

By Senator Smith

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to political parties; amending s.  
3           103.091, F.S.; authorizing certain political parties  
4           to conduct elections for members of their state or  
5           county executive committees independent of a county;  
6           requiring that a person qualify with the qualifying  
7           officer for the party in order to be a candidate in  
8           such elections; providing an effective date.

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10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 103.091, Florida  
13   Statutes, is amended to read:

14           103.091 Political parties.—

15           (4) A ~~Any~~ political party other than a minor political  
16   party may by rule provide for the membership of its state or  
17   county executive committee to be elected at an election  
18   conducted by and for the political party, which election is  
19   independent of the county. The election shall be held for 4-year  
20   ~~terms at the primary election in August of each year that a~~  
21   presidential election is held. The members of an executive  
22   committee shall be elected to 4-year terms commencing shall  
23   ~~commence~~ on the first day of the month following the each  
24   ~~presidential general election; but the names of candidates for~~  
25   ~~political party offices shall not be placed on the ballot at any~~  
26   ~~other election.~~ The results of such election shall be determined  
27   by a plurality of the votes cast. ~~In such event,~~ Electors  
28   seeking to qualify for such office shall do so with the  
29   qualifying officer for the party ~~Department of State or~~

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30 ~~supervisor of elections~~ not earlier than noon of the 71st day,  
31 or later than noon of the 67th day, preceding the ~~primary~~  
32 election. The outgoing chair of each county executive committee  
33 shall, within 30 days after the committee members take office,  
34 hold an organizational meeting of all newly elected members for  
35 the purpose of electing officers. The chair of each state  
36 executive committee shall, within 60 days after the committee  
37 members take office, hold an organizational meeting of all newly  
38 elected members for the purpose of electing officers.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.