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H.B. No. 3104

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the administration of political party precinct, county,
3 and senatorial district conventions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Sections 174.022(a), (b), and (c), Election
6 Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A political party may provide by rule for the place,
8 date, and hour for precinct conventions. If party rules do not
9 provide a date for [The] precinct conventions, the conventions
10 shall be held on general primary election day in the regular county
11 election precincts. If party rules do not set the hour and place
12 for a precinct convention, the county executive committee serving a
13 precinct for which the hour and place of the convention was not set
14 by rule, not

15 [(b) Not] later than the date of the regular drawing for
16 position on the general primary election ballot, [the county
17 executive committee] shall set the hour and place for convening the
18 [each] precinct convention [for the precincts served by the
19 committee]. If the county executive committee fails to do so, the
20 county chair shall set the hour and place.

21 (b) A precinct convention may meet at the same place as one
22 or more other precinct conventions.

23 (c) The date and hour set for convening shall be the same for
24 all precinct conventions and [the conventions] may not be earlier

1 than 7 p.m. [~~or later than 9 p.m.~~] Notwithstanding the hour set for
2 convening, the convention may not convene until the last voter has
3 voted at the precinct polling place.

4 SECTION 2. Sections 174.025(a) and (b), Election Code, are
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (a) A political party shall provide by rule a process for
7 the designation of the temporary chair of the precinct convention.
8 If the party does not provide a process for designation, the [The]
9 precinct chair is the temporary chair of the precinct convention
10 held under this subchapter.

11 (b) If the person designated as temporary [precinct] chair
12 is absent, a person who is eligible to participate in the convention
13 may act as temporary chair.

14 SECTION 3. Section 174.062, Election Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Sec. 174.062. TYPE OF CONVENTION HELD. (a) A county
17 convention shall be held in a county if the county is not situated
18 in more than one state senatorial district. A political party may
19 provide by rule for the division of the county by commissioners
20 precincts for the purpose of convening more than one county
21 convention in separate places.

22 (b) If a county is situated in more than one state
23 senatorial district, instead of a county convention a senatorial
24 district convention shall be held in each part of the county that is
25 situated in a different senatorial district, unless otherwise
26 provided by party rule. A political party may provide by rule for
27 the division of the senatorial district by commissioners precincts

1 or state representative districts for the purpose of convening more
2 than one senatorial district convention in separate places.

3 SECTION 4. Section 174.063, Election Code, is amended by
4 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read
5 as follows:

6 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the [The] county
7 and senatorial district conventions shall be held on the third
8 Saturday after general primary election day. However, if that date
9 occurs during Passover or on the day following Good Friday, the
10 conventions shall be held on the next Saturday that does not occur
11 during Passover or on the day following Good Friday.

12 (b) The date, hour, and place for the convening of [a]
13 county and senatorial district conventions [convention] shall be
14 set in the same manner as for the precinct conventions held under
15 this chapter. County and senatorial district conventions shall
16 convene at the same date and hour.

17 (d) A party may provide by rule that a county convention
18 shall be held immediately following the precinct conventions, in a
19 location where one or more of the precinct conventions is held.

20 SECTION 5. Section 174.065(a), Election Code, is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (a) A political party may provide by rule a process for the
23 designation of the temporary chair for a county or senatorial
24 district convention. If a party does not provide a process for the
25 designation by rule:

26 (1) the [The] county chair is the temporary chair of a
27 county convention held under this subchapter;

1 (2) for~~[. If]~~ a senatorial district [~~is~~] situated in
2 more than one county, the senatorial district executive committee
3 member from each county is the temporary chair of the senatorial
4 district convention held in the territory that the committee member
5 represents; and

6 (3) for~~[. If]~~ a senatorial district [~~is~~] not situated
7 in more than one county, the chair of the district executive
8 committee is the temporary chair of the senatorial district
9 convention.

10 SECTION 6. Section 174.063(c), Election Code, is repealed.

11 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.