

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 934

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES YATES (Sponsor) AND LeVOTA (Co-sponsor).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 115.607, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to county committee membership.

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Section A. Section 115.607, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.607, to read as follows:

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

2. In each county of the first classification containing the major portion of a city which has over three hundred thousand inhabitants, two members of the committee, a man and a woman, shall be elected from each ward in the city. Any township entirely contained in the city shall have no additional representation on the county committee. The election authority for the county shall, not later than six months after the decennial census has been reported to the President of the United States, divide the most populous township outside the city into eight subdistricts of contiguous and compact territory and as nearly equal in population as practicable. The subdistricts shall be numbered from one upward consecutively, which numbers shall, insofar as practicable, be retained upon reapportionment. Two members of the county committee, a man and a woman, shall be elected from each such subdistrict. Six members of the committee, three

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 men and three women, shall be elected from the second and third most populous townships  
19 outside the city. Four members of the committee, two men and two women, shall be elected  
20 from the other townships outside the city.

21 3. In any city which has over three hundred thousand inhabitants, the major portion of  
22 which is located in a county with a charter form of government, for the portion of the city located  
23 within such county and notwithstanding section 82.110, RSMo, it shall be the duty of the  
24 election authority, not later than six months after the decennial census has been reported to the  
25 President of the United States, to divide such cities into not less than twenty-four nor more than  
26 twenty-five wards after each decennial census. Wards shall be so divided that the number of  
27 inhabitants in any ward shall not exceed any other ward of the city and within the same county,  
28 by more than five percent, measured by the number of the inhabitants determined at the  
29 preceding decennial census.

30 4. In each county of the first classification containing a portion, but not the major  
31 portion, of a city which has over three hundred thousand inhabitants, ten members of the  
32 committee, five men and five women, shall be elected from the district of each state  
33 representative wholly contained in the county in the following manner: within six months after  
34 each legislative reapportionment, the election authority shall divide each legislative district  
35 wholly contained in the county into five committee districts of contiguous territory as compact  
36 and as nearly equal in population as may be; two members of the committee, a man and a  
37 woman, shall be elected from each committee district. The election authority shall divide the  
38 area of the county located within legislative districts not wholly contained in the county into  
39 similar committee districts; two members of the committee, a man and a woman, shall be elected  
40 from each committee district.

41 5. In each city not situated in a county, two members of the committee, a man and a  
42 woman, shall be elected from each ward.

43 6. In all counties with a charter form of government and a population of over nine  
44 hundred thousand inhabitants, the county committee persons shall be elected from each  
45 township. Within ninety days after August 28, 2002, and within six months after each decennial  
46 census has been reported to the President of the United States, the election authority shall divide  
47 the county into twenty-eight compact and contiguous townships containing populations as nearly  
48 equal in population to each other as is practical.

49 7. **Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in any township with**  
50 **more than eighty-seven thousand but fewer than ninety-two thousand inhabitants and that**  
51 **is partially located in any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand**  
52 **inhabitants and located in more than one county, the election authority for the county with**  
53 **a charter form of government in which a portion of such township lies shall, not later than**

54 **six months after the tabulation of total population by states in each decennial census is**  
55 **reported to the President of the United States under Section 141, Title 13, United States**  
56 **Code, as amended, divide the portion of township located outside such city into subdistricts**  
57 **of contiguous and compact territory and as nearly equal in population as practicable. The**  
58 **subdistricts shall be numbered consecutively from one upward, and such numbers shall**  
59 **be retained upon reapportionment as far as practicable. The subdistricts shall be divided**  
60 **so that no subdistrict exceeds the population of any other subdistrict or ward located in**  
61 **both the township and the city by more than five percent, measured by the number of**  
62 **inhabitants residing in the township based on the decennial census. Two members of the**  
63 **county committee shall be elected from each subdistrict, with one member to be male and**  
64 **one member to be female.**

65 **8.** If any election authority has failed to adopt a reapportionment plan by the deadline set  
66 forth in this section, the county commission, sitting as a reapportionment commission, shall  
67 within sixty days after the deadline, adopt a reapportionment plan. Changes of township, ward,  
68 or precinct lines shall not affect the terms of office of incumbent party committee members  
69 elected from districts as constituted at the time of their election.

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