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KELLEY (47), BOUCHER (Co-sponsors) AND FRANKLIN.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 115.607, RSMo 2000, relating to county political party committee representation, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

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

Section A. Section 115.607, RSMo 2000, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.607, to read as follows: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 committee who is not, for one year next before his **or her** election, both a registered voter of and a resident of the county and the committee district from which he **or she** 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 committee of each established political party shall consist of a man and a woman elected from each township or ward in the county.

2. In each county of the first class 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 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 election authority for the county shall divide the second and third most populous townships outside the city into four subdistricts each which shall be of contiguous and compact territory and as nearly equal in population as practicable.** The subdistricts of each township 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 and a woman, shall be elected

19 from each such subdistrict. Four members of the committee, two men and two women, shall be
20 elected from each other township outside the city.

21 3. In any city which has over three hundred thousand inhabitants, the major portion of
22 which is located in a county of the first class with a charter form of government, for the portion
23 of the city located within such county and notwithstanding the provisions of section 82.110,
24 RSMo, it shall be the duty of the election authority to divide such cities into not less than
25 twenty-four nor more than twenty-five wards after each decennial census. Wards shall be so
26 divided that the number of inhabitants in any ward shall not exceed any other ward of the city
27 and within the same county, by more than five percent, measured by the number of the
28 inhabitants determined at the preceding decennial census. Changes of ward or precinct lines
29 shall not affect the terms of office of incumbent party committeemen or committeewomen
30 elected from districts as constituted at the time of their election.

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

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

43 6. In all first class counties with a charter form of government and a population of over
44 nine hundred thousand inhabitants, the county committee persons shall be elected from each
45 township.