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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 600

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 600 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 7-8 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/7-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-8)

7 Sec. 7-8. The State central committee shall be composed of  
8 one or two members from each congressional district in the  
9 State and shall be elected as follows:

10 State Central Committee

11 (a) Within 30 days after the effective date of this  
12 amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly ~~1983~~ the State  
13 central committee of each political party shall certify to the  
14 State Board of Elections which of the following alternatives it  
15 wishes to apply to the State central committee of that party.

16 Alternative A. At the primary held on the third Tuesday in  
17 March 2006, and at the primary held every 4 years thereafter,  
18 each primary elector may vote for one candidate of his party  
19 for member of the State central committee for the congressional  
20 district in which he resides. The State central committee of  
21 the political party under Alternative A shall be composed of  
22 members elected from the several congressional districts of the  
23 State, or appointed to fill a vacancy, as herein provided, and  
24 of no other person or persons whomever. The members of the

1 State central committee shall, within 30 days after their  
2 election, meet in the city of Springfield and organize by  
3 electing from among their own number a chairman, and may at  
4 such time elect such officers from among their own number (or  
5 otherwise), as they may deem necessary or expedient. The  
6 outgoing chairman of the State central committee of the party  
7 shall, within 10 days before the meeting, notify each member of  
8 the State central committee elected at the primary of the time  
9 and place of such meeting. In the organization and proceedings  
10 of the State central committee, each State central committeeman  
11 shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his congressional  
12 district by the primary electors of his party at the primary at  
13 which he was elected. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the State  
14 central committee of the political party, the vacancy may be  
15 filled by appointment by the congressional committee of the  
16 political party in the congressional district from which the  
17 appointee's predecessor was elected, and the member so selected  
18 to fill the vacancy shall be a resident of that congressional  
19 district. At the primary held on the third Tuesday in March  
20 1970, and at the primary held every 4 years thereafter, each  
21 primary elector may vote for one candidate of his party for  
22 member of the State central committee for the congressional  
23 district in which he resides. The candidate receiving the  
24 highest number of votes shall be declared elected State central  
25 committeeman from the district. A political party may, in lieu  
26 of the foregoing, by a majority vote of delegates at any State  
27 convention of such party, determine to thereafter elect the  
28 State central committeemen in the manner following:

29 ~~At the county convention held by such political party State~~  
30 ~~central committeemen shall be elected in the same manner as~~  
31 ~~provided in this Article for the election of officers of the~~  
32 ~~county central committee, and such election shall follow the~~  
33 ~~election of officers of the county central committee. Each~~  
34 ~~elected ward, township or precinct committeeman shall cast as~~

1 ~~his vote one vote for each ballot voted in his ward, township,~~  
2 ~~part of a township or precinct in the last preceding primary~~  
3 ~~election of his political party. In the case of a county lying~~  
4 ~~partially within one congressional district and partially~~  
5 ~~within another congressional district, each ward, township or~~  
6 ~~precinct committeeman shall vote only with respect to the~~  
7 ~~congressional district in which his ward, township, part of a~~  
8 ~~township or precinct is located. In the case of a congressional~~  
9 ~~district which encompasses more than one county, each ward,~~  
10 ~~township or precinct committeeman residing within the~~  
11 ~~congressional district shall cast as his vote one vote for each~~  
12 ~~ballot voted in his ward, township, part of a township or~~  
13 ~~precinct in the last preceding primary election of his~~  
14 ~~political party for one candidate of his party for member of~~  
15 ~~the State central committee for the congressional district in~~  
16 ~~which he resides and the Chairman of the county central~~  
17 ~~committee shall report the results of the election to the State~~  
18 ~~Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections shall certify~~  
19 ~~the candidate receiving the highest number of votes elected~~  
20 ~~State central committeeman for that congressional district.~~

21 ~~The State central committee shall adopt rules to provide~~  
22 ~~for and govern the procedures to be followed in the election of~~  
23 ~~members of the State central committee.~~

24 ~~After the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st~~  
25 ~~General Assembly, whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of~~  
26 ~~Chairman of a State central committee, or at the end of the~~  
27 ~~term of office of Chairman, the State central committee of each~~  
28 ~~political party that has selected Alternative A shall elect a~~  
29 ~~Chairman who shall not be required to be a member of the State~~  
30 ~~Central Committee. The Chairman shall be a registered voter in~~  
31 ~~this State and of the same political party as the State central~~  
32 ~~committee.~~

33 ~~Alternative B. Each congressional committee shall, within~~  
34 ~~30 days after the adoption of this alternative, appoint a~~

1 person of the sex opposite that of the incumbent member for  
2 that congressional district to serve as an additional member of  
3 the State central committee until his or her successor is  
4 elected at the general primary election in 1986. Each  
5 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting  
6 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section. In  
7 each congressional district at the general primary election  
8 held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, the male candidate  
9 receiving the highest number of votes of the party's male  
10 candidates for State central committeeman, and the female  
11 candidate receiving the highest number of votes of the party's  
12 female candidates for State central committeewoman, shall be  
13 declared elected State central committeeman and State central  
14 committeewoman from the district. At the general primary  
15 election held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, if all a  
16 party's candidates for State central committeemen or State  
17 central committeewomen from a congressional district are of the  
18 same sex, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes  
19 shall be declared elected a State central committeeman or State  
20 central committeewoman from the district, and, because of a  
21 failure to elect one male and one female to the committee, a  
22 vacancy shall be declared to exist in the office of the second  
23 member of the State central committee from the district. This  
24 vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the congressional  
25 committee of the political party, and the person appointed to  
26 fill the vacancy shall be a resident of the congressional  
27 district and of the sex opposite that of the committeeman or  
28 committeewoman elected at the general primary election. Each  
29 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting  
30 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section.

31 The Chairman of a State central committee composed as  
32 provided in this Alternative B must be selected from the  
33 committee's members.

34 The ~~Except as provided for in Alternative A with respect to~~

1 ~~the selection of the Chairman of the State central committee,~~  
2 ~~under both of the foregoing alternatives,~~ the State central  
3 committee of the each political party under Alternative B shall  
4 be composed of members elected or appointed from the several  
5 congressional districts of the State, and of no other person or  
6 persons whomsoever. The members of the State central committee  
7 shall, within 30 days after each quadrennial election of the  
8 full committee, meet in the city of Springfield and organize by  
9 electing a chairman, and may at such time elect such officers  
10 from among their own number (or otherwise), as they may deem  
11 necessary or expedient. The outgoing chairman of the State  
12 central committee of the party shall, 10 days before the  
13 meeting, notify each member of the State central committee  
14 elected at the primary of the time and place of such meeting.  
15 In the organization and proceedings of the State central  
16 committee, each State central committeeman and State central  
17 committeewoman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
18 or her congressional district by the primary electors of his or  
19 her party at the primary election immediately preceding the  
20 meeting of the State central committee. Whenever a vacancy  
21 occurs in the State central committee of the any political  
22 party, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the  
23 chairmen of the county central committees of the political  
24 party of the counties located within the congressional district  
25 in which the vacancy occurs and, if applicable, the ward and  
26 township committeemen of the political party in counties of  
27 2,000,000 or more inhabitants located within the congressional  
28 district. If the congressional district in which the vacancy  
29 occurs lies wholly within a county of 2,000,000 or more  
30 inhabitants, the ward and township committeemen of the  
31 political party in that congressional district shall vote to  
32 fill the vacancy. In voting to fill the vacancy, each chairman  
33 of a county central committee and each ward and township  
34 committeeman in counties of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants shall

1 have one vote for each ballot voted in each precinct of the  
2 congressional district in which the vacancy exists of his or  
3 her county, township, or ward cast by the primary electors of  
4 his or her party at the primary election immediately preceding  
5 the meeting to fill the vacancy in the State central committee.  
6 The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall be a resident of  
7 the congressional district in which the vacancy occurs, shall  
8 be a qualified voter, and, ~~in a committee composed as provided~~  
9 ~~in Alternative B,~~ shall be of the same sex as his or her  
10 predecessor.

11 A political party under Alternative A may, by a majority  
12 vote of the delegates at their ~~of any~~ State convention of such  
13 party, select a different Alternative under this subsection  
14 than selected by the State central committee ~~determine to~~  
15 ~~return to the election of State central committeeman and State~~  
16 ~~central committeewoman by the vote of primary electors.~~ Any  
17 action taken by a political party at a State convention in  
18 accordance with this Section shall be reported to the State  
19 Board of Elections by the chairman and secretary of such  
20 convention within 10 days after such action.

21 Ward, Township and Precinct Committeemen

22 (b) At the primary held on the third Tuesday in March,  
23 1972, and every 4 years thereafter, each primary elector in  
24 cities having a population of 200,000 or over may vote for one  
25 candidate of his party in his ward for ward committeeman. Each  
26 candidate for ward committeeman must be a resident of and in  
27 the ward where he seeks to be elected ward committeeman. The  
28 one having the highest number of votes shall be such ward  
29 committeeman of such party for such ward. At the primary  
30 election held on the third Tuesday in March, 1970, and every 4  
31 years thereafter, each primary elector in counties containing a  
32 population of 2,000,000 or more, outside of cities containing a  
33 population of 200,000 or more, may vote for one candidate of  
34 his party for township committeeman. Each candidate for

1 township committeeman must be a resident of and in the township  
2 or part of a township (which lies outside of a city having a  
3 population of 200,000 or more, in counties containing a  
4 population of 2,000,000 or more), and in which township or part  
5 of a township he seeks to be elected township committeeman. The  
6 one having the highest number of votes shall be such township  
7 committeeman of such party for such township or part of a  
8 township. At the primary held on the third Tuesday in March,  
9 1970 and every 2 years thereafter, each primary elector, except  
10 in counties having a population of 2,000,000 or over, may vote  
11 for one candidate of his party in his precinct for precinct  
12 committeeman. Each candidate for precinct committeeman must be  
13 a bona fide resident of the precinct where he seeks to be  
14 elected precinct committeeman. The one having the highest  
15 number of votes shall be such precinct committeeman of such  
16 party for such precinct. The official returns of the primary  
17 shall show the name of the committeeman of each political  
18 party.

19 Terms of Committeemen. All precinct committeemen elected  
20 under the provisions of this Article shall continue as such  
21 committeemen until the date of the primary to be held in the  
22 second year after their election. Except as otherwise provided  
23 in this Section for certain State central committeemen who have  
24 2 year terms, all State central committeemen, township  
25 committeemen and ward committeemen shall continue as such  
26 committeemen until the date of primary to be held in the fourth  
27 year after their election. However, a vacancy exists in the  
28 office of precinct committeeman when a precinct committeeman  
29 ceases to reside in the precinct in which he was elected and  
30 such precinct committeeman shall thereafter neither have nor  
31 exercise any rights, powers or duties as committeeman in that  
32 precinct, even if a successor has not been elected or  
33 appointed.

34 (c) The Multi-Township Central Committee shall consist of

1 the precinct committeemen of such party, in the multi-township  
2 assessing district formed pursuant to Section 2-10 of the  
3 Property Tax Code and shall be organized for the purposes set  
4 forth in Section 45-25 of the Township Code. In the  
5 organization and proceedings of the Multi-Township Central  
6 Committee each precinct committeeman shall have one vote for  
7 each ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors of  
8 his party at the primary at which he was elected.

9 County Central Committee

10 (d) The county central committee of each political party in  
11 each county shall consist of the various township committeemen,  
12 precinct committeemen and ward committeemen, if any, of such  
13 party in the county. In the organization and proceedings of the  
14 county central committee, each precinct committeeman shall  
15 have one vote for each ballot voted in his precinct by the  
16 primary electors of his party at the primary at which he was  
17 elected; each township committeeman shall have one vote for  
18 each ballot voted in his township or part of a township as the  
19 case may be by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
20 election for the nomination of candidates for election to the  
21 General Assembly immediately preceding the meeting of the  
22 county central committee; and in the organization and  
23 proceedings of the county central committee, each ward  
24 committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
25 ward by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
26 election for the nomination of candidates for election to the  
27 General Assembly immediately preceding the meeting of the  
28 county central committee.

29 Cook County Board of Review Election District Committee

30 (d-1) Each board of review election district committee of  
31 each political party in Cook County shall consist of the  
32 various township committeemen and ward committeemen, if any, of  
33 that party in the portions of the county composing the board of  
34 review election district. In the organization and proceedings



1 of each of the 3 election district committees, each township  
2 committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
3 or her township or part of a township, as the case may be, by  
4 the primary electors of his or her party at the primary  
5 election immediately preceding the meeting of the board of  
6 review election district committee; and in the organization and  
7 proceedings of each of the 3 election district committees, each  
8 ward committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in  
9 his or her ward or part of that ward, as the case may be, by the  
10 primary electors of his or her party at the primary election  
11 immediately preceding the meeting of the board of review  
12 election district committee.

13 Congressional Committee

14 (e) The congressional committee of each party in each  
15 congressional district shall be composed of the chairmen of the  
16 county central committees of the counties composing the  
17 congressional district, except that in congressional districts  
18 wholly within the territorial limits of one county, or partly  
19 within 2 or more counties, but not coterminous with the county  
20 lines of all of such counties, the precinct committeemen,  
21 township committeemen and ward committeemen, if any, of the  
22 party representing the precincts within the limits of the  
23 congressional district, shall compose the congressional  
24 committee. A State central committeeman in each district shall  
25 be a member and the chairman or, when a district has 2 State  
26 central committeemen, a co-chairman of the congressional  
27 committee, but shall not have the right to vote except in case  
28 of a tie.

29 In the organization and proceedings of congressional  
30 committees composed of precinct committeemen or township  
31 committeemen or ward committeemen, or any combination thereof,  
32 each precinct committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot  
33 voted in his precinct by the primary electors of his party at  
34 the primary at which he was elected, each township committeeman

1 shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his township or  
2 part of a township as the case may be by the primary electors  
3 of his party at the primary election immediately preceding the  
4 meeting of the congressional committee, and each ward  
5 committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in each  
6 precinct of his ward located in such congressional district by  
7 the primary electors of his party at the primary election  
8 immediately preceding the meeting of the congressional  
9 committee; and in the organization and proceedings of  
10 congressional committees composed of the chairmen of the county  
11 central committees of the counties within such district, each  
12 chairman of such county central committee shall have one vote  
13 for each ballot voted in his county by the primary electors of  
14 his party at the primary election immediately preceding the  
15 meeting of the congressional committee.

16 Judicial District Committee

17 (f) The judicial district committee of each political party  
18 in each judicial district shall be composed of the chairman of  
19 the county central committees of the counties composing the  
20 judicial district.

21 In the organization and proceedings of judicial district  
22 committees composed of the chairmen of the county central  
23 committees of the counties within such district, each chairman  
24 of such county central committee shall have one vote for each  
25 ballot voted in his county by the primary electors of his party  
26 at the primary election immediately preceding the meeting of  
27 the judicial district committee.

28 Circuit Court Committee

29 (g) The circuit court committee of each political party in  
30 each judicial circuit outside Cook County shall be composed of  
31 the chairmen of the county central committees of the counties  
32 composing the judicial circuit.

33 In the organization and proceedings of circuit court  
34 committees, each chairman of a county central committee shall

1 have one vote for each ballot voted in his county by the  
2 primary electors of his party at the primary election  
3 immediately preceding the meeting of the circuit court  
4 committee.

5                   Judicial Subcircuit Committee

6           (g-1) The judicial subcircuit committee of each political  
7 party in each judicial subcircuit in a judicial circuit divided  
8 into subcircuits shall be composed of (i) the ward and township  
9 committeemen of the townships and wards composing the judicial  
10 subcircuit in Cook County and (ii) the precinct committeemen of  
11 the precincts composing the judicial subcircuit in any county  
12 other than Cook County.

13           In the organization and proceedings of each judicial  
14 subcircuit committee, each township committeeman shall have  
15 one vote for each ballot voted in his township or part of a  
16 township, as the case may be, in the judicial subcircuit by the  
17 primary electors of his party at the primary election  
18 immediately preceding the meeting of the judicial subcircuit  
19 committee; each precinct committeeman shall have one vote for  
20 each ballot voted in his precinct or part of a precinct, as the  
21 case may be, in the judicial subcircuit by the primary electors  
22 of his party at the primary election immediately preceding the  
23 meeting of the judicial subcircuit committee; and each ward  
24 committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
25 ward or part of a ward, as the case may be, in the judicial  
26 subcircuit by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
27 election immediately preceding the meeting of the judicial  
28 subcircuit committee.

29                   Municipal Central Committee

30           (h) The municipal central committee of each political party  
31 shall be composed of the precinct, township or ward  
32 committeemen, as the case may be, of such party representing  
33 the precincts or wards, embraced in such city, incorporated  
34 town or village. The voting strength of each precinct, township

1 or ward committeeman on the municipal central committee shall  
2 be the same as his voting strength on the county central  
3 committee.

4 For political parties, other than a statewide political  
5 party, established only within a municipality or township, the  
6 municipal or township managing committee shall be composed of  
7 the party officers of the local established party. The party  
8 officers of a local established party shall be as follows: the  
9 chairman and secretary of the caucus for those municipalities  
10 and townships authorized by statute to nominate candidates by  
11 caucus shall serve as party officers for the purpose of filling  
12 vacancies in nomination under Section 7-61; for municipalities  
13 and townships authorized by statute or ordinance to nominate  
14 candidates by petition and primary election, the party officers  
15 shall be the party's candidates who are nominated at the  
16 primary. If no party primary was held because of the provisions  
17 of Section 7-5, vacancies in nomination shall be filled by the  
18 party's remaining candidates who shall serve as the party's  
19 officers.

#### 20 Powers

21 (i) Each committee and its officers shall have the powers  
22 usually exercised by such committees and by the officers  
23 thereof, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article.  
24 The several committees herein provided for shall not have power  
25 to delegate any of their powers, or functions to any other  
26 person, officer or committee, but this shall not be construed  
27 to prevent a committee from appointing from its own membership  
28 proper and necessary subcommittees.

29 (j) The State central committee of a political party which  
30 elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this  
31 Section shall adopt a plan to give effect to the delegate  
32 selection rules of the national political party and file a copy  
33 of such plan with the State Board of Elections when approved by  
34 a national political party.

1           (k) For the purpose of the designation of a proxy by a  
2 Congressional Committee to vote in place of an absent State  
3 central committeeman or committeewoman at meetings of the State  
4 central committee of a political party which elects its members  
5 by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this Section, the proxy  
6 shall be appointed by the vote of the ward and township  
7 committeemen, if any, of the wards and townships which lie  
8 entirely or partially within the Congressional District from  
9 which the absent State central committeeman or committeewoman  
10 was elected and the vote of the chairmen of the county central  
11 committees of those counties which lie entirely or partially  
12 within that Congressional District and in which there are no  
13 ward or township committeemen. When voting for such proxy the  
14 county chairman, ward committeeman or township committeeman,  
15 as the case may be shall have one vote for each ballot voted in  
16 his county, ward or township, or portion thereof within the  
17 Congressional District, by the primary electors of his party at  
18 the primary at which he was elected. However, the absent State  
19 central committeeman or committeewoman may designate a proxy  
20 when permitted by the rules of a political party which elects  
21 its members by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this  
22 Section.

23           Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person is  
24 ineligible to hold the position of committeeperson in any  
25 committee established pursuant to this Section if he or she is  
26 statutorily ineligible to vote in a general election because of  
27 conviction of a felony. When a committeeperson is convicted of  
28 a felony, the position occupied by that committeeperson shall  
29 automatically become vacant.

30           (Source: P.A. 93-541, eff. 8-18-03; 93-574, eff. 8-21-03;  
31 93-847, eff. 7-30-04.)".