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# HOUSE BILL NO. 761

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BARINGER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

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

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Section A. Section 115.607, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.607, to read as follows: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

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

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

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

43 5. In each city not situated in a county, ~~two~~ **three** members of the committee~~], a man~~  
44 ~~and a woman,]~~ shall be elected from each ward, **provided that no more than two committee**  
45 **members shall be of the same gender.**

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

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

55 township, ward, or precinct lines shall not affect the terms of office of incumbent party  
56 committee members elected from districts as constituted at the time of their election.

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