 number of the inhabitants determined at the preceding  
50 decennial census.

51           4. In each county of the first classification  
52 containing a portion, but not the major portion, of a city  
53 which has over three hundred thousand inhabitants, ten  
54 members of the committee, five men and five women, shall be  
55 elected from the district of each state representative  
56 wholly contained in the county in the following manner: **as**  
57 **provided under subsection 7 of this section**, within six  
58 months after each legislative reapportionment, the election  
59 authority shall divide each legislative district wholly  
60 contained in the county into five committee districts of  
61 contiguous territory as compact and as nearly equal in  
62 population as may be; two members of the committee, a man  
63 and a woman, shall be elected from each committee district.  
64 The election authority shall divide the area of the county  
65 located within legislative districts not wholly contained in  
66 the county into similar committee districts; two members of  
67 the committee, a man and a woman, shall be elected from each  
68 committee district.

69           5. **Except as otherwise provided herein**, in each city  
70 not situated in a county, two members of the committee, a  
71 man and a woman, shall be elected from each ward. **In the**  
72 **event the city wards are reduced to less than twenty-eight**  
73 **wards, each time the reapportionment authority for the city**  
74 **adopts a reapportionment plan and map for each of the wards,**  
75 **the reapportionment authority shall concurrently divide each**  
76 **ward into two compact and contiguous committee districts**  
77 **containing populations as nearly equal in population to each**  
78 **other as is practical, and thereafter, two members of the**  
79 **committee, a man and a woman, shall be elected from each**  
80 **committee district.**

81           6. In all counties with a charter form of government  
82 and a population of over nine hundred thousand inhabitants,

83 [the county committee persons] two members of the committee,  
84 a man and a woman, shall be elected from each township. In  
85 substantial compliance with subsection 7 of this section,  
86 within [ninety days] six months after August 28, [2002]  
87 2023, and as provided under subsection 7 of this section,  
88 within six months after each decennial census has been  
89 reported to the President of the United States, the election  
90 authority shall divide the county into twenty-eight compact  
91 and contiguous townships containing populations as nearly  
92 equal in population to each other as is practical.

93 7. (1) Not later than five months after each  
94 decennial census has been reported to the President of the  
95 United States, the election authority shall publish notice  
96 of a tentative reapportionment plan and map of the proposed  
97 wards, townships, and/or committee districts, a copy of  
98 which shall be forwarded to the chairs of the city or county  
99 committee for each political party that appeared on the  
100 ballot for election of city or county committee members at  
101 the next election preceding the decennial census, who shall  
102 immediately forward a copy of said notice to the members of  
103 the city or county committee of his or her political party,  
104 and during the ensuing fifteen days, the election authority  
105 shall hold such public hearings as may be necessary to hear  
106 objections or testimony of interested persons. The election  
107 authority shall make public the tentative reapportionment  
108 plan and map of the proposed wards, townships, and/or  
109 committee districts, as well as all demographic and partisan  
110 data used in the creation of the plan and map.

111 (2) Not later than six months after each decennial  
112 census has been reported to the President of the United  
113 States, the election authority shall adopt a final statement  
114 of the names or numbers and the boundaries of the ward,

115 township, and/or committee districts together with a map of  
116 the ward, township, and/or committee districts.

117 8. After the final statement is filed, members of the  
118 county or city committee shall be elected according to such  
119 reapportionment plan and map until a new reapportionment  
120 plan and map is made as provided in subsection 7 of this  
121 section, **except that** if any election authority has failed to  
122 adopt a reapportionment plan by the deadline set forth in  
123 this section, the county commission, sitting as a  
124 reapportionment commission, shall within sixty days after  
125 the deadline, adopt a reapportionment plan. Changes of  
126 township, ward, **district**, or precinct lines shall not affect  
127 the terms of office of incumbent party committee members  
128 elected from **townships, wards, or** districts as constituted  
129 at the time of their election.

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