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By Representatives Reeves, Robinson, Macri, Riccelli, Hudgins, and Pollet

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying gender references pertaining to  
2 major political party committees; and amending RCW 29A.80.020 and  
3 29A.80.030.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.80.020 and 2013 c 11 s 79 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

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

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

6 (2) Provide for the election of delegates to national  
7 conventions;

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

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

10 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the committee may  
11 not adopt rules governing the conduct of the actual proceedings at a  
12 party state convention.

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

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

26 At its organization meeting, the county central committee shall  
27 elect a chair and vice chair (~~(of opposite sexes)~~) who are persons of  
28 different declared gender identity.

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