

Amendment 22. To: Article VI, Section 2 and Article IX, Section 3

Submitted by: RRS Stewart on behalf of the Affirmative Action and Community Outreach Committee

Amend Article VI, Section 2, paragraph 2 to read:

Membership of these constituency caucuses shall consist of all of each groups' registered Democratic representation at their respective biennial ~~reorganization~~ organization meeting. Each caucus shall meet one half hour after the start of the seating of delegates on the day of each State 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. ~~An alternative method of electing and/or filling a vacancy for the Constituency Caucus groups shall be during the Constituency Caucus Convention to be held each odd-numbered year.~~ The results of the said elections shall be reported to and ratified by the entire

Convention. Both the Caucus Chair and Vice-Chair shall be members of the State

Central Committee. The Caucus Vice-Chair shall vote only in the absence of the Caucus Chair, or if the Caucus Chair is already voting in another capacity.

If a Vacancy occurs in the position of Caucus Chair before the Caucus's biennial organization meeting at the state convention, the Caucus Vice-Chair shall automatically become the Caucus chair. If the Caucus Vice-Chair resigns before the Caucus's biennial organization meeting at the state convention, or the Caucus Chair or Vice-Chair positions are not filled at the Caucus's biennial organization meeting at the state convention or are otherwise vacant, an election to fill the vacant Caucus Chair or Vice-Chair positions may be held at either the annual Constituency Caucus & Affirmative Action Workshop in even numbered years or the Constituency Caucus & Affirmative Action Convention held in odd-numbered years. Such an election must be included in the public notice of the Constituency Caucus & Affirmative Action Workshop or the call for the Constituency Caucus & Affirmative Action Convention.

If any person holding one of the positions listed above (in Article VI, Section 2 Paragraph 1) is subsequently elected to any of the caucus or committee leadership positions listed there, the body electing him/her to that additional position shall also elect a second person to represent that body on the State Central Committee and cast its vote there until such time as the leader in question resigns, or no longer holds any other position listed in Article VI, Section 2, Paragraph 1. In the case of the constituency caucuses, the voting role would automatically be filled by the Caucus Vice-Chair, unless s/he also already holds a seat on the State Central Committee.

Amend Article IX, Section 3 to read:

Section 3 – Bi-Annual Affirmative Action & Constituency Caucus Convention

An Affirmative Action & Constituency Caucus Convention shall take place each odd- numbered year to afford the Constituency Caucus groups an opportunity for networking with the State, District & County Affirmative Action Committees and amongst the ~~groups~~ Constituency Caucuses. The ~~election of the Chairs and Vice Chairs~~ biennial organizational meeting of the Constituency Caucuses MAY take place during this convention rather than the state convention in the even-numbered years.

Rationale: clarifies the ways a vacancy can be filled and makes language consistent within the document