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CONVENTIONS

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**§ 401. Time and place; procedure**

Each party shall hold a state convention between March 1st and October 1st biennially during general election year.

**1. Time, place and representation.** The state committee of the party shall determine the time, place and basis of representation for the convention.

**2. Proceedings at convention.** The convention shall do the following:

**A. Organize.** Elect a secretary and a chairman of the convention in that order.

**B. Platform.** Adopt a platform for the next general election.

**C. Presidential electors.** Nominate the number of presidential electors to which the State is entitled.

**D. Size of committees and method of election.** The convention shall determine the size of the state, district and county committees and the method of their election.

**E. State committee.** Elect a state committee.

**F. District committee.** Elect a district committee for each congressional district.

**G. County committee.** Elect a county committee for each county from persons nominated at municipal caucuses held in the county. If a municipality entitled to nominate a person for election to the county committee fails to do so, the convention may elect any resident of that municipality to the county committee.

1961, c. 360, § 1.

**§ 402. Committee functions**

Committees elected at the convention are governed by the following provisions:

**1. Committees to organize and report.** The committees elected at the convention shall organize within 30 days after the convention by electing a chairman, secretary and other necessary officers. The secretary of each committee shall advise the state committee the name and residence of its chairman and secretary within 10 days after its organization.

**2. State committee to report organization.** The chairman and the secretary of the state committee shall certify to the Secretary of State within 60 days after the convention the platform adopted, the name and residence of the chairman and secretary of each committee and of each committee member elected at the convention, and the names of the presidential electors.

**3. Term of office and duties of committees.** The committees and their officers shall hold office until the next state convention, and shall perform the duties imposed upon them by the convention at which they were chosen.

**4. Chairman and vice-chairman of state committee.** The chairman and vice-chairman of the state committee may be chosen from outside its membership.

1961, c. 360, § 1.