

1 **SHB 1094** - H AMD
2 By Representative Talcott

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
4 following:

5 "Sec. 1. RCW 29.42.030 and 1987 c 295 s 12 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The county central committee of each major political party
8 shall consist of the precinct committee officers of the party from
9 the several voting precincts of the county. The county auditor of
10 each county must designate, for each major party, one precinct
11 committee office for every four hundred to five hundred registered
12 voters in a precinct. The county auditor may, following
13 consultation with the chairs of the county central committees for
14 all major parties, combine precincts for purposes of designating
15 precinct committee offices if a precinct contains fewer than four
16 hundred registered voters. The county auditor has discretion to
17 designate more than one precinct committee office for each major
18 party for each precinct if a precinct contains more than five
19 hundred registered voters. Following each state general election
20 held in even-numbered years, this committee shall meet for the
21 purpose of organization at an easily accessible location within the
22 county, subsequent to the certification of precinct committee
23 officers by the county auditor and no later than the second
24 Saturday of the following January. The authorized officers of the
25 retiring committee shall cause notice of the time and place of such
26 meeting to be mailed to each precinct committee officer at least
27 seventy-two hours prior to the date of the meeting.

28 At its organization meeting, the county central committee shall
29 elect a chair and vice-chair who must be of opposite sexes; it
30 shall also elect a state committeeman and a state committeewoman."

31 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Strikes the original bill. Requires county auditors to designate, for each major party, a precinct committee office for every 400 to 500 registered voters in the precinct. After consulting the chairs of the county central committees for all major parties, the county auditor may combine precincts for purposes of designating precinct committee offices if a precinct contains fewer than four hundred registered voters. The county auditor also has discretion to designate more than one precinct committee office per party per precinct if a precinct contains more than 500 registered voters.