

# SENATE BILL NO. 928

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MOSLEY.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 115.607, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to reapportionment within political subdivisions.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 115.607, RSMo, is repealed and one new  
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.607,  
3 to read as follows:

115.607. 1. No person shall be elected or shall serve  
2 as a member of a county or city committee who is not, for  
3 one year next before the person's election, both a  
4 registered voter of and a resident of the county or city not  
5 within a county and the committee district from which the  
6 person is elected if such district shall have been so long  
7 established, and if not, then of the district or districts  
8 from which the same shall have been taken. Except as  
9 provided in subsections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this section,  
10 the membership of a county or city committee of each  
11 established political party shall consist of a man and a  
12 woman elected from each precinct, township, or ward in the  
13 county or city not within a county.

14 2. In each county of the first classification  
15 containing the major portion of a city which has over three  
16 hundred thousand inhabitants, two members of the committee,  
17 a man and a woman, shall be elected from each ward in the  
18 city. Any township entirely contained in the city shall

**EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

19 have no additional representation on the county committee.  
20 The election authority for the county shall, **as provided**  
21 **under subsection 7**, not later than six months after the  
22 decennial census has been reported to the President of the  
23 United States, divide the most populous township outside the  
24 city into eight subdistricts of contiguous and compact  
25 territory and as nearly equal in population as practicable.  
26 The subdistricts shall be numbered from one upward  
27 consecutively, which numbers shall, insofar as practicable,  
28 be retained upon reapportionment. Two members of the county  
29 committee, a man and a woman, shall be elected from each  
30 such subdistrict. Six members of the committee, three men  
31 and three women, shall be elected from the second and third  
32 most populous townships outside the city. Four members of  
33 the committee, two men and two women, shall be elected from  
34 the other townships outside the city.

35 3. In any city which has over three hundred thousand  
36 inhabitants, the major portion of which is located in a  
37 county with a charter form of government, for the portion of  
38 the city located within such county and notwithstanding  
39 section 82.110, it shall be the duty of the election  
40 authority, **as provided under subsection 7**, not later than  
41 six months after the decennial census has been reported to  
42 the President of the United States, to divide such cities  
43 into not less than twenty-four nor more than twenty-five  
44 wards after each decennial census. Wards shall be so  
45 divided that the number of inhabitants in any ward shall not  
46 exceed any other ward of the city and within the same  
47 county, by more than five percent, measured by the number of  
48 the inhabitants determined at the preceding decennial census.

49 4. In each county of the first classification  
50 containing a portion, but not the major portion, of a city

51 which has over three hundred thousand inhabitants, ten  
52 members of the committee, five men and five women, shall be  
53 elected from the district of each state representative  
54 wholly contained in the county in the following manner: **as**  
55 **provided under subsection 7**, within six months after each  
56 legislative reapportionment, the election authority shall  
57 divide each legislative district wholly contained in the  
58 county into five committee districts of contiguous territory  
59 as compact and as nearly equal in population as may be; two  
60 members of the committee, a man and a woman, shall be  
61 elected from each committee district. The election  
62 authority shall divide the area of the county located within  
63 legislative districts not wholly contained in the county  
64 into similar committee districts; two members of the  
65 committee, a man and a woman, shall be elected from each  
66 committee district.

67 5. **Except as otherwise provided herein**, in each city  
68 not situated in a county, two members of the committee, a  
69 man and a woman, shall be elected from each ward. **In the**  
70 **event the city wards are reduced to less than twenty-eight**  
71 **wards, each time the reapportionment authority for the city**  
72 **adopts a reapportionment plan and map for each of the wards,**  
73 **the reapportionment authority shall concurrently divide each**  
74 **ward into two compact and contiguous committee districts**  
75 **containing populations as nearly equal in population to each**  
76 **other as is practical, and thereafter, two members of the**  
77 **committee, a man and a woman, shall be elected from each**  
78 **committee district.**

79 6. In all counties with a charter form of government  
80 and a population of over nine hundred thousand inhabitants,  
81 [the county committee persons], **two members of the**  
82 **committee, a man and a woman,** shall be elected from each

83 township. **In substantial compliance with subsection 7,**  
84 within [ninety days] **six months** after August 28, [2002]  
85 **2022,** and **as provided under subsection 7,** within six months  
86 after each decennial census has been reported to the  
87 President of the United States, the election authority shall  
88 divide the county into twenty-eight compact and contiguous  
89 townships containing populations as nearly equal in  
90 population to each other as is practical.

91       **7. (1) Not later than five months after each**  
92 **decennial census has been reported to the President of the**  
93 **United States, the election authority shall publish notice**  
94 **of a tentative reapportionment plan and map of the proposed**  
95 **wards, townships, and/or committee districts, a copy of**  
96 **which shall be forwarded to the chairs of the city or county**  
97 **committee for each political party that appeared on the**  
98 **ballot for election of city or county committee members at**  
99 **the next election preceding the decennial census, who shall**  
100 **immediately forward a copy of said notice to the members of**  
101 **the city or county committee of his or her political party,**  
102 **and during the ensuing fifteen days, the election authority**  
103 **shall hold such public hearings as may be necessary to hear**  
104 **objections or testimony of interested persons. The election**  
105 **authority shall make public the tentative reapportionment**  
106 **plan and map of the proposed wards, townships, and/or**  
107 **committee districts, as well as all demographic and partisan**  
108 **data used in the creation of the plan and map.**

109       **(2) Not later than six months after each decennial**  
110 **census has been reported to the President of the United**  
111 **States, the election authority shall adopt a final statement**  
112 **of the names or numbers and the boundaries of the ward,**  
113 **township, and/or committee districts together with a map of**  
114 **the ward, township, and/or committee districts.**

115           **8. After the final statement is filed, members of the**  
116 **county or city committee shall be elected according to such**  
117 **reapportionment plan and map until a new reapportionment**  
118 **plan and map is made as provided in subsection 7, except**  
119 **that** if any election authority has failed to adopt a  
120 reapportionment plan by the deadline set forth in this  
121 section, the county commission, sitting as a reapportionment  
122 commission, shall within sixty days after the deadline,  
123 adopt a reapportionment plan. Changes of township, ward,  
124 **district**, or precinct lines shall not affect the terms of  
125 office of incumbent party committee members elected from  
126 **townships, wards, or** districts as constituted at the time of  
127 their election.

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