

House File 2239 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the organization of congressional district
- 2 conventions.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 43.97, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 3. Elect delegates to the next ensuing regular state
4 convention and to all district conventions of that year upon
5 such ratio of representation as may be determined by the party
6 organization for the state, district or districts of the state,
7 as the case may be. ~~Delegates to district conventions need not
8 be selected in the absence of any apparent reason therefor.~~
9 Delegates shall be persons who are or will by the date of
10 the next general election become eligible electors and who are
11 residents of the county.

12 Sec. 2. Section 43.102, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Each political party ~~may~~ shall hold a congressional district
15 convention ~~upon the call of the state party chairperson to do all~~
16 of the following:

17 Sec. 3. Section 43.102, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 3. Transact such other business as required by law, or
20 as required or permitted by the party's state constitution or
21 bylaws, or the rules of the convention.

22 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **43.105 District platform and bylaws.**

23 1. Each congressional district convention held by each
24 political party pursuant to section 43.102 shall adopt a district
25 platform, a copy of which shall be transmitted to the party's
26 state central committee for consideration during the adoption of
27 the state party's platform pursuant to section 43.111, subsection
28 1.

29 2. Beginning in the year 2027, there shall be established at
30 or prior to each political party's district convention a district
31 central committee composed of the chair and co-chair of each
32 county central committee in the district. The district central
33 committee shall elect a chair, co-chair, secretary, and such
34 other officers as the district central committee may determine.
35 The term of office of an officer begins at the time specified

1 by the state party's constitution or bylaws and continues for
2 two years and until the officer's successor is elected and
3 qualified, unless the officer dies, resigns, or is sooner removed
4 by the district central committee for inattention to duty or
5 incompetency.

6 3. Each district central committee shall enact bylaws to
7 govern the committee's operation. A copy of the bylaws shall be
8 kept on file at the office of the state commissioner. Amendments
9 to a district central committee's bylaws shall upon adoption be
10 filed in the same manner as the original document.

11 4. Each district central committee may organize at pleasure
12 for political work as is usual and customary with such committees
13 and provide for cooperation with party auxiliary bodies.

14 5. There shall be no proxies at a congressional district
15 convention.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to the organization of congressional
20 district conventions by political parties. The bill requires
21 each political party to hold a congressional district convention
22 to elect or nominate members of the party's central committee,
23 make nominations to fill vacancies on the general election
24 ballot, and transact other business as required by law or
25 required or permitted by the party's state constitution, bylaws,
26 or rules of the convention.

27 The bill also requires a congressional district convention
28 to adopt a district platform, which shall be transmitted to
29 the party's state central committee for consideration during the
30 adoption of the state party's platform. Beginning in 2027, the
31 bill requires each district convention to establish a district
32 central committee composed of the chair and co-chair of each
33 county central committee in the district, which shall elect
34 officers. The term of a district central committee officer shall
35 be two years and until the officer's successor is elected and

1 qualified, unless the officer dies, resigns, or is removed. The
2 bill also requires a district central committee to enact bylaws,
3 a copy of which shall be kept on file at the office of the
4 state commissioner of elections. The bill allows a district
5 central committee to organize at pleasure for political work
6 as is usual and customary with such committees and provide for
7 cooperation with party auxiliary bodies. The bill prohibits the
8 participation of proxies at a congressional district convention.

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