

ARTICLE VIII - STATE COMMITTEE

A. Election

The ~~selection~~ **election** of members of the Arizona State Committee from LD20 is ratified at the biennial organizational meeting of the Pima County Democratic Committee. Per ARS **16-823 and** 16-825, at the biennial organizational meeting of LD20, the LD20 PCs elected at the previous primary election may choose the new LD20 State Committee members. Election shall be by secret written ballot. ~~unless the number of nominees to the State Committee does not exceed the number of seats on the State Committee allocated to LD20.~~ The Chair shall ask for nominees to the State Committee. ~~and if the number nominated is greater than the number of seats available, the written ballot shall proceed.~~ ~~All~~ Each voters may vote for a number of nominees **less than or equal to** the number of seats available. The highest vote-getters **who have received total votes equal to 40% or more than the total number of voters and** comprising a number no greater than the seats available shall be deemed elected. **If the number of nominees is twice or more than the number of seats available, and not all seats have been filled, then a second round of voting will commence including the remaining unelected nominees.** A tie vote resulting in greater number **elected** than the seats available shall require a run-off election.

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D. Vacancy

Per ASRS 38-291, a vacancy in the position of State Committee member shall occur upon resignation, death, or loss of valid Pima County PC status within LD20 **or an insufficient number of State Committee Members elected at the biennial organization meeting.** A vacancy shall be filled by the State Chair with the advice and consent of the Pima County Chair and the LD20 Chair. The Committee may **via majority vote** require an **election vote** by the full Committee to select ~~the~~ prospective appointee(s) for purposes of recommending such person for appointment by the officers listed above.

E. Removal from Office

A member of the State Committee may be removed from office **or deemed resigned** under the provisions of the Arizona State Democratic Party Bylaws.

Rationale:

1. "Election" at the first meeting is required by state statute - Appointment is permitted later.
2. In order to ensure that all elected state committee members faithfully represent the sense of the LD, require that at least 40% of a quorum of voting members affirmatively approve by their vote that the nominee will represent the LD faithfully at state meetings. If a later appointment is made, allow the LD to select the pool of potential appointees, for the same reason.
3. This bylaws change was sent to the State rules committee chair and the change was cleared with State Committee counsel as consistent with State statute .

ASRS requires election of state committee members at the biennial meeting:

16-823 section D

. Each district party committee established pursuant to subsection A of this section shall meet **..the district party committee shall elect state committeemen as prescribed by section 16-825.**

G. For the purposes of the election prescribed in subsection D of this section the district committee shall consist of all precinct committeemen residing in the district who were serving in that position at least

thirty days before the enactment of reapportionment legislation.

16-825

The state committee of each party shall consist, in addition to the chairman of the several county committees, of one member of the county committee for every three members of the county committee elected pursuant to section 16-821.

The state committeemen shall be chosen at the first meeting of the legislative district committee as prescribed by section 16-823