

# Nebraska State Republican Party Constitution

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## PREAMBLE

That our beloved Republic may have the best and most just government and the freest and happiest people of all time, the Republican Party of Nebraska pledges and dedicates itself:

To oppose dictators and dictatorships, bureaucrats and bureaucracy; to maintain and continue Constitutional government in our State and Nation; to make sure that our government is one of laws and not of men; and that the laws enacted by the representatives of a free people through the unrestricted exercise of the ballot shall be justly administered and impartially enforced; to perpetuate the spirit of free enterprise; to make the opportunities of succeeding generations greater and better than those of the past; to decrease the burdens imposed by and the expenses incurred in government; to defend at any and all times, in both peace and war, our long established institutions of liberty against attacks from foreign and domestic threats; to the end that our government shall be truly and in fact a “government of the people, by the people, and for the people.”

## ARTICLE I

### *Name and Objectives*

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the Republican Party of Nebraska.

**Section 2.** The objectives of the Party shall be the maintenance of government of, by and for the people according to the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Nebraska, and the furtherance of such principles as may from time to time be adopted.

## ARTICLE II

### *Membership*

**Section 1.** The membership of the Party shall be composed of all the registered Republican voters of the State of Nebraska who desire to support the objectives of the Party.

**Section 2.** It shall be the duty of the several County Central Committees to enroll all the members of the Party within their respective counties, so far as practicable. Opportunity for enrollment shall be open at all times to all voters.

## ARTICLE III

### *Organization*

**Section 1.** The State Convention of the duly elected delegates when in session shall be the governing body of the Republican Party of Nebraska and when not in session the State Central Committee.

**Section 2.** The Republican Party of Nebraska shall be organized upon a statewide basis and be divided into Congressional districts, State Central Committee districts, and the County organizations, and such further subdivisions as may be desirable from time to time.

**Section 3.** The Nebraska Republican Party Constitution shall be the governing document of the Party. No County Constitution may contradict or supersede the Nebraska Republican Party Constitution. No constitution of any Party subdivision may contradict or supersede the Nebraska Republican Party Constitution.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### *Representatives on Republican National Committee*

**Section 1.** In each year when a President of the United States is to be elected, the State Convention shall elect a National Committeeman and a National Committeewoman to take office at the close of the succeeding National Convention. The State Chairman shall certify the names of the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman so elected to the National Committee.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### *All Conventions*

**Section 1. UNIT RULE ABOLISHED, INDIVIDUAL VOTING.** At all conventions, whether State or County, each delegate shall be entitled to register his individual vote, and no delegate shall be bound by any Party or convention rule requiring the delegates from any political subdivision to vote as a unit.

**Section 2. ORDER OF BUSINESS.** Except as otherwise herein provided, the order of business at all conventions shall be determined at the beginning of the convention by the State or County Chairman as the case may be. The order of business so announced may be altered by the vote of sixty percent of the delegates voting thereon.

**Section 3.** Votes cast at all conventions shall be cast by delegates or alternates personally present and no proxy voting shall be permitted.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

##### *State Convention*

**Section 1. NUMBER, NOMINATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES.** The State Central Committee shall fix the representation of the State Convention for the various counties in the manner provided by law and shall notify each County Chairman of such action at least thirty days before the time of holding the County Convention. Each county shall be entitled to a minimum of one delegate. The total number of delegates shall be four hundred. The number of alternates and the apportionment thereof shall be the same as the delegates.

**Section 2.** Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote which may be cast by the alternate in the absence of the delegate. In the absence of any delegate, the roll of the alternates shall be called.

The alternates from each county or district, as the case may be, shall be entitled to serve in order designated by the County Convention, or the County Committee.

**Section 3.** In addition to its first meeting as a State Convention, the State Convention may be reconvened at any time prior to the statutory date for holding of the County Conventions at which the delegates to the successor State Convention are elected, upon the call of the State Chairman, at the direction of the State Central Committee, or upon the direction of the Executive Committee of the State Central Committee by a majority vote of the entire membership thereof. At such meetings, the convention may transact such business as may properly come before it. In Presidential election years where the State Convention cannot conveniently be convened at a date sufficiently early to make such nominations prior to the date of the convening of the Republican National Convention, the National Committeeman and the National Committeewoman may be elected by such reconvened State Convention.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### *State Conventions and Conventions Involving the Election of National Convention Delegates*

**Section 1. TIME OF HOLDING.** A State Convention shall be held in even numbered years on a date to be fixed by the State Central Committee.

**Section 2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF CONVENTION.** The Convention shall formulate and promulgate a state platform, select a State Central Committee, select electors for President and Vice President of the United States, exercise such other powers as ordinarily vested in conventions and transact such business as shall properly come before it.

### **Section 3. NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES.**

1. In each Presidential election year, delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention shall be elected in the manner specified in this Section 3, as authorized by the Rules of the National Convention.
2. All candidates for National Convention delegate and alternate delegate shall file for election in person or by mailing a notice of intent to the State Headquarters postmarked no later than 10 business days prior to the date the State Convention commences. Only persons elected and credentialed as delegates or alternates to the State Convention shall be qualified to be elected at the State Convention as National Convention delegates or alternates.
3. All candidates for National Convention delegate and alternate delegate at the State Convention shall designate the presidential candidate to whom they are committed and shall be bound by such commitment if elected in accordance with Nebraska State Law. Delegate and alternate candidates shall indicate their commitments by mailing a notice to the State Headquarters, postmarked no later than 10 business days prior to the date the State Convention commences. Only individuals pledged to the candidate who wins the Nebraska Primary Election shall be eligible for election as delegates or alternate delegates to the National Convention.
4. All National Convention delegates designated by the Rules of the National Convention as at-large delegates shall be elected at-large by the State Convention. All National Convention alternate delegates designated by the Rules of the National Convention as at-large alternate

delegates shall be elected at-large by the State Convention following the election of at-large National Convention delegates.

5. All National Convention delegates and alternate delegates designated by the Rules of the National Convention as district delegates or district alternate delegates, respectively, shall be elected by the caucus of delegates of that U.S. House of Representatives district at the State Convention in accordance with the Congressional District boundaries delineated under Nebraska State law.
6. The State Central Committee shall be authorized to draft such rules as are necessary to implement Section 3 so long as such rules are in keeping with the provisions of the Rules of the National Convention, this Constitution, and Nebraska law.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### *Vacancy on Ticket — How Filled*

**Section 1. GENERAL ELECTIONS.** Should any vacancy arise on the ballot for any cause after a primary election, such vacancy shall be filled by a quorum of the (1) State Central Committee in the case of State office or United States Senator, (2) Congressional District Committee in the case of the United States Representative, or (3) County Central Committee in the case of County offices, in the manner and time provided by law. The Chairman of the appropriate committee shall call a meeting of the committee at a place designated by him at such time as to permit the filing of the Certificate of the Nomination of a candidate with the proper election officers in the time and manner provided by law.

**Section 2. SPECIAL ELECTIONS.** Should any vacancy arise on the ballot for any cause which results in a special election, such vacancy shall be filled by a quorum of the (1) State Central Committee in the case of State office or United States Senator; (2) Congressional District Committee in the case of the United States Representative, or (3) County Central Committee in the case of County offices, in the manner and time provided by law. The Chairman of the appropriate committee shall call a meeting of the committee at a place designated by him at such time as to permit the filing of the Certificate of the Nomination of a candidate with the proper election officers in the time and manner provided by law.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### *State Party Administration*

**Section 1. GENERAL MANAGEMENT.** Between conventions, the general management of the affairs and business of the Party shall be vested in the State Central Committee. All general policies of the party shall be determined by the State Central Committee, subject to the direction of the State Convention. The annual budget, the Legislative program of the Party, and all appointments to Party offices shall be submitted to the State Central Committee for approval or amendment.

### **Section 2. STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE – HOW SELECTED.**

1. The State shall be apportioned into 51 Republican Central Committee Districts. Such apportionment shall be reviewed by the State Central Committee at least every four years. The State Central Committee shall have authority from time to time to reapportion such

Central Committee Districts so that nearly as practical each such District shall include all of one or more Central Committee Districts; the State Central Committee may elect to permit an appropriate County organization to apportion such districts within such County.

2. Commencing in the second year following a decennial census and continuing until said Districts are reapportioned as provided herein, the State Central Committee Districts shall be as follows:

District 101	Cuming, Colfax, Stanton Counties
District 102	Platte County
District 103	Madison County
District 104	Dodge County
District 105	Butler, Polk (CD1 portion) and Seward Counties
District 106	Cass County
District 107	Sarpy County (Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 19)
District 108	Sarpy County (Precincts 29, 14, 15, 37, 36, 18, 21, 20, 22, 45, 24, 26, 23, 27, 65, 64, 28, 12, 66)
District 109	Sarpy County (Precincts 50, 49, 53, 47, 48, 58, 62, 46, 32, 35, 41, 57, 70, 31, 34, 40, 43, 30, 33, 38, 39, 42, 44)
District 110	Lancaster County (LD 21)
District 111	Lancaster County (LD 25)
District 112	Lancaster County (LD 26)
District 113	Lancaster County (LD 27)
District 114	Lancaster County (LD 28)
District 115	Lancaster County (LD 29)
District 116	Lancaster County (LD 2, 30 & 32)
District 117	Lancaster County (LD 46)
District 201	Saunders County
District 202	Sarpy County (Precincts 74, 52, 51, 55, 54, 75, 61, 59, 56, 60, 63)
District 203	Sarpy County (Precincts 80, 78, 77, 79, 81, 76, 71, 72, 73, 69, 68, 25, 67)
District 204	Douglas County (LD 4)
District 205	Douglas County (LD 5)
District 206	Douglas County (LD 6)
District 207	Douglas County (LD 7)
District 208	Douglas County (LD 8)
District 209	Douglas County (LD 9)
District 210	Douglas County (LD 10)
District 211	Douglas County (LD 11)
District 212	Douglas County (LD 12)
District 213	Douglas County (LD 13)
District 214	Douglas County (Douglas County portion of LD 15, LD 18)
District 215	Douglas County (LD 20)
District 216	Douglas County (Douglas County portion of LD 36, LD 31)
District 217	Douglas County (LD 39)

District 301	Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson Counties
District 302	Gage, Jefferson, and Saline Counties
District 303	Clay, Fillmore, Franklin, Hamilton, Harlan, Nuckolls, Thayer, and Webster Counties
District 304	Adams and Kearney Counties
District 305	Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Hayes, Hitchcock, Phelps, and Red Willow Counties
District 306	Howard, Merrick, Nance, Polk (CD3 portion), Sherman, and York Counties
District 307	Custer, Dawson, and Valley Counties
District 308	Hall County (LD 35)
District 309	Buffalo (LD 41) and Hall (LD 34) Counties
District 310	Buffalo County (LD 37)
District 311	Hooker, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Perkins, and Thomas Counties
District 312	Arthur, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Deuel, Garden, Grant, Keith, Morrill, and Sioux Counties
District 313	Banner, Kimball, and Scotts Bluff Counties
District 314	Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Dawes, Garfield, Holt, Keya Paha, Loup, Rock, and Sheridan Counties
District 315	Antelope, Boone, Cedar, Greeley, Knox, Pierce, and Wheeler Counties
District 316	Dakota, Dixon, and Wayne Counties
District 317	Burt, Thurston, and Washington Counties

– Three (3) Votes Per District –

3. The State Central Committee shall consist of a man and a woman from each Central Committee District, to be elected at caucuses of the delegates from the respective Districts to be held during the State Convention. Members from State Central Committee Districts included entirely within one County may be elected by the County Convention as that Convention may direct.
4. In addition, the National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman, the Chairman, Treasurer, three Congressional District Chairmen, three Congressional District Vice Chairmen, and three Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee elected by the State Central Committee members of their respective Congressional Districts shall be voting members of the State Central Committee unless such officeholder already is granted voting privileges as provided for in this Constitution.
5. In addition to the members selected as provided above, the following shall be members of the State Central Committee:
  1. In each State Central Committee District which contains more than one county, the county chairmen of all counties in each such District shall elect one of their numbers to serve as a member of the State Central Committee. Such election shall take place between the close of County Conventions and the beginning of State Convention.
  2. In each State Central Committee District which contains only one county, the County Chairman shall be a member of the State Central Committee.
  3. In each county which contains more than one State Central Committee District, the County Chairman or County Chairman Representative of such county shall be a member

of the State Central Committee and shall represent the State Central Committee District in which he or she resides.

4. There shall be an additional number of members of the State Central Committee equal to the total number of State Central Committee Districts in such county, less one. Each district in the county shall be entitled to one of such additional members, and they shall be selected as provided by the county constitution.

### **Section 3. OFFICERS.**

1. The officers of the State Party organization shall be a Chairman and Vice Chairman, one of whom shall be a man and one a woman; not more than four Assistant Chairmen, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Finance Chairman, and a General Counsel. They shall have the powers and duties usually incident to their respective offices, subject to the direction of the State Central Committee and the State Convention. The State Chairman shall be the Chairman of, and preside at the meetings of the State Convention, the State Central Committee, and the State Executive Committee. The Chairman may call to the chair any member of any body of which he is Chairman to preside temporarily.
2. Any officer elected or appointed may be removed with or without cause by a majority vote of State Convention delegates present or by a two-thirds majority vote of State Central Committee members present. Immediately following such removal, the same deliberative body making the removal shall take nominations and shall hold an election by a majority vote to fill the vacancy. If there is a removal of either the Chairman or Treasurer, then party financial transactions shall be suspended until banking authorization is properly transferred to the succeeding chairman or treasurer. A motion to remove pursuant to this subsection takes priority over all other motions and may be considered at any time while a state convention or state central committee meeting is convened. The provisions of this subsection will become operative immediately upon adoption.

**Section 4. ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE.** The Chairman and Treasurer shall be elected by the State Central Committee at a meeting held prior to or during April of each odd-numbered years. The Vice Chairman, the four Assistant Chairmen, the Secretary, the Finance Chairman, and the General Counsel shall be appointed by the State Chairman and shall take office immediately with the approval of the Executive Committee as soon as practicable after the election of the State Chairman. All chairman appointed officers are subject to the approval of their appointments by the State Central Committee at its next meeting. The term of office of the State Officers and members of the State Central Committee shall be approximately two years. They shall serve until their successors have been elected.

### **Section 5. VACANCIES.**

1. The office of State Chairman, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman shall become vacant immediately when any incumbent shall become a candidate for an elective office. A vacancy in the office of National Committeeman or National Committeewoman shall be filled for the unexpired term by the State Central Committee at a meeting called for that purpose promptly after the creation of the vacancy.

2. If a vacancy occurs in any State Party office, the same shall be filled in the same manner as provided herein for the election or appointment of such officer. If a State Party officer is elected to represent a political subdivision (district) and the boundary of that district is redrawn due to a decennial census resulting in the officer no longer residing within that district, then the position shall become vacant.
3. Vacancies in the State Central Committee shall be filled immediately by a meeting of State Convention delegates in the Central Committee District where such vacancy occurs, provided that in Central Committee Districts included entirely within one county, the vacancy shall be filled in the manner determined by the respective County Central committee; provided that vacancies in the position of County Chairman Representative shall be filled by an election by the County Chairmen of all Counties in such District.
4. If Central Committee vacancies are not filled as provided above within 60 days after notice by the State Chairman to the County Chairmen and State Convention delegates of the Central Committee district in which the vacancy exists, the State Chairman shall fill the vacancy as soon as possible.
5. A vacancy in the office of delegate or State Central Committee shall exist upon the happening of any of the following events: (1) receipt of a letter of resignation, (2) death, (3) ceasing to be a resident of the County or District from which elected, (4) failure to be duly elected, (5) conviction of a felony, or (6) failure of a State Central Committee member to attend three meetings during that person's term. For the purpose of this subsection the member's term shall begin on the day of their election at the State Convention or subdistrict election.

## **Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

1. The Executive Committee of the Nebraska Republican Party shall consist of:
  - a) The elected State Chairman, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman who are the representatives to the Republican National Committee;
  - b) The elected Treasurer;
  - c) The chairman appointed positions of the State Vice Chairman, four Assistant State Chairmen, the Secretary, the Finance Chairman, and the General Counsel;
  - d) The nine elected Congressional District (CD) representatives, three from each district – the CD Chairman, the CD Vice Chairman, and the CD Member-at-Large – who shall be elected at the same State Central Committee meeting at which the State Chairman is elected;
  - e) The eight elected county chairmen representatives – two members from the First CD, two members from the Second CD, and four members from the Third CD – who shall concurrently serve as a county chairman and shall be elected by a vote of the county chairmen in each CD within thirty days from when the State Chairman is elected, with the provision that the chairman of the Lancaster County Republican Party shall be automatically elected to one of the two positions from the First CD;
  - f) The representatives of Auxiliary Republican Organizations for the State Federation of Republican Women President, the State Young Republican Chairman, the State College Republican Chairman, and the State High School Republican Chairman; and,
  - g) The immediate past state chairman.
  - h) Ex-officio non-voting members may attend each meeting at the State Chairman's discretion, with the Executive Committee having the ability to go into closed session and



remove such members temporarily if a majority of seated Executive Committee members vote to do so during a meeting.

2. The business policies, general affairs, and implementation of the approved annual budget, the approved Legislative Plan, and the approved Political Plan of the Party shall be administered by the Executive Committee. The annual budget may be amended and shall be approved by the Executive Committee as referenced in Art. IX, Sec. 7(2). Prior to or during September of each year, the Executive Committee shall prepare a Legislative Plan to be submitted for approval by the State Central Committee at its next meeting. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to fulfill the approved Political Plan to the extent possible as referenced in Art. IX, Sec. 8.
3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least three (3) times a year to coincide with each State Central Committee meeting. A meeting may be called by the Chairman or by a majority of the Executive Committee with written notice given at least ten days in advance. In addition, if the Chairman determines that extraordinary circumstances or an emergency necessitates a special meeting, the Executive Committee may act upon the Chairman's motion, with majority approval of the Executive Committee members, where such votes may be cast by telephone or email within a seven-day period.

#### **Section 7. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

1. The Budget and Finance Committee shall consist of the State Chairman, the State Treasurer, the National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman, and five members appointed by the State Chairman. The appointed members shall be one from each Congressional District and two members-at-large, one of whom shall be the Finance Chairman. The Executive Committee may authorize the Chairman to appoint up to six additional ex-officio members of the Budget and Finance Committee. The appointed members shall be approved by the Executive Committee and affirmed by the State Central Committee.
2. The Budget and Finance Committee shall, prior to or during January of each year, prepare and present a budget for the year. The budget shall be approved, or amended and approved, by the Executive Committee, provided, however, any amendment shall require a two-thirds vote of the elected and appointed members of the Executive Committee. After approval or amendment and approval by the Executive Committee, the budget shall be approved by the State Central committee, provided, however, any amendment shall require a two-thirds vote of the members of the State Central Committee present and voting at a meeting at which approval is requested. The budget, as finally approved by the Executive Committee, shall be delivered by mail or email to each member of the State Central committee not less than 10 days prior to the meeting at which approval is requested. Any amendment by the State Central Committee shall not require further approval by the Executive Committee.
3. After final approval by the State Central Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee shall have emergency authority to amend the Budget or authorize expenditures contrary thereto upon a three-fourths vote of the elected and appointed members of said Committee; provided, however, that such emergency authority be limited to that period of time of a general election year between the last State Central Committee meeting held and the date of the General Election.
4. A current written financial report shall be included at each State Committee Meeting.

5. At least 10 days prior to the approval of any proposed yearly budget by the State Central committee, the Executive Director shall submit to each member of the Budget and Finance Committee as defined in Article IX, Section 7, a report which shall specify in detail and by category the actual financial record of the previous year's budget expenditures in comparison to the approved budget for the previous year. In the case that the Budget and Finance Committee has failed to be formed, the documents shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for such review.

**Section 8. POLITICAL PLAN.** Prior to or during September of each odd-numbered year, the State Chairman shall present for review and adoption a two-year Political Plan to the State Central Committee. The Political Plan shall include such topics as the Chairman deems appropriate. The Chairman may appoint a committee to assist in preparation of the plan. The Political Plan shall be reviewed by the State Central Committee prior to or during April of each even-numbered year. The State Central Committee may make changes to the plan if it deems necessary.

**Section 9. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES.** The State Chairman shall have power, with approval of the Executive Committee, to appoint such additional Committees, from time to time, as circumstances may warrant.

**Section 10. EMPLOYEES.** The State Chairman shall have authority to employ an Executive Director for the Republican Party of Nebraska, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, and to employ such assistants and office personnel as may be required, subject to the budgetary requirements.

**Section 11. MEETING OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.**

1. The State Central Committee shall meet regularly at least three times each year at the call of the Chairman. A special meeting may be called by the Chairman, or by a majority of the Executive Committee. Written notice of all meetings shall be given to all members at least 30 days in advance, unless the Executive Committee determines that an emergency exists; in which case, notice shall be given as directed by the Executive Committee. A proposed agenda of the meeting shall accompany the notice.
2. Within 30 days after each meeting, digital copies of the minutes shall be sent to all members. If the Chairman determines and by the affirmative vote of a majority the Executive Committee agrees that extraordinary circumstances or an emergency so warrants, the Central Committee may act upon the motion of the Chairman by a favorable vote of a majority of all members of the Central Committee where such votes are cast by telephone or electronic mail within a period no greater than seven calendar days.

**Section 12. PERSONAL VOTING.**

1. No voting by proxy shall be permitted at any meeting of the State Central Committee. However, any member of the State Central Committee who is unable to attend any meeting of the Committee shall have the privilege of designating a personal substitute to attend that meeting. The personal substitute must be designated in writing, signed by the designating member, and must be a registered Republican for at least 90 days, residing in the county in

which the designating member resides or in any other county in the same State Central Committee District represented by the designating member.

2. For the designated meeting, the designated personal substitute shall be considered as a member of the State Central Committee. For the purposes of attendance, a personal substitute shall count for the State Central Committee member and no absence shall be counted. No person who is a member of the State Central Committee may serve as a designated personal substitute for more than one member at any one meeting.

**Section 13. QUORUM.** A quorum of the State Central Committee shall be one-half of the total seats thereof, excluding vacant seats. A person who has been properly designated as a personal substitute for a member shall stand in the place of the designating member for the purpose of determining quorum. At the beginning of each State Central Committee meeting the number of seats of the body and the number of members present shall be announced to the body and be included in the minutes.

**Section 14. ENDORSEMENT.**

1. The Party, including its officers and staff, may endorse a Republican candidate seeking a federal, statewide, legislative, or multi-county political office in a contested election if a request for endorsement is made by the candidate seeking endorsement and the endorsement is approved by a two-thirds vote of the State Central Committee. In the absence of a request for endorsement and a two-thirds vote of the State Central Committee, the Party including its officers and staff shall be prohibited from endorsing and financially supporting such candidate in a contested election.
2. County parties, including its officers and staff, may endorse a Republican candidate seeking a federal, statewide, legislative, multi-county, county, or local political office for political subdivisions geographically connected to the county in a contested election if a request for endorsement is made by the candidate seeking endorsement and the endorsement is approved by a two-thirds vote of the county's central committee. In the absence of a request for endorsement and a two-thirds vote of the county's central committee, the county party including its officers and staff shall be prohibited from endorsing and financially supporting said candidate in a contested election.
3. State Officers, Executive Committee members, State Central Committee members, and County parties including its officers and staff shall not endorse a non-Republican candidate in an election in which a Republican is a candidate. Any officer or member found to have violated this provision may be removed from their office or committee and a vacancy shall exist if a majority of the State Central Committee members vote to remove said officer or member.
4. Contested Election shall mean an election in which two or more Republicans are seeking the same political office in either a primary, special, or general election.
5. Endorsement shall mean: (1) a public display or statement of support either by print, electronic media, or a written statement; or (2) a reported campaign contribution. Materials created and distributed for the purpose of increasing voter turnout including but not limited to door-to-door distribution of Republican candidate literature, shall not be a prohibited endorsement.

6. Financially Supporting shall not include resources made available from the Republican National Committee through the Party and county parties to all Republican candidates including but not limited to mobile canvassing applications, walk lists, call lists, or data.
7. Nothing in this section shall restrict the Party including its officers and staff, county parties including its officers and staff from endorsing a Republican candidate in an election at any level when he or she is the only declared Republican candidate seeking that office.

## **ARTICLE X**

### *District Party Administration*

**Section 1. GENERAL MANAGEMENT.** The general management of the affairs and business of the Party pertaining to each Congressional District shall be fixed in a District Committee, which shall consist of those members of the State Central Committee residing within their district. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Member-at-Large of each district shall be elected at the same time the State Chairman is elected pursuant to Article IX, Section 6.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### *County Party Administration*

**Section 1. GENERAL MANAGEMENT.** The general management of the affairs and business of the Party in various Counties shall be fixed in the County Central Committee, subject to the direction of the County Convention.

**Section 2. COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.** The County Central Committee shall consist of such persons and be selected in such a manner as the Constitution of the Republican Party for the County shall provide and, in the absence of any provision in such Constitution inconsistent herewith, the County Central Committee shall consist of two persons from each voting precinct or ward within the County, one of whom shall be a man and one a woman, to be selected at caucuses of the delegates from the respective voting precincts or wards to be held at the County Convention or in such other manner as may be authorized by the Convention.

**Section 3. OFFICERS.** The officers of the County Party organization shall be a Chairman and a Vice Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; and they shall have the powers and duties usually incident to their respective offices, subject to the direction of the Central Committee and the County Convention. They shall be elected by the County Central Committee unless previously elected by County Convention.

**Section 4. TERMS OF OFFICE.** The terms of office of the County officers and the members of the County Committee shall be approximately two years, or until their respective successors have been selected. The County Committee may, at its discretion, by a majority vote authorize the County Chairman to appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer.

**Section 5. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES.** The County Chairman shall have power, with the approval of the County Central Committee, to appoint such additional Committees, from time to time, as circumstances may warrant.

**Section 6. MEETINGS OF COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.** Meetings of the County Central Committee, in addition to meetings hereinbefore prescribed, may be called by the County Chairman or by written request of not less than one-half of the members. County Parties shall meet regularly at least once every three months. Notice of each meeting shall be published in a medium or media of choice seven days in advance of each meeting. A record of the published notice shall be maintained by the County Secretary for a period of two years and made available upon request to the District Chairman or State Chairman.

**Section 7. COUNTY CONVENTION.** A Convention shall be held at the time and place designated by the County Chairman pursuant to law and shall conduct any business which may properly come before it, including the election of a County Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as it deems necessary. In even numbered years, the Party will conduct County Conventions between March 1st and April 10th at an hour and place to be designated by the County Chairman. The Party shall cause a notice to be published at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Convention setting forth the date, time, and place of the Convention. Delegates wishing to attend the County Convention shall register with the Election Commissioner or County Clerk of their respective County prior to March 1 of that year.

**Section 8. COUNTY CHAIR REPLACEMENT.** It shall be the duty of the Executive Director, at the completion of the County Conventions, to inform the State Chair of any county chairs who failed to hold a county convention or elect delegates and alternates or elect County Officers if normally done at the County Convention. Whenever the State Chairman determines that any County Chairman is failing to perform his duties or is performing them inadequately, including the absence of holding a County Convention, he shall report such facts to the State Executive Committee. If the State Executive Committee concurs in the findings of the State Chairman, a special meeting shall be held to vote whether to replace a county chairman and a majority vote shall be required to replace a county chairman. Upon a majority vote, the Executive Committee shall authorize the State Chairman, in consultation with the Congressional District Executive Committee members, to appoint one or more persons, residents of the County involved, to perform the duties of the County Chairman until within a reasonable amount of time, a meeting can be called for the County Party to elect a replacement.

**Section 9. COUNTY OFFICER VACANCY.** Whenever there is a vacancy in the elected officers of the county party, it shall be filled as follows: a vacant chair position shall be filled by the vice chair with an election as soon as possible to fill the vice chair position or chair position as addressed in the specific County Constitution; and a vacancy in the county Secretary or Treasurer position shall be filled by a vote of the remaining officers if not addressed differently in the county constitution. If there are no remaining officers or a previous unfilled vacancy exists, the Congressional District Chair (the State Central Committee District Chair) shall, with the approval of the State Chair, name a temporary chair who shall be charged to hold in election of officers as soon as is possible. For such a meeting, notice shall be given at least 7 days in advance and include information on the election of officers. In the case of a removal of a chair, Section 8 of Article XI shall be followed. Nothing in Section 9 will be construed to supersede the existing succession process articulated in a county party constitution.

**ARTICLE XII**  
*Miscellaneous*

**Section 1. AMENDMENTS.** This Constitution may be amended by a majority of the State Convention, or may be amended by the State Central Committee, but only if sixty five percent of those present at the meeting vote in favor of the proposed amendment, provided however, that the State Central Committee may amend this Constitution only at a meeting for which written notice, including a copy of the proposed amendment and a copy of the provision proposed to be amended, is given at least ten days prior to the meeting.

**Section 2. RULES.** At all meetings herein provided, “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” shall govern the procedure.