

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

[PERFECTED]

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1342

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FARNEN.

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Read 2<sup>nd</sup> time January 10, 2002, and referred to the Committee on Elections, January 24, 2002.

Reported from the Committee on Elections February 13, 2002, with recommendation that the bill Do Pass by Consent.

Perfected by Consent February 25, 2002.

TED WEDEL, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 115.613, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to political party committeemen and committeewomen, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Section 115.613, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.613, to read as follows:

115.613. 1. Except as provided in subsection 4 of this section, the qualified man and woman receiving the highest number of votes from each committee district for committeeman and committeewoman of a party shall be members of the county committee of the party.

2. If two or more qualified persons receive an equal number of votes for county committeeman or committeewoman of a party and a higher number of votes than any other qualified person from the party, a vacancy shall exist on the county committee which shall be filled by a majority of the committee in the manner provided in section 115.617.

3. If no qualified person is elected county committeeman or committeewoman from a committee district for a party, a vacancy shall exist on the county committee which shall be filled by a majority of the committee in the manner provided in section 115.617.

4. The provisions of this subsection shall apply only in any county where no filing fee

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

14 is required for filing a declaration of candidacy for committeeman or committeewoman in a  
15 committee district. **If only one qualified candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy for**  
16 **committeeman or committeewoman in a committee district for a party prior to the deadline**  
17 **established by law, no election shall be held for committeeman or committeewoman in the**  
18 **committee district for that party and the election authority shall certify the qualified**  
19 **candidate in the same manner and at the same time as candidates elected pursuant to**  
20 **subsection 1 of this section are certified.** If no qualified candidate files for committeeman or  
21 committeewoman in a committee district for a party, no election shall be held and a vacancy shall  
22 exist on the county committee which shall be filled by a majority of the committee in the manner  
23 provided in section 115.617. [The state shall pay the cost of producing ballots for any election  
24 held for the purposes of this subsection. The election authority shall pay all public notice costs  
25 for any election held pursuant to this subsection.]

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure fiscal savings for the state,  
2 section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health,  
3 welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of  
4 the constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and  
5 approval.