

## **Amendment 21. To: Article VI, Section 2, Section 3**

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*Amend Article VI, Section 2 as follows:*

Each Caucus shall meet one half hour after the start of the seating of delegates on the day of each State Democratic Convention and shall then elect a Caucus Chair by a majority vote and a Caucus Vice-Chair, also by a majority vote, to be their representatives on the State Central Committee. The results of the said elections shall be reported to and ratified by the entire Convention. An alternative method of electing and/or filling a Chair or Vice-Chair vacancy for ~~the a~~ Constituency Caucus ~~groups~~ shall be during a meeting of the Constituency Caucus scheduled with adequate notice to its members that filling the vacancy will be included in the meeting agenda ~~Convention to be held each odd-numbered year. The results of the said elections shall be reported to and ratified by the entire Convention.~~ (no other changes to this section)

*Amend Article VI, Section 3, first paragraph, as follows:*

The term of office of a member of the State Central Committee shall begin immediately following the adjournment of the State Convention and shall continue for two years and until him or her successor is elected and qualified, with the exception of the election to fill a vacancy of a Constituency Caucus Chair or Chairs and Vice-Chairs Vice-Chair held between state conventions pursuant to Section 2 elected during the Constituency Caucus Convention whose term of office shall begin upon their election and continue until their successor is elected. When there is a vacancy of a district committeeperson on the State Central Committee which has occurred other than at the expiration of a regular, term, a new member shall be elected by a majority of votes cast by the County Chairs and County Vice-chairs of the Congressional District in which the vacancy occurs. (no other changes to this section)

**Rationale:** This amendment will allow for the Constituency Caucuses to fill vacancies which may occur after the officer elections at the State Convention at a regularly and properly noticed meeting of the Caucus. This will allow the Caucuses to have needed leadership vacancies filled much like similar leadership vacancies are filled for other committees and ensure continued representation on the SCC. And, ensure that those which occur during the State Convention ratified by the entire Convention as are other elections which occur during the Convention.