WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1985

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 1994

(By Mr. Shepherd & Mr. Hamilton)

Passed April 13, 1985

In Effect 90 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 executive committees generally; clarifying the statute which provides for the election of a senatorial or delegate district committee in only those senatorial or delegate districts which are multi-county districts; and providing for the election of two men and two women from each magisterial district to a party's executive committee in counties having three or less magisterial districts.

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 June primary election in the year one thousand nine hundred eighty-six, and in every fourth year thereafter, 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 convened and organized as herein provided, shall appoint three additional members of the committee from the
At such primary election, the voters of each political party in each county shall elect one male and one female member of the party's executive committee of the congressional district, of the senatorial district and of the delegate district in which such county is situated, if such county be situated in a multi-county senatorial or delegate district. At the same time such voters in each magisterial district or executive committee district, as the case may be, of the county shall elect one male and one female member of the party's county executive committee, except that in counties having three or less magisterial districts or executive committee districts there shall be elected two male and two female members of the party's executive committee from each magisterial district or executive committee district.

For the purpose of complying with the provisions of this section the county commission shall create such executive committee districts as they shall determine, which such districts shall not be fewer than the number of magisterial districts in such counties nor shall they exceed in number the following: Forty for counties having a population of one hundred thousand persons or more; thirty for counties having a population of fifty thousand to one hundred thousand; twenty for counties having a population of twenty thousand to fifty thousand; and such districts in counties having a population of less than twenty thousand persons shall be coextensive with the magisterial districts.

The executive committee districts shall be as nearly equal in population as practicable, and shall each be composed of compact, contiguous territory. The county commissions shall constitute the executive committee district to be effective for the term of office of executive committee members elected at the one thousand nine hundred eighty-six primary election and thereafter. Executive committees as presently composed shall continue until after their successors are elected and qualified following the primary election of one thousand nine hundred eighty-six. The county commissions shall change the territorial boundaries of such districts as necessary, only if there is an increase or decrease in the population of such districts as determined by a decennial census and such changes must be made within two years following such census.
All members of executive committees, selected for each political division as herein provided, shall reside within the county or district from which chosen. The term of office of all members of executive committees elected at the primary election in the year one thousand nine hundred eighty-six, shall begin on the first day of July, following said primary, and shall continue for four years thereafter and until their successors are elected and qualified. Vacancies in the state executive committee shall be filled by the members of the committee for the unexpired term. Vacancies in the party’s executive committee of a congressional district, senatorial district, delegate district or county shall be filled by the party’s executive committee of the county in which such vacancy exists, and shall be for the unexpired term.

As soon as possible after the first day of July, following the election of the new executive committees, as herein provided, they shall convene within their respective political divisions, on the call of the chairman of corresponding outgoing executive committees, or by any member of the new executive committee in the event there is no corresponding outgoing executive committee, and proceed to select a chairman, a treasurer and a secretary, and such other officers as they may desire, each of which officers shall for their respective committees 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

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the 2nd day of May, 1985.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR
Date 4/30/85
Time 6:47 p.m.