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SUMMARY

- Clarifies that any time more than one organized group claims to be the rightful county central committee, the group must file a list of its officers and members.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

County central committees

County central committees are political party organizations, created by statute,¹ consisting of individuals from each election precinct in the county, that are empowered to fill vacancies in partisan offices and candidacies, and perform other functions as prescribed by law.² They are assisted by executive committees, chosen by their members.

When more than one group of people claim to be the rightful county central or executive committee, under existing law, the group must file a list of its officers and members, and the board of elections must certify them to the state central committee of the party concerned. Then, the state central committee must meet within 30 days and certify which committee is recognized as the rightful county central or executive committee.

The bill clarifies that these groups must file the lists “at any time” there is more than one group.³ Existing law requires these lists to be filed “promptly after the organization of each of such committees,” and when there is a change of membership.⁴

¹ R.C. 3517.03. not in the bill.

² See, e.g., R.C. 3513.31 and 305.02, not in the bill.

³ R.C. 3517.05.

⁴ R.C. 3517.06, not in the bill.

HISTORY

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