

any city charter in so far as said act or charter is in conflict herewith.

Passed the House March 2, 1939.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1939.

Approved by the Governor March 7, 1939.

CHAPTER 48.

[H. B. 300.]

ELECTION OF COMMITTEEMEN.

AN ACT relating to officers of county and state party committee organizations, and amending section 1 of chapter 200 of the Laws of 1927 (section 5198 of Remington's Revised Statutes).

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 200 of the Laws of 1927 (section 5198 of Remington's Revised Statutes) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amends
§ 5198 Rem.
Rev. Stat.

Section 1. The precinct committeeman of each party entitled to participate in the September primaries shall be elected at the September primaries. Any elector duly registered to vote in his precinct may file, at a cost of \$1.00 with the county auditor, a declaration of candidacy for precinct committeeman for the election precinct in which he resides. Said filing shall be in all respects and follow the form provided for the filing of declaration of candidacy for county offices. The name of such candidates so filing for precinct committeeman shall be printed or stamped upon the official ballot: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall prevent any voter from writing in on the ticket the name of one qualified registered elector of the precinct, for member of the party committee of his party county committee. The one having the highest number of votes shall be such committeeman of such party for such

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precinct. The party committee of each county shall consist of the precinct committeeman from the several precincts of such county. The state committee shall consist of one committeeman and one committee woman from each county, elected by the county committee, which shall meet for such purpose and organization at the court house at the county seat of each county at 2 o'clock p. m. on the second Saturday after such primary election, unless some other time and place of such meeting shall be designated by a regular call of the properly authorized officers of the retiring committee. The officers of each county committee and the officers of the state committee must include a chairman, and a vice-chairman who shall be of the opposite sex from the chairman. Each political party organization shall have the power to make its own rules and regulations, call conventions, elect delegates to conventions, state and national, fill vacancies on the ticket, provide for the nomination of presidential electors, and perform all other functions inherent to such organizations, the same as though this act had not been passed: *Provided*, That in no instance shall any convention have the power to nominate any candidate to be voted for at any primary election.

Vice-chairman to be opposite sex from chairman.

Party powers.

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