

1-1 By: Paul, Miller of Fort Bend H.B. No. 3456
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Estes)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 18, 2015;
 1-4 May 18, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-5 Affairs; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the composition of a district executive committee of a
 1-21 political party.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 171.054, Election Code, is amended to
 1-24 read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 171.054. COMMITTEE COMPOSITION: DISTRICT SITUATED IN
 1-26 MORE THAN ONE COUNTY; FIRST MEETING. (a) The district executive
 1-27 committee for a district situated in more than one county consists
 1-28 of the members of each county executive committee who reside in the
 1-29 district [+

1-30 ~~[(1) the county chair of each county that is wholly~~
 1-31 ~~situated in the district; and~~

1-32 ~~[(2) one precinct chair from each county that is only~~
 1-33 ~~partly situated in the district, elected by and from among the~~
 1-34 ~~precinct chairs of the precincts in that part of the county].~~

1-35 (b) ~~The [Except as provided by Subsection (c), the] state~~
 1-36 ~~[county] chair shall call a meeting of the district executive~~
 1-37 ~~committee to convene either as a whole in one location or separately~~
 1-38 ~~in each county in the district at any time after the precinct chairs~~
 1-39 ~~take office to fill a vacancy in a nomination or to transact any~~
 1-40 ~~other business by the committee [elect the precinct chair who is to~~
 1-41 ~~serve on a district executive committee]. The state [county] chair~~
 1-42 ~~shall notify the members of the district executive committee~~
 1-43 ~~[appropriate precinct chairs] in advance of the [meeting of its]~~
 1-44 ~~time, place, and purpose of any meeting or meetings. [Not later~~
 1-45 ~~than the third day after the date the district executive committee~~
 1-46 ~~member is elected, the county chair shall deliver to the state chair~~
 1-47 ~~written notice of the name and address of the person elected.]~~

1-48 (c) If a vacancy exists in the office of senatorial district
 1-49 [precinct] chair for a county [on a senatorial district executive
 1-50 committee] immediately before the date for conducting the regular
 1-51 drawing for a place on the general primary ballot, the appropriate
 1-52 county executive committee members [precinct chairs] shall convene
 1-53 on that date at the hour and place specified by the county chair to
 1-54 elect that officer.

1-55 (d) If the district executive committee is meeting as a
 1-56 whole in one location, the [The] members of the [a district
 1-57 executive] committee shall elect a chair at the committee's first
 1-58 meeting from among the committee membership. If the district
 1-59 executive committee is meeting separately in each county, the
 1-60 members meeting in each county shall elect a chair at the
 1-61 committee's first meeting from among the committee membership in

2-1 that county.

2-2 (e) For the purposes of filling a vacancy in a nomination,
2-3 the [The] state chair shall canvass the votes of the district
2-4 executive committee when meeting separately in each county and make
2-5 the certification required by Section 145.037 [call the first
2-6 meeting of the district executive committee and shall notify each
2-7 committee member in advance of the meeting of its time, place, and
2-8 purpose].

2-9 (f) The state executive committee shall by rule determine
2-10 the quorum requirements for a district executive committee to
2-11 conduct business.

2-12 (g) The state executive committee may by rule require a
2-13 specific deadline for filling vacancies on a district executive
2-14 committee prior to that committee filling a vacancy in nomination
2-15 for public office, but may not set the deadline for a date later
2-16 than the date that the vacancy in nomination for public office must
2-17 be filled. A rule adopted under this subsection may also include a
2-18 requirement that a county executive committee publicly post on the
2-19 committee's website the names and addresses of district executive
2-20 committee members as of the deadline specified in the rule.

2-21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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