

Bylaws Of The Illinois Republican Party

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ARTICLE I. ESTABLISHMENT AND GOVERNANCE

A. The Illinois Republican Party is established hereby. The governing entity of the Party shall be the Illinois Republican State Central Committee (referred to in these Bylaws as "Central Committee").

B. The object of the Central Committee shall be to establish, organize, and promote the operations of the Illinois Republican Party.

_ARTICLE II. MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

A. Election. The members of the Central Committee shall be the Republican State Central Committeemen who are elected or appointed as provided by law and these Bylaws.

1. No individual shall be eligible to serve as a Member unless the individual has voted in the Republican Primary Election in each of the three (3) most recent General Primary Elections held in the State of Illinois as evidenced by the individual having requested a Republican ballot according to the official voting records of the election jurisdiction in which the individual resides. This General Primary Election voting requirement shall not apply to an election

in which an individual: (1) who did not vote and can demonstrate they were on active military duty at the time of the election, (2) was not of legal voting age at the time of the election, (3) was not a resident of the State of Illinois at the time of the election and the individual can show proof of voting Republican in the General Primary Election of the State in which the individual previously resided.

2. This section is effective October 1, 2006.

B. Vacancy. A vacancy in the office of State Central Committeemen shall exist upon the Committeeman's death, resignation, removal or disqualification by law. Any individual convicted of a felony shall be deemed to have vacated the office of State Central Committeeman. Vacancies in the office of State Central Committeeman shall be filled by appointment of the Republican Congressional Committee of the congressional district where the vacancy exists.

C. Notice of Vacancy. Upon receiving notice that a vacancy in the office of State Central Committeeman exists, the State Chairman shall issue a notice of vacancy to members of the Republican Congressional Committee for the congressional district where the vacancy exists, namely, as the case may be, the Republican County Chairmen outside Cook County, Republican Township Committeemen within the County of Cook outside the City of Chicago and Republican Ward Committeemen within the City of Chicago. The notice of vacancy shall state that a vacancy exists, and announce a time and place when the votes of the Republican Congressional Committee shall be cast to elect a successor State Central Committeeman

D. Election of Successor. At the announced time and place the outgoing State Central Committeeman for the district, or in such person's absence, the State Chairman, shall call to order and chair a meeting of the individuals identified in Bylaw II (C), who shall cast, in person or by written proxy, the weighted vote of that portion of the congressional district represented by each member for a successor State Central Committeeman. The meeting chairman shall declare a winner, and shall certify the winner as the new State Central Committeeman to the Illinois State Board of Elections and the Central Committee.

E. Deputy Members. Each State Central Committeeman shall within 30 days of

election nominate a person of the opposite sex residing in their district to serve as a Deputy Member of the Central Committee and such nominations shall be ratified at the next meeting of the Central Committee. Deputy Members shall serve during the service of the State Central Committeeman nominating them and, except as otherwise provided by law, shall have all the rights and responsibilities of members of the Central Committee provided by these Bylaws

and, in the absence of a State Central Committeeman from a meeting held pursuant to these Bylaws, the Deputy Member from an absent member's district shall serve and vote as proxy. If the Deputy Member is not appointed by the State Central Committeeman within 60 days of election or vacancy, the State Chairman shall have authority to nominate a Deputy Member meeting the requirements of this Section.

1. No individual shall be eligible to serve as a Deputy Member unless the individual has voted in the Republican Primary Election in each of the three (3) most recent General Primary Elections held in the State of Illinois as evidenced by the individual having requested a Republican ballot according to the official voting records of the election jurisdiction in which the individual resides. This General Primary Election voting requirement shall not apply to an election in which an individual: (1) can demonstrate they were on active military duty at the time of the election, (2) was not of legal voting age at the time of the election, or (3) was not a resident of the State of Illinois at the time of the election and the individual can show proof of voting Republican in the General Primary Election of the State in which the individual previously resided, AND this General Primary Election voting requirement shall not apply to an election in which an individual (4) was previously a member or deputy of the SCC of Illinois.

F. National Committeeman and National Committeewoman.
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National Committeeman and the Republican National Committeewoman shall have all rights and privileges of a State Central Committeeman, other than the right to vote, including eligibility to be appointed and serve as a member of the Executive Committee, if so appointed by the State Chairman.

G. Advisory Members. The principal officer, or his or her designee which has been made in advance by written designation, of a recognized Allied Republican Organization of the Illinois Republican Party shall serve as Advisory Members of the Central Committee. The State Chairman may appoint persons who declare their support for the Republican Party as Advisory Members of the Central Committee. Advisory members shall have none of the obligations or rights of State Central Committeemen.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

A. Terms. The elected officers of the Central Committee shall include a Chairman (referred to in these Bylaws as "State Chairman"), Vice

Chairman, Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected to four-year terms at the quadrennial organizational meeting of the Central Committee. The appointed officers of the Central Committee shall include the Chairman Emeritus, being a predecessor of the State Chairman, an Executive Director and other officers deemed necessary by the State Chairman. Such officers are appointed to one-year terms, to expire on each anniversary of the quadrennial organizational meeting. Appointed officers are not required to be Central Committee members.

B. State Chairman. The State Chairman shall be elected pursuant to law. The State Chairman shall have all powers and authorities as provided by law, and shall further be Chief Executive Officer of the Central Committee. The State Chairman shall have authority to make officer, committee and temporary task force appointments except as otherwise provided by law or in these Bylaws. The State Chairman shall have the authority to hire, supervise and release all staff of the Central Committee, except that he shall obtain the advice and consent of the Executive Committee with respect to the hiring and release of the Executive Director. The State Chairman shall preside over all meetings and other proceedings of the Central Committee, and shall determine points of parliamentary procedure or law as necessary. The State Chairman shall be a member ex-officio with the right to vote of all standing committees, committees, and temporary task forces except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

C. Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman may, but need not, be elected from within the membership of the Central Committee. If elected from within the Central Committee membership, such person may continue to serve as a member of the Central Committee. The Vice Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Central Committee in the absence of the State Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall perform all duties of the State Chairman in the event of the State Chairman's permanent absence, death, removal, resignation, inability to act, or other vacancy of the office until a new State Chairman is elected and qualified. In such case, the Secretary shall within fourteen (14) days after the vacancy arises, call a meeting of the Central Committee to be held within sixty (60) days, but not less than seven (7) days, after the vacancy arises for the purpose of electing a new State Chairman to fill the unexpired term arising from the vacancy. The Vice Chairman shall be a member ex-officio with the right to vote of all standing committees, committees, and temporary task forces. The Vice Chairman may have additional powers as assigned by the State Chairman.

D. Co-Chairman. The Co-Chairman shall be appointed by, and be the opposite sex from, the State Chairman. At the discretion of the State Chairman, one additional Co-Chairman may be appointed by the State Chairman without regard to gender. A Co-Chairman shall be a member ex-officio with the right to vote of all standing committees, committees, and temporary task forces except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws. A Co-Chairman may have

additional powers as assigned by the State Chairman.

E. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be elected from the Central Committee

membership pursuant to law. The Treasurer shall retain the funds of the Central Committee, report to the Central Committee with regard to receipts and expenditures, present an annual Central Committee budget and fund-raising plan, serve as chairman of the Finance Committee, and except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, prepare and file all financial disclosure documents which may be required by State or Federal law. The Treasurer shall cause the accounts of the Central Committee to be audited biannually by an independent accounting firm. With the advice and consent of the State Chairman, the Treasurer may appoint one or more assistant treasurers for the purpose of preparing or executing financial disclosure documents. The Treasurer shall be a member ex-officio with the right to vote of all standing committees, committees, and temporary task forces. The Treasurer may have additional powers as assigned by the State Chairman.

F. Secretary. The Secretary shall be elected from the Central Committee

membership. The Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings of the Central Committee and distribute the minutes to Central Committee members. The Secretary shall be a member ex-officio with the right to vote of all standing committees, committees, and temporary task forces. The Secretary may have additional powers as assigned by the State Chairman.

G. Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be the Chief Operating Officer of the Central Committee, with authority to manage the daily operations of the Central Committee upon the advice and consent of the State Chairman.

H. Other Officers. Other Officers appointed by the State Chairman shall have only those powers and privileges assigned by the State Chairman.

I. Secretary or Treasurer Vacancy. If the position of Secretary, Treasurer, or Vice Chairman becomes vacant, the State Chairman shall appoint an acting secretary, treasurer, or vice chairman until the Central Committee elects a successor to complete the term.

J. Assistant Treasurer Vacancy. If a position of assistant treasurer becomes vacant, the Treasurer or acting treasurer, with the advice and consent of the State Chairman, may appoint a successor to complete the term.

K. Other Officer Vacancy. If an appointed officer position other than assistant treasurer becomes vacant, the State Chairman may appoint a successor to complete the term.

L. Removal of Officers. Any elected officer may be removed for cause by the Central Committee upon a majority of the weighted vote. Except for assistant treasurers, any appointed officer may be removed with or without cause at any time by the State Chairman. Any assistant treasurer may be removed at any time with or without cause by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV. STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY TASK FORCES

A. Executive Committee. The State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Chair of the State Chairman's Advisory Committee, and such additional State Central Committeemen, or National Committee Representative as the State Chairman may appoint, shall constitute the standing Executive Committee. At least two-thirds (2/3) of the individuals who serve on the Executive Committee shall be State Central Committeemen. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Central Committee between its meetings and shall have the authority to undertake any and all necessary actions to accomplish the goals and purposes of the Central Committee.

B. Finance Committee. The State Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, and such additional persons as the State Chairman may appoint, shall constitute the standing Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall assist in the preparation of an annual budget and fund raising plan for the Central Committee, and shall have other duties specifically delegated by the State Chairman.

C. Campaign Support Committee. The State Chairman (or his designee), two additional appointed members of the State Central

Committee, one appointed representative of the House Republican Organization, one appointed representative of the Senate Republican Campaign Committee and one appointed representative of the Illinois Republican Congressional Campaign Committee shall constitute the standing Campaign Support Committee. All members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the State Chairman. The Campaign Support Committee shall direct the Central Committee's campaign support activities, and shall oversee the conduct of Republican campaign committees which may be required by State or Federal law.

D. State Chairman's Advisory Committee. Members appointed by the State Chairman shall constitute the standing State Chairman's Advisory Committee. The State Chairman's Advisory Committee shall give advice to the State Chairman from time to time at the State Chairman's request. All members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the State Chairman.

E. Other Committees and Temporary Task Forces. The State Chairman may establish committees or temporary task forces to accomplish tasks beyond the capabilities of the Central Committee or standing committees. The State Chairman shall appoint a member of the Central Committee to chair any committee or temporary task force. Any person who declares allegiance to the Illinois Republican Party may be appointed by the State Chairman to serve on a committee or temporary task force. Unless otherwise stated, the term of appointment shall be at the pleasure of the State Chairman, to expire on the anniversary of the quadrennial organizational meeting. The State Chairman, Secretary and the Treasurer shall be members ex-officio with the right to vote of all committees and temporary task forces established pursuant to Bylaw IV(D). Committees and temporary task forces shall meet at the call of the appointed chairman. Committees and temporary task forces shall disband upon the conclusion of the task assigned or as otherwise directed by the State Chairman.

F. Replacement of Members. A member of a standing committee, committee, or temporary task force may be temporarily replaced by appointment of the State Chairman.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

A. Quadrennial Organization Meeting. The Central Committee shall hold a quadrennial organization meeting in Springfield pursuant to law.

B. Meeting Frequency and Notice. The Central Committee shall meet at least three times each calendar year. Meetings shall be called by the State Chairman. Written notice of the time and place of Central Committee meetings shall be sent to all Central Committee members and officers. Written notice shall be deposited in the U.S. Mail, with a delivery service or sent by electronic facsimile so that it arrives at least seven (7) days before the meeting date. However, oral or written notice may be given by telephone or electronic facsimile upon shorter notice when the State Chairman certifies that an emergency exists.

C. Special Meetings. Pursuant to law, a special meeting of the Central Committee may be called by the State Chairman, or by not less than 25% of the Central Committee members. Written notice of the time, place, and proposed items of business for the special meeting shall be sent to the Central Committee members and officers. Notice shall be deposited in the U.S. Mail, with a delivery service or sent by electronic facsimile so that it arrives at least five (5) days before the meeting date.

D. Meeting Notice List. The Executive Director shall maintain a meeting notification list, which shall include for each Central Committee member and officer a current U.S. Mail address, telephone number, and if available, electronic facsimile number. Timely notices given to the addresses or numbers on the meeting notification list are deemed to have been given to the proper location. It shall be the responsibility of members and officers to update meeting notification list information.

E. Participation by Teleconference. A person entitled to attend or vote at a Central Committee, standing committee, committee, or temporary task force meeting may attend and vote either in person or by telephone or video conference device.

F. Central Committee Quorum. The presence of a majority in statutory weighted vote of the Central Committee shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to conduct Central Committee business. A person is present for purposes of determining a quorum if physically present or if participating by telephone or video conference device.

G. Central Committee Votes. At meetings of the Central

Committee, a member shall cast a statutory weighted vote except as otherwise provided by law or in these Bylaws. All questions shall be determined by a majority of weighted votes cast on the question.

H. Standing Committee, Committee, or Task Force Quorum. The presence of a majority of the members of a standing committee, committee, or temporary task force shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to conduct business. A person is present for purposes of determining a quorum if physically present or if participating by telephone or video conference device.

I. Standing Committee, Committee, and Task Force Votes. At meetings of a standing committee, committee, or temporary task force, a member shall have one vote. Except as otherwise provided by law or in these Bylaws, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes cast on the question.

ARTICLE VI. CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES

A. House Republican Organization. The House Republican Organization of the Central Committee is created hereby. The State Chairman, with the concurrence of the Republican leader of the Illinois House of Representatives, shall appoint a chairman and other appropriate officers and members of the committee. The committee shall, subject to the control of the Campaign Support Committee, have the day-to-day authority to manage the Central Committee's campaign activities related to the Illinois House of Representatives.

B. Senate Republican Campaign Committee. The Senate Republican Campaign Committee of the Central Committee is created hereby. The State Chairman, with the concurrence of the Republican leader of the Illinois Senate, shall appoint a chairman and other appropriate officers and members of the committee. The committee shall, subject to the control of the Campaign Support Committee, have the day-to-day authority to manage the Central Committee's campaign activities related to the Illinois Senate.

C. Illinois Republican Congressional Campaign Committee. The Illinois Republican Congressional Campaign Committee of the Central Committee is created hereby. The State Chairman, with the concurrence of a

majority of the Illinois Republican Members of Congress, shall appoint a chairman and other appropriate members of the committee. The committee shall, subject to the control of the Campaign Support Committee, have the day-to-day authority to manage the Central Committee's activities related to the United States Congress.

D. Other Campaign Committees. The Central Committee may create other campaign committees through the adoption of amendments to these Bylaws.

E. Oversight. The House Republican Organization, Senate Republican Campaign Committee, Illinois Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, and other campaign committees created by the Central Committee shall report to the Campaign Support Committee of the Central Committee. The Campaign Support Committee shall oversee the conduct of the Republican campaign committees which may be required by State or Federal law.

ARTICLE VII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

A. The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Central Committee, standing committees, committees, temporary task forces and State Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, state statute, and any special rules of order the Central Committee or State Convention may adopt.

ARTICLE VIII. STATE CONVENTION

A. Call. The Illinois Republican Party shall periodically meet as the Illinois Republican State Convention (referred to as "Convention" in these Bylaws). The State Chairman shall issue a call for the Convention pursuant to law and shall chair such Convention. The Convention shall be called to order on the day specified by law. The State Chairman may call the Convention to order in perfunctory session on this date and recess the Convention subject to the call of the State Chairman.

B. Delegates. Convention delegates shall be selected pursuant to law.

C. Convention Officers. Officers of the Convention shall include a Chairman and Secretary. The State Chairman shall serve as Chairman of the Convention, and shall serve as permanent chairman of the Convention after adjournment. The State Chairman shall have the power to appoint the Convention Secretary and such other officers or aides as are necessary for the efficient conduct of the Convention.

D. Convention Quorum. A quorum of the Convention must be present to conduct any substantive business. A quorum shall consist of one more than one-half of all delegates to the Convention approved and reported by the Convention Credentials Committee.

E. Majority. When any business or motion is presented to the Convention for consideration and passage, the affirmative vote of an absolute majority of the total number of delegates as prescribed by law shall be required for adoption, unless a greater number is provided for in these Bylaws.

F. Roll Call and Proxies. Roll call voting shall not be required except at the direction of the State Chairman or at the request in writing of at least fifty (50) delegations. No proxy voting or appearance by telephone or video device shall be allowed during any meeting of the Convention or a convention committee.

G. Convention Committee. The Convention will have the following committees and such other committees as may, from time to time, be required in the judgment of the State Chairman:

The Convention Committee on Credentials

The Convention Committee on Platform and Resolutions

The Convention Committee on Rules and Procedures

The Convention Committee on Arrangements

The Convention Committee On At-Large Delegates and Alternates

The Convention Committee on Presidential Electors

The Convention Committee to Nominate National Committeeman and National Committeewoman

Each convention committee shall consist of members appointed by State Central

Committeemen, one from each congressional district, the committee chairman appointed by the State Chairman, and one or more committee co-chairman appointed by the State Chairman who shall sit ex-officio without vote. Only an individual who is a registered voter of the congressional district from which he or she is appointed shall be eligible to serve as a convention committee member. The State Chairman shall be member ex-officio with the right to vote of each convention committee. The State Chairman shall have the authority to appoint any person to fill a vacancy caused by absence or any other reason. The committee chairman may vote only to break a tie. The committee chairman and the co-chairman shall be appointed from among members of the State Central Committee by the State Chairman.

The State Central Committee shall serve as the Convention Committee on Presidential Electors. Each State Central Committeeman shall appoint one (1) individual from his or her Congressional District to serve as a Presidential Elector for the purpose of casting a vote for the Republican Presidential nominee. The State Chair shall appoint two (2) electors.

Each convention committee shall meet upon the call of the committee chairman, or the State Chairman, or upon the written request of eight (8) members of the committee submitted to the committee chairman within forty-eight (48) hours notice.

The convention committees may adopt rules, including the right to limit debates in committee, upon the affirmative vote of a majority of committee

members, so long as the committee rules are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

No minority report of any convention committee will be accepted by the Convention unless the subject matter is discussed in committee and such minority report is in writing, signed by seven (7) or more members of such committee and submitted to the Convention Secretary prior to or at the time the majority report is submitted to the Convention.

All committees of the Convention disband upon adjournment of the Convention or as otherwise directed by the State Chairman.

H. Debate. No delegate will be permitted to speak to any question for more than three (3) minutes nor more than once on any subject unless by special leave of the State Chairman, except that the maker of a motion or resolution, if debatable, shall have an additional three (3) minutes to close the debate.

I. Resolutions. All resolutions shall be submitted to the Convention by the Committee on Platform and Resolutions without reading or debate except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws. No resolution or any amendment thereto shall be reported out or made a part of any report of the Convention Committee on Platform and Resolutions unless it has been submitted to the committee in writing prior to its report to the Convention and shall have received the affirmative support of seven (7) members of that committee.

J. Motions. No motion or resolution from the floor shall be in order unless submitted in writing to the Convention Secretary and signed by the Chairmen of at least fifty (50) delegations, unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws. Any motion or resolution so submitted shall be placed in the appropriate place on the agenda for consideration by the Convention.

K. Appeals. In any appeal taken from a ruling of the State Chairman or other presiding officer of the Convention, the State Chairman shall be sustained unless a majority of delegates votes to overrule the State Chairman.

L. Convention Voting. All roll call votes shall be taken in the following manner by the Convention Secretary:

First, all county delegations (except Cook) shall be called alphabetically.

Second, all Cook County Township delegations shall be called alphabetically.

Third, all City of Chicago Ward delegations shall be called in numerical ascending order beginning with the First Ward.

When a delegation is called by the Convention Secretary for its vote, the chairman of the delegation shall announce the weighted vote of the delegation, as provided by state law.

The unit rule shall be in effect for all delegations. No proxy voting of delegations shall be allowed.

In the event of a dispute within a delegation as to how its vote shall be cast, that

delegation shall be passed and an Assistant Secretary shall poll the delegation and report the results to the Secretary of the Convention for recording. The report of such Assistant Secretary shall be final.

Following a roll call vote for election of a candidate to any position, the State Chairman, before reporting the final tally, shall ask "Shall the vote be declared unanimous?" If answered in the affirmative, the vote shall be so recorded.

M. Convention Committee Meetings. No convention committee shall meet during the time the Convention is in session unless at the call of the State Chairman.

N. Platform. In considering the report of the Convention Committee on Platform and Resolutions, there shall first be printed and distributed to all delegates copies of the platform, all resolutions and all minority reports. No platform, resolution or minority report shall be read to the Convention unless this rule is suspended, upon proper motion, approved upon

affirmative vote of three-fifths (3/5) of the delegates.

O. Open Meetings. The proceedings of the Convention shall be open to the public. No votes either in committee or on the floor shall be taken by secret ballot. Meetings, however, may be closed if executive session is provided in Robert's Rules of Order.

P. Suspension of Bylaws. These Bylaws may be suspended by the Convention only on proper motion, and the affirmative vote of three-fifths (3/5) of the delegates.

Q. Continuing Effect and Amendment of Article VIII. This Article VIII shall remain in effect for Illinois Republican State Conventions which shall meet from time to time. It may be changed or amended after consideration and recommendation of the Convention Committee on Rules and Procedures and adoption by the Convention; or by amendment from the floor approved by the affirmative vote of three-fifths (3/5) of the delegates.

R. Convention Minutes. The minutes of the Convention, together with convention committee reports, shall be maintained by the Central Committee.

S. Appointments to Fill Alternate Vacancies. The State Chairman, with the advice and consent of the Central Committee, shall appoint persons to fill vacancies for at-large alternates to the Republican National Convention when such vacancies occur after the Convention has adjourned.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION

A. Amendments. Amendments to these Bylaws, unless otherwise provided herein, may be adopted by the Central Committee upon receiving two-thirds (2/3) of the weighted vote of those present on the question, or upon receiving a majority of the weighted votes of those present if a copy of the proposed amendment is received by each member 30 days prior to the vote thereon.

B. Suspension. Any provision of these Bylaws, with the exception of Article VIII may be suspended by the Central Committee upon the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the weighted vote.