WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1971

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SENATE BILL NO. 165

(By Mr. Ward and Mr. Palumbo)

PASSED MARCH 8, 1971

In Effect NINETY Days From Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section nine, article one, chapter three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to political party committees.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section nine, article one, chapter three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS.

§3-1-9. Political party committees; how composed; organization.

1. At the May primary election in the year one thousand nine hundred seventy-two and at the May primary election in the year one thousand nine hundred seventy-four
and in every fourth year subsequent to the May primary
election held in the year one thousand nine hundred
seventy-four, the voters of each political party in each
senatorial district shall elect two male and two female
members of the state executive committee of the party. In
senatorial districts containing two or more counties, not
more than two such elected committee members shall be
residents of the same county. The committee, when con-
vened and organized as herein provided, shall appoint
three additional members of the committee from the state
at large.

At such primary election, the voters of each political
party in each county shall elect one male and one fe-
male member of the party's executive committee of the
congressional district, of the senatorial district in which
such county is situated and of the delegate district in
which such county is situated if such county be situated in
a delegate district. At the same time such voters in
each magisterial district of the county shall elect one
male and one female member of the party's county execu-
tive committee and, in any county containing a city of
ten thousand or more in population, such voters of each
ward of such city within the county shall elect one male
and one female member of such county party executive
committee in addition to the members thereof chosen
from the magisterial district or districts in which such
city is situated.

All members of executive committees, selected for
each political division as herein provided, shall reside
within the county, district, or ward from which chosen.
The term of office of all members of executive com-
mittees so elected at the May primary election in the
year one thousand nine hundred seventy-two shall begin
on the first day of June, following said May primary,
and shall continue for two years thereafter and until
their successors are elected and qualified. The term of
office of all members of executive committees elected
at the May primary in the year one thousand nine
hundred seventy-four, and every four years thereafter,
shall begin on the first day of June, following said May
primary, and shall continue for four years thereafter
and until their successors are elected and qualified.
46 Vacancies in the state executive committee shall be filled
47 by the members of the committee for the unexpired
term. Vacancies in the party's executive committee of
49 a congressional district, senatorial district, delegate dis-
50 trict or county shall be filled by the party's executive
51 committee of the county in which such vacancy exists,
52 and shall be for the unexpired term.
53 As soon as possible after the first day of June, following
54 the election of the new executive committees, as herein
55 provided, they shall convene within their respective po-
56 litical divisions, on the call of the chairman of corre-
57 sponding outgoing executive committees, or by any mem-
58 ber of the new executive committee in the event there
59 is no corresponding outgoing executive committee, and
60 proceed to select a chairman, a treasurer, and a secre-
61 tary, and such other officers as they may desire, each
62 of which officers shall for their respective committees
63 perform the duties that usually appertain to such offices.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect 90 days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 12th day of March, 1971.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

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