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1 Illinois Republican Party
2 Illinois Republican State Central Committee
3 Illinois Republican Party in Convention
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5 Convention Committee on Rules and Procedures Ruling
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8 1. Any person seeking to serve as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the 2008 Illinois
9 Republican State Convention must be a registered Republican voter in the Chicago ward, Cook
10 County Township, or county outside of Cook the person seeks to represent. A registered
11 Republican voter is an individual who cast a Republican ballot in the 2008 General Primary
12 Election, or who cast a Republican ballot in the last General Primary Election in which the
13 individual voted.
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15 Any ward, township or county party official certifying a list of Delegates and Alternates is
16 directed to confirm the required registered voter status of each person certified.
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18 *Explanation*
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20 Service as a Delegate or Alternate at the State Convention is representational in nature, as
21 reflected by provisions in statute, case law, and the binding parliamentary authority the Illinois
22 Republican Party has long followed. The state of Illinois Election Code directs Delegates to be
23 chosen by the geographic territories of Chicago wards, Cook County Townships and outside
24 Cook by counties. 10 ILCS 5/7-9(a).
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26 The representational nature of Delegates and Alternates is embodied by the Election Code's
27 statistical method of allocating one Delegate position for every 500 ballots voted by the primary
28 electors from each Chicago ward, Cook County township or downstate county. 10 ILCS 5/7-
29 9(d).
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31 In *People v. Kramer*, the Illinois Supreme Court rejected arguments that the statute was
32 unconstitutional because it allegedly did not require representational appointment of delegates.
33 According to the Court, "it will be noted that the delegates chosen by the committeemen of the
34 various wards of the city are the delegates to which such wards are entitled, and in the country
35 outside the city the delegates are those to which the precincts there included are entitled. This
36 language clearly indicates that the delegates to the state convention from the city are to be
37 residents of the city, while those from the country outside are to be residents of that territory..."
38 328 Ill. 512, 160 N.E. 60, Ill. 1928.
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40 Any question concerning the practice of the Illinois Republican Party is resolved by Roberts
41 Rules of Order, which speaks directly to the issue: "A convention is an assembly of delegates ...
42 as representatives of constituent units or subdivisions of a much larger body of people in whose
43 name the convention acts." "Delegates are selected by, and from among the members of, each
44 local branch." Roberts Rules of Order, Rule 1, "The Convention". Roberts Rules of Order, Rule
45 57, "Conventions of Delegates." Read in concert with the above-cited provisions of the Election
46 Code, Roberts requires Delegates and Alternates to be selected by the represented Chicago ward,
47 Cook County Township or downstate county, and requires such Delegates and Alternates to be
48 from the applicable geographic territories.
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1 The Illinois Republican Party and its Illinois Republican State Central Committee have
2 historically utilized voter registration as the indicator of residence that establishes eligibility to
3 serve in party office. This precedence will continue to be respected. Evidence of voter
4 registration in the represented Chicago ward, Cook County Township or downstate county will
5 continue to be utilized as the indicia of whether a person is from such territory.
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7 2. All official Delegate Certification Forms must be filed with the Illinois Republican Party by
8 the close of business on May 12, 2008. No changes may be made to the official Delegate
9 Certification Form after May 26, 2008, without approval of the Credentials Committee.
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11 *Explanation*

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13 County Chairmen, Cook County Township Committeemen and City of Chicago Ward
14 Committeemen must file their Delegate Certification Form by May 12, 2008 and may not make
15 changes to their official Delegate Certification Forms after May 26, 2008. The exception is that
16 a previously certified Alternate Delegate may be elevated to the status of Delegate at any time.
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18 3. Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall pick up their own credentials and show photographic
19 identification.
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21 *Explanation*

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23 Each delegate shall be required to pick up an official convention credential at the convention
24 registration desk on site at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel, Illinois, on June 6, 2008 or
25 June 7, 2008. Each delegate must show a photographic identification card or other identification
26 acceptable to the Parliamentarian.
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28 4. Any person or organization hosting officially sanctioned Convention events, or candidates
29 who have completed an application for National Committeeman or Committeewoman, may have
30 access to the names and addresses of potential delegates to the 2008 Illinois Republican State
31 Convention.
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33 *Explanation*

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35 Names and addresses listed on the Official Delegate Certification forms submitted by Republican
36 County Chairmen, Cook County Township Committeemen, and City of Chicago Ward
37 Committeemen will be available before 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2008. Requests must be made in
38 writing to the Executive Director of the Illinois Republican Party.
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41 5. All convention signage, other than Illinois Republican Party signage, shall be approved in
42 advance by the Committee on Arrangements.
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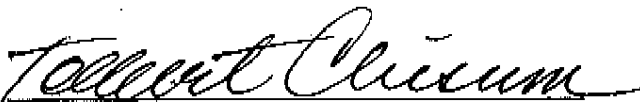
44 6. Only officially registered and credentialed delegates, alternates, and guests shall have access
45 to Convention space, conference rooms, common areas set aside for Convention purposes, and
46 vendor areas. All registered delegates, alternates, and guests must wear at all times the official
47 Convention credential and/or identification while on the premises.
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1 7. Minority Reports. No minority report of any convention committee will be accepted by the
2 Convention unless the subject matter is discussed in committee and such minority report is in
3 writing, signed by seven (7) or more members of such committee and submitted to the
4 Convention Secretary prior to or at the time the majority report is submitted to the Convention.
5 Article VIII(G) Bylaws of the Illinois Republican Party.
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7 8. Resolutions. All resolutions shall be submitted to the Convention by the Committee on
8 Platform and Resolutions without reading or debate except as otherwise provided by the Illinois
9 Republican Party Bylaws. No resolution or any amendment thereto shall be reported out or made
10 a part of any report of the Convention Committee on Platform and Resolutions unless it has been
11 submitted to the committee in writing prior to its report to the Convention and shall have
12 received the affirmative support of seven (7) members of that committee. Article VIII(I) Bylaws
13 of the Illinois Republican Party.
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15 9. Motions. No motion or resolution from the floor shall be in order unless submitted in writing
16 to the Convention Secretary, and signed by the Chairmen of at least fifty (50) delegations, along
17 with 500 photocopies of the motion or resolution, unless otherwise provided for in the Illinois
18 Republican Party Bylaws. Any motion or resolution so submitted shall be placed in the
19 appropriate place on the agenda for consideration by the Convention. Article VIII(J) Bylaws of
20 the Illinois Republican Party as adopted by the Rules Committee.
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28 Adopted unanimously by the Convention Committee on Rules and Procedures at its duly-held
29 meeting on May 14, in Chicago, Illinois.
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32 Tolbert Chisum, Chairman
33 Convention Committee on Rules and Procedures
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