

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 705

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE COUNTY CONVENTION  
5 NOTIFICATION PROCESS; PROVIDING THAT NOTIFICATION OF THE CALL OF THE COUNTY  
6 CONVENTION BE SENT THROUGH ELECTRONIC MAIL TO COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES INSTEAD  
7 OF CONVENTIONAL MAIL; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-38-205, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 13-38-205, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"13-38-205. Organization and operation of county and city central committees.** (1) The county  
13 central committee shall meet prior to the state convention of its political party and organize by electing a  
14 presiding officer and one or more vice presiding officers. The gender of the presiding officer and the vice  
15 presiding officer may not be the same. The county central committee shall elect a secretary and other officers  
16 as necessary. It is not necessary for the officers to be precinct committee representatives.

17 (2) The committee may select managing or executive committees and authorize subcommittees to  
18 exercise all powers conferred upon the county, city, state, and congressional central committees by the election  
19 laws of this state.

20 (3) The presiding officer of the county central committee shall call the county convention and not  
21 less than 4 days before the date of the county convention shall publish the call in a newspaper published at the  
22 county seat and ~~mail~~ send through electronic mail OR TRADITIONAL MAIL a copy of the call to each precinct  
23 committee representative. If party rules permit the use of a proxy, a proxy may not be recognized unless it is  
24 held by an elector of the precinct of the committee representative executing it.

25 (4) The county presiding officer of the party shall preside at the county convention. No person  
26 other than a duly elected or appointed committee representative or officer of the committee is entitled to  
27 participate in the proceedings of the committee.

28 (5) If a committee representative is absent, the convention may fill the vacancy by appointing some

1 qualified elector of the party, resident in the precinct, to represent the precinct in the convention.  
2 (6) The county convention shall elect delegates and alternate delegates to the state convention  
3 under rules of the state party. The presiding officer and secretary of the county convention shall issue and sign  
4 certificates of election of the delegates."

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