

HB 1853 -- SENATORIAL DISTRICT COMMITTEES

SPONSOR: Dohrman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 6 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 0.

Currently, a Senatorial District Committee meets on the Saturday after each general election to elect two voters as members of the Party's State Committee. This bill allows such committee to meet concurrently with the election of Senatorial officers if designated by the Chair of the Congressional District where the Senatorial District is principally located.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that these positions are voluntary and they shouldn't have to drive many miles or several days to serve the committee.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dohrman; and Jonathon Prouty.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say we need an open election process. Candidates with money and power get elected through the current process. The people need to choose who runs for Senate, not the committee selection.

Testifying on the bill was Arnie C. "AC" Dienoff.