

HB 2459 - H AMD 730

By Representative Irwin

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 29A.80.020 and 2013 c 11 s 79 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The state committee of each major political party consists of
6 (~~one committeeman and one committeewoman~~) two committee persons
7 from each county elected by the county central committee at its
8 organization meeting. It must have a chair and vice chair (~~of~~
9 ~~opposite sexes~~). This committee shall meet during January of each
10 odd-numbered year for the purpose of organization at a time and
11 place designated by a notice mailed at least one week before the
12 date of the meeting to all new state (~~committeemen and~~
13 ~~committeewomen~~) committee persons, by the authorized officers of
14 the retiring committee. At its organizational meeting it shall elect
15 its chair and vice chair, and such officers as its bylaws may
16 provide, and adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations. It may:

17 (1) Call conventions at such time and place and under such
18 circumstances and for such purposes as the call to convention
19 designates. The manner, number, and procedure for selection of state
20 convention delegates is subject to the committee's rules and
21 regulations duly adopted;

22 (2) Provide for the election of delegates to national
23 conventions;

24 (3) Provide for the nomination of presidential electors; and

25 (4) Perform all functions inherent in such an organization.

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1 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the committee may
2 not adopt rules governing the conduct of the actual proceedings at a
3 party state convention.

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5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.80.030 and 2003 c 111 s 2003 are each amended
6 to read as follows:

7 The county central committee of each major political party
8 consists of the precinct committee officers of the party from the
9 several voting precincts of the county. Following each state general
10 election held in even-numbered years, this committee shall meet for
11 the purpose of organization at an easily accessible location within
12 the county, subsequent to the certification of precinct committee
13 officers by the county auditor and no later than the second Saturday
14 of the following January. The authorized officers of the retiring
15 committee shall cause notice of the time and place of the meeting to
16 be mailed to each precinct committee officer at least seventy-two
17 hours before the date of the meeting.

18 At its organization meeting, the county central committee shall
19 elect a chair and vice chair (~~(of opposite sexes)~~)."

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EFFECT: Removes gender requirements for major political party
committee members.

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