

51 **SECTION 2:** The ~~reapportionment~~ **Redistricting** Committee shall consist of a chair and one person from
52 each Congressional District. It is recommended that the appointee have actual Congressional
53 District and/or Basic Political Organizational Unit (BPOU) leadership ~~apportionment~~
54 experience. The ~~state party~~ Chair shall appoint the chair of the ~~reapportionment~~
55 **Redistricting** Committee. The Congressional District representative shall be appointed by
56 the Congressional District chair(s), or in the event of a dispute between the chairs regarding
57 appointment, by the Congressional District executive committee.
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59 **SECTION 3:** The ~~reapportionment~~ **redistricting** manual shall be prepared by the ~~reapportionment~~
60 **Redistricting** Committee and submitted to the Executive Committee for approval. The
61 Executive Committee shall submit the ~~reapportionment~~ **redistricting** manual to the State
62 Central Committee no later than January 1 of each census year.
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64 **SECTION 4:** Following the approval of the ~~reapportionment~~ **redistricting** manual by the Executive
65 Committee and the State Central Committee, in all cases concerning ~~reapportionment~~
66 **redistricting** in which it is not in conflict with the Constitution and bylaws of the Republican
67 Party of Minnesota, the manual shall govern Congressional and Legislative ~~reapportionment~~
68 **redistricting** matters for the current redistricting process
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70 **ARTICLE IV** 71 **Delegation of Power**

72 **SECTION 1: Basic Unit.**

73 The Party shall be organized into BPOUs, i.e., one of the following:
74 County, House District, or Senate District except that in any county containing four or more
75 entire House Districts the county must organize as House or Senate Districts. **For BPOUs**
76 **located within the 5th Congressional District (as defined following the 2020 Census), the**
77 **BPOUs may be organized to contain more than one Senate District, so long as the entirety**
78 **of each such Senate District is contained within a single Congressional District. This**
79 **combined BPOU organization may take the place of the Minneapolis City Committee**
80 **created by Article X, Section 4.**
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83 **SECTION 2: Organization.**

84 It shall be the responsibility of the BPOU committees to assist all endorsed Republicans
85 seeking public office at least partly within their respective units, to expand the membership
86 of the party within their respective units, and to organize or cause to be organized each
87 ward, precinct, or other voting district in their unit. The form of enrollment shall be
88 prescribed by the State Executive Committee and shall be uniform throughout the state. No
89 qualifications for membership shall be imposed except as provided by this Constitution.
90 Opportunity for enrollment shall be open at all times to all voters who are eligible for
91 membership under Article II.
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93 **SECTION 3: Management.**

94 The management of the affairs of the Party within each basic political organizational unit
95 shall be vested in the BPOU committee, subject to the direction of state and Congressional
96 District authorities as to matters within the scope of their respective functions.
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103 **SECTION 4: Territorial Realignment.**

- 104 A. A county committee of a county containing fewer than four (4) entire House Districts
105 may disband the county organization and reorganize itself along either Senate or House
106 District lines, by adding a portion of an adjoining county or allocating part of the
107 county’s territory to another BPOU. A county committee may also realign its territory
108 by adding a portion of an adjoining county and/or allocating part of its territory to
109 another BPOU. The procedure shall be by approval of at least sixty (60%) of the county
110 convention of each of the involved counties, provided that notice of such proposal for
111 reorganization was issued in the call of the convention. The county convention shall
112 submit its transitional plans including proposed distribution of funds to accomplish
113 such reorganization to the Congressional District and State Executive Committees for
114 their review. The new organizations shall have all of the rights and responsibilities of a
115 BPOU. Such reorganization shall continue until the next state-wide ~~reapportionment~~
116 **redistricting** or until the county form of organization is restored by a convention of the
117 precinct Delegates within the original county lines called by authority of the Republican
118 Party of Minnesota State Executive Committee or any Republican Party of Minnesota
119 state convention. No BPOU that is organized as a County BPOU can be forced to
120 reorganize as a House District or Senate District.
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- 122 B. **If a Senate District or House District crosses county lines, it shall be able to separate**
123 **from any County BPOU Organization to form a new BPOU with approval of at least**
124 **sixty percent (60%) of the seated precinct Delegates contained within the mentioned**
125 **Senate or House District and within the county, at the yearly county convention. This**
126 **intention must be submitted in writing to the county BPOU organization at least twenty**
127 **(20) days prior to the county convention date. The county BPOU organization must**
128 **place this notice of such proposal for reorganization in the call of the convention. The**
129 **precinct Delegates wishing to secede shall submit its transitional plans including**
130 **proposed distribution of funds to accomplish such reorganization to the Congressional**
131 **District and State Executive Committees for their review prior to the county convention.**
132 **The new organization shall have all of the rights and responsibilities of a BPOU. Such**
133 **reorganization shall continue until the next state-wide redistricting or until the county**
134 **form of organization is restored by a convention of the precinct Delegates within the**
135 **original county lines called by authority of the State Party Executive Committee or any**
136 **Republican Party of Minnesota State Convention.**

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138 **ARTICLE V**
139 **Conventions and Endorsements - General Provisions**

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141 **SECTION 1: Business and Call.**

- 142 A. Conventions shall transact such business as is specified in the call of the convention and
143 may transact such other business as a majority of the convention may determine, subject
144 to the provisions of Article VIII, Section 2 of this constitution.
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- 146 B. The call for a **C**onvention shall be issued at least ten (10) days prior to the convention,
147 except that for an endorsing convention for a special election or for a post-primary
148 endorsing convention, the call shall be issued at least five (5) days prior to the
149 convention. Convention calls and reports required to be mailed prior to a convention
150 may be issued electronically by email.

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SECTION 2: Registration.

- A. Notwithstanding Article II, Sections 2 and 3, registration fees may be assessed Delegates and Alternates attending a convention.
- B. Once a Delegate or a seated Alternate has registered for the convention, ~~he/she~~ **they** remain part of the voting strength of the convention even if ~~he/she~~ **they** leave the convention prior to the convention's official adjournment.
- C. A convention may close registration of Delegates and Alternates only if the convention call states the time at which registration will close. If the call states a registration closing time the convention may permit a later closing time for registration or may require the convention to remain open regardless of the language in the call.

SECTION 3: Endorsements.

A. General Rules.

- 1. It shall first be determined by a majority vote whether endorsement shall be considered for an office.

Voting on a candidate for endorsement for an office shall be by secret ballot, **either electronically or by paper ballot, as per the rules of the convention.** The convention or committee may decide by a two-thirds (2/3) vote to endorse by a rising vote for any office for which there is only one (1) candidate.

- 2. Votes may be cast for any person who by law is eligible for election to the office under consideration and who is eligible under this Constitution to seek the endorsement ~~even though they has not been nominated or has withdrawn from nomination.~~ Ballots may also be cast stating 'no preference' or 'undecided', ~~or~~ indicating no endorsement. Blank ballots or abstentions, unintelligible ballots, ~~ballots marked only "u" or "X",~~ or ballots cast for an ineligible person, or a fictional character shall not be included in determining the **sixty percent (60%)** vote needed for endorsement. No preprinted ballot shall be allowed unless **an** option for 'no preference', 'undecided' ~~or and~~ 'no endorsement' ~~is are~~ included.
- 3. A motion of no endorsement may be adopted by a majority vote. The rules of a convention may limit how often or when such a motion may be made. However on any round of voting for endorsement, a motion of no endorsement shall be considered adopted if a majority of the ballots (excluding blanks) or a majority of the votes on a voice vote (excluding abstentions) is for 'no', 'none' or 'no endorsement'.
- 4. Excepting the 60% requirement in this Article, BPOU **or Congressional District** constitutions may establish different rules of endorsement for conventions relating to legislative districts or other areas entirely within the **respective BPOU or Congressional District.**
- 5. An endorsement may carry with it the commitment of party resources, finances and volunteers only when made at a convention that is representative of the entire electorate for the office. In the case of a proposal for endorsement of a candidate whose constituency is not coterminous with the territory of the convention, only those Delegates residing within such constituency shall vote upon the proposal. An endorsement for public office at a convention below the level of the one that is representative of the entire electorate for the office shall be no more than an

207 expression of the sentiment of the convention.
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209 **B. Pre-Primary Endorsement.**

- 210 1. If the public office sought by the candidate is legally partisan, the candidate must
211 agree prior to being considered for pre-primary endorsement to seek the office as a
212 Republican if ~~their~~ they receives the endorsement.
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214 2. Any candidate for any elective public office may be granted pre-primary
215 endorsement by any state, Congressional District, BPOU or other authorized
216 convention if ~~their~~ they receive a **sixty percent (60%)** vote of the convention
217 and if the **sixty percent (60%)** is greater than or equal to at least a majority of
218 the registered Delegates and seated Alternates as established by the last report
219 of the credentials committee preceding such vote.
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221 3. Only one candidate may be endorsed per seat for a particular office.
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223 4. When more than one candidate is nominated for endorsement for an office,
224 none of the candidates for that office shall be voted upon separately.
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226 **C. Rules for Minnesota Supreme Court and Minnesota Court of Appeals**
227 **Endorsements.**

- 228 1. As to candidates for judicial office, the ~~Republican Party of Minnesota~~ shall at its
229 state convention consider whether to endorse candidates for the Minnesota Supreme
230 Court and the Minnesota Court of Appeals. The nominations committee shall report
231 whether any candidate for endorsement has met the requirements of Article VI, Sec.
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234 2. After the report of the nominations committee, the state convention shall proceed to
235 the vote on whether endorsement should be considered. The convention may only
236 vote to endorse a candidate who has first satisfied the requirements of Article VI,
237 Sec. 3.
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239 3. If the state convention votes affirmative on consideration of endorsement, the
240 Delegates shall vote on endorsement of a person for that particular office of the
241 Minnesota Supreme Court and the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Endorsement may
242 be conferred upon any person who by law is eligible for election to the office and
243 who is eligible under this Constitution to seek endorsement, even if such candidate
244 has not sought endorsement by the ~~Republican Party of Minnesota~~ or has
245 communicated that such candidate does not desire and/or will not use ~~Republican~~
246 ~~Party of Minnesota~~ endorsement.
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248 4. Except where they conflict with the special rules stated in this paragraph, the
249 provisions of Article V, Section 3, A. and B. apply to endorsing candidates for the
250 Minnesota Supreme Court and the Minnesota Court of Appeals.
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252 **D. Endorsement By State Central Committee.**

253 If a primary election for any Minnesota statewide office or for United States Senator
254 results in the selection of a nominee other than the Republican-endorsed candidate, a
255 meeting of the State Central Committee shall be called by the ~~State Party~~ Chair or by the
256 State Executive Committee within five (5) days after the certification of the primary
257 election results by the State Canvassing Board. The purpose of this meeting shall be to
258 consider a post primary endorsement of the nominee(s) winning the primary election.

259 Such a meeting may also consider post primary endorsement of a Republican nominee
260 for any other statewide office or United States Senator for which no pre-primary
261 endorsement was made. The ~~State Party~~ Chair or the State Executive Committee may
262 call a meeting of the State Central Committee at any time after the State Convention to
263 consider Republican endorsement by the State Central Committee of any candidate for
264 statewide office or for United States Senator, if (1) the State Convention did not endorse
265 any candidate for that office and such candidate's candidacy for that office had not been
266 announced prior to the State Convention *or* (2) the endorsed candidate dies, withdraws,
267 or is otherwise ineligible for election to the office sought. Any endorsement by the State
268 Central Committee shall require a **sixty percent (60%)** vote of the registered Delegates
269 (including seated Alternates) at such State Central Committee meeting and such vote
270 shall be greater than or equal to at least a majority of the registered Delegates and
271 seated Alternates at such meeting as established by the last report of the credentials
272 committee preceding such vote.

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274 **E. Vacancies In Nominations.**

275 In the event of the death or withdrawal of an endorsed nominee for statewide office
276 prior to the primary, or in the event of the death or withdrawal of a candidate after the
277 primary, but **twenty-one (21)** days prior to the general election, the State Central
278 Committee shall consider the endorsement of a substitute nominee or candidate. The
279 call for the meeting shall be issued at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting. In
280 the event the candidate withdraws or dies less than **twenty-one (21)** days prior to the
281 general election, the State Executive Committee shall consider endorsement of a
282 substitute candidate. Any endorsement by the State Central Committee shall require a
283 **sixty percent (60%)** vote of the committee and such vote shall be greater than or equal
284 to at least a majority of the registered Delegates and seated Alternates as established by
285 the last report of the credentials committee preceding such vote. Any endorsement by
286 the State Executive Committee shall require a **sixty percent (60%)** vote of the
287 committee and such vote must be greater than or equal to at least a majority of the
288 members of the committee.

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290 **F. Legislative District Endorsing Conventions.**

- 291 1. A legislative district endorsing convention wholly within a given BPOU may be
292 held subject to the provisions of said BPOU constitution and/or bylaws, provided
293 said provisions are not in conflict with state statutes or the ~~Republican Party of~~
294 ~~Minnesota State~~ Constitution.
- 295 2. Where a legislative district crosses BPOU lines, but lies wholly within a
296 Congressional District, the Congressional District Executive Committee may issue
297 the call for an endorsing convention and appoint the convener.
- 298 3. Where a legislative district crosses BPOU and Congressional District lines, the State
299 Executive Committee may issue the call for an endorsing convention and appoint
300 the convener.
- 301 4. In the event that a majority of the precinct chairs from a legislative district which
302 crosses BPOU or Congressional District lines should sign a petition requesting an
303 endorsing convention and specifying the convener, the chair(s) of the Congressional
304 District or ~~state~~ **Chair**, on behalf of the respective executive committee which has
305 jurisdiction as specified in Section 3. F. 2. or 3. F. 3. of this Article, shall issue the
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5. In the event that all of the BPOU committees from a legislative district that crosses BPOU or Congressional District lines should request an endorsing convention, then the chairs of the respective BPOUs on behalf of their committees may issue a joint call for such an endorsing convention and appoint the convener.
 6. Eligible voters at legislative district endorsing conventions shall be the Delegates or their Alternates who reside within the legislative district and who were duly elected at the most recent ~~Republican Party of Minnesota~~ precinct caucus.
 7. Should the Delegates and Alternates qualified to vote at a legislative district convention not all be elected based on the same ratio of the Republican vote count, then those Delegates and Alternates elected based on the highest ratio of the vote count shall be counted as one (1) vote and those Delegates and Alternates elected on a lesser ratio of the vote count shall have the percentage of one (1) vote based on their percentage of the highest elected ratio of the vote count.

328 **G. County and County District Endorsing Conventions.**

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1. For a county containing four or more entire House Districts a county convention may be held solely for the purpose of endorsement for county offices elected on a countywide basis. A county district convention may be held solely for the purpose of endorsements for county offices such as County Commissioner if elected by districts.
 2. If a county or county district office lies wholly within a BPOU, a county convention shall be called by the BPOU committee.
 3. If a county or county district office crosses BPOU lines but lies wholly within a Congressional District the convention may be called by the Congressional District Executive Committee unless otherwise provided for in the Congressional District constitution.
 4. If a county office crosses BPOU and Congressional District lines, the convention may be called by the State Executive Committee.
 5. Should a county or county district consist of more than one (1) BPOU, a request for a county convention must be submitted by the committees of a majority of the BPOUs to:
 - a) Congressional District Executive Committee, unless otherwise provided for in the Congressional District constitution, if a county lies wholly within a Congressional District; or
 - b) State Executive Committee, if the county office crosses Congressional District lines.
 6. In the event that all of the BPOU committees from a county or county district office that crosses BPOU or Congressional District lines should request an endorsing convention, then the chairs of the respective BPOUs on behalf of their committees may issue a joint call for such an endorsing convention and appoint the convener.
 7. Eligible voters at a county or county district convention shall consist of those Delegates and Alternates who reside within a county or county district and who

364 were duly elected at the most recent Republican Party precinct caucus held within
365 the county or county district.

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367 8. Should the Delegates and Alternates qualified to vote at the county or county
368 district convention not all be elected based on the same ratio of the Republican vote
369 count, then those Delegates and Alternates elected based on the highest ratio of the
370 vote count shall be counted as one (1) vote and those Delegates and Alternates
371 elected on a lesser ratio of the vote count shall have the percentage of one (1) vote
372 based on their percentage of the highest elected ratio of the vote count.

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374 9. For Hennepin County the Hennepin County subcommittee shall allocate the number
375 of Delegates and Alternates for a county or county district convention based on the
376 Republican Party vote in the last general election for President or Governor. For
377 Ramsey County the Congressional District committee shall allocate the number of
378 Delegates and Alternates for a county or county district convention based on the
379 Republican Party vote in the last general election for President or Governor.

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382 **H. City, Ward, Township, School Board, and Judicial District Endorsing** 383 **Conventions.**

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385 1. For cities, townships, and judicial districts not included in Article X, Section 4, a
386 city, ward, township, school board, or judicial endorsing convention may be held for
387 the purpose of endorsing candidates for city offices, township offices, school board,
388 and judicial office and the provisions in Article V, Section 3, I., 1- 9 shall only
389 apply to such cities, townships and school districts.

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391 2. An endorsing convention for such a city, ward, township or school district wholly
392 within a given BPOU may be held subject to the provisions of said BPOU
393 constitution and/or bylaws, provided said provisions are not in conflict with state
394 statutes or the ~~Republican Party of Minnesota~~ State Constitution.

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396 3. An endorsing convention for such a city, ward, township, school district, or judicial
397 district wholly within a given Congressional District may be held subject to the
398 provisions of said Congressional District constitution and/or bylaws, provided said
399 provisions are not in conflict with state statutes or the ~~Republican Party of~~
400 ~~Minnesota~~ State Constitution.

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402 4. Where such a city, ward, township, school district, or judicial district crosses BPOU
403 lines, but lies wholly within a Congressional District, the Congressional District
404 Executive Committee may issue the call for an endorsing convention and appoint
405 the convener.

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407 5. Where such a city, ward, township, school district, or judicial district crosses BPOU
408 and Congressional District lines, the State Executive Committee may issue the call
409 for an endorsing convention and appoint the convener.

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411 6. In the event that a majority of the precinct chairs from such a city, ward, township,
412 school district, or judicial district which crosses BPOU or Congressional District
413 lines should sign a petition requesting an endorsing convention and specifying the
414 convener, the chair(s) of the Congressional District or ~~state~~ Chair, on behalf of the
415 respective executive committee which has jurisdiction as specified in Section 3. I.

416 4. or 3. I. 5. of this Article, shall issue the call for such convention.
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- 418 7. In the event that all of the BPOU committees from such a city, ward, township,
419 school district, or judicial district that crosses BPOU or Congressional District lines
420 should request an endorsing convention, then the chairs of the respective BPOUs on
421 behalf of their committees may issue a joint call for such an endorsing convention
422 and appoint the convener.
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- 424 8. Eligible voters at such city, ward, township, school district, or judicial district
425 endorsing conventions shall be the Delegates or their Alternates who reside within
426 the city, ward, township or school district and who were duly elected at the most
427 recent Republican Party of Minnesota precinct caucus held within the political
428 boundaries of the legislative district.
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- 430 9. Should the Delegates and Alternates qualified to vote at such a city, ward,
431 township, school, or judicial district convention not all be elected based on the same
432 ratio of the Republican vote count, then those Delegates and Alternates elected
433 based on the highest ratio of the vote count shall be counted as one (1) vote and
434 those Delegates and Alternates elected on a lesser ratio of the vote count shall have
435 the percentage of one (1) vote based on their percentage of the highest elected ratio
436 of the vote count.
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438 **I. Recommended Status**
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- 440 1. Any candidate for any non-partisan elective public office may be recommended for
441 office, provided that the following conditions are met:
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- 443 a) The candidate shall be vetted by a process approved by the BPOUs or CDs that
444 lie partially or wholly within the district represented by the office being sought
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- 447 b) The candidate shall receive a **sixty percent (60%)** vote of approval from the
448 executive committees of a majority of the BPOUs or CDs in the applicable
449 jurisdiction.
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- 451 2. An endorsement supersedes a recommendation for any given position.
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- 453 3. A BPOU or CD could choose to recommend multiple candidates for a local position
454 or could choose not to recommend at all.
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- 456 4. Support for candidates that have been recommended, according to the procedure in
457 this section, shall include the following:
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- 459 a) Access to voter information held by the Party, but limited to voters in the
460 district represented by the office being sought, and
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- 462 b) Any other resources available to the Party.
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468 **SECTION 4: Seating of Alternates.**
469 Once the temporary organization has been established, the first order of business of a state
470 or Congressional District convention shall be the seating of Alternates. The permanent
471 voting roll of the convention shall be composed of the Delegates of each BPOU who
472 actually are present, and in the absence of any Delegate to the convention, an Alternate shall
473 be seated in their stead during their absence according to the procedure established by the
474 constitution or bylaws of the BPOU. When a Delegate returns to the floor of the convention,
475 he or she will be seated immediately.
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477 **SECTION 5: Election and Terms of Delegates.**
478 A. All state, Congressional District, BPOU, and Delegates and Alternates shall be elected
479 in general election years and shall hold office for a term of two (2) years or until their
480 successors are elected, or upon adoption in their respective BPOU constitution, they
481 may elect Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District and state conventions
482 annually in the same manner as provided in the general election year, and these
483 Delegates and Alternates elected under this option shall hold office for a term of one (1)
484 year, or until their successors are duly elected.
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486 B. All affiliate Delegates and Alternates shall serve a two (2) year term or until their
487 successors are elected. An affiliate Delegate or Alternate may not be a regular party
488 Delegate or Alternate to the same convention. Affiliate Delegates and Alternates to
489 Congressional District conventions must reside in the Congressional District and must
490 be elected by the affiliate members who reside in the Congressional District and will be
491 legally qualified voters in the next general election.
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493 C. In compliance with the rules of the Republican National Convention, no Delegate or
494 Alternate may be an automatic Delegate or Alternate. Each Delegate or Alternate must
495 be elected by their respective convention. Delegates and alternates to the Republican
496 National Convention may be bound to cast their vote for a particular candidate. The
497 state executive committee will have the authority to create binding rules for the state
498 and congressional districts. The rules will be in accordance with rules promulgated by
499 the Republican National Committee.
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501 **SECTION 6: Vacancies.**
502 At all levels within the Party a vacancy shall occur in a Delegates position upon their death,
503 resignation or removal from the geographical area from which their was elected, or upon the
504 failure of the body having the power of election to fill such position, if no duly elected
505 Alternate is available to fill the vacancy. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the
506 original Delegate or Alternate was elected.
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508 **SECTION 7:** Nothing in this Article is intended to affect the right of the convention to authorize, by rule,
509 the Delegates present to vote the entire voting strength of the BPOU.
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511 **ARTICLE VI**

512 **State Convention**

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514 **SECTION 1: Composition.**
515 State conventions shall be composed of the following:
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517 A. Delegates from various BPOUs of the state who are elected at their conventions. The
518 number of Delegates from the various BPOUs shall be apportioned among the BPOUs
519 upon such basis as the State Executive Committee or the State Central Committee may

determine, provided that the basis of apportionment shall be uniform throughout the state, and shall be based upon the vote for the Republican candidate for Governor in the last preceding statewide general election; or, if such election were a presidential election, the vote cast for the Republican candidate for President. If the number of Delegates apportioned to a BPOU is less than two (2) , the total number of Delegates shall be increased to a minimum of two (2) Delegates for each BPOU.

- B. Subject to Article V, Section 5, B., two (2) Delegates and two (2) Alternates elected by each of the statewide Republican Party affiliate organizations as listed in the party bylaws, provided that the affiliate has at least twenty-five (25) eligible members.

SECTION 2: Committees.

State convention committees consisting of a platform committee, a rules committee, a credentials committee, a nominating committee and such other state convention committees as may be necessary or desirable shall be organized. Members in each committee shall be appointed as follows:

- A. An equal number of members from each Congressional District to be appointed by the district chair(s) of the respective Congressional District.
- B. Members at large to be appointed by the ~~state party~~ Chair, the number of which is not to exceed **fifteen percent** 15% of the total membership of any committee.
- C. A chair to be appointed by the ~~state party~~ Chair.

SECTION 3: Nominations Committee.

- A. To be eligible to be considered for endorsement or election, candidates for statewide endorsement and candidates for National Delegate or Alternate must meet all legal requirements and submit nominations petitions to the Nominating Committee containing the printed names and signatures of a minimum of **two percent (2%)** of the State Convention Delegates.
- B. The Nominations Committee shall report to the convention those candidates who have met the petition, and legal requirements at Section 3A and whether the Nominations Committee deems the candidates to be qualified, **qualified with reservations** or unqualified to receive endorsement or be elected.

SECTION 4: Rules Committee.

The Rules Committee report shall be emailed and available on the Party website at least seven (7) days in advance of the convention.

SECTION 5: Platform Committee.

- A. The function of the platform committee shall be to maintain a **Permanent Platform of core beliefs** for the ~~Republican Party of Minnesota~~ based upon the platform adopted at the previous regular Republican State Convention. The permanent platform may only be amended as provided in this **C**onstitution and the rules of the **S**tate **C**onvention. The committee will be responsible for performing the work described in subsection C. below.
- B. The platform committee shall meet in even numbered years at the call of its chair or the ~~state party~~ Chair. The final committee report shall be presented to the state party chair and be available on the website and emailed to convention Delegates and Alternates at

572 least seven (7) days prior to the **State Convention**. The committee shall then present the
573 final committee report to the **State Convention** to be voted on in the manner prescribed
574 by this constitution and the rules of the convention.
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576 C. In even numbered years the platform committee shall review the permanent platform
577 and all of the resolutions passed at Congressional District conventions for
578 Congressional Districts that have a representative on the platform committee and any
579 additional resolutions brought to the committee in the manner prescribed by the state
580 convention rules. **The Committee has discretion to make recommendations to the state
581 convention to limit the size of the platform including a recommendation to designate
582 resolutions of the platform for sunsetting.** The committee shall determine which
583 resolutions are new resolutions (i.e., address issues that are not addressed in the current
584 permanent platform). The committee will recommend to the **State Convention** the
585 following changes:

- 586 1. Adoption of the new resolutions identified by the committee;
- 587 2. Renewed adoption of any resolution of the platform designated to sunset;
- 588 3. Elimination of those resolutions that are no longer germane;
- 589 4. Combining those resolutions that are similar;
- 590 5. Clarifying those resolutions that are confusing;
- 591 6. Reconsideration of those resolutions that are in conflict with other resolutions; ~~and~~
- 592 7. Any resolution submitted by a majority of Congressional Districts shall be included
593 in the platform committee final report; **and**
- 594 8. **Resolutions that advocate for specific legislation or policy shall be placed in a
595 separate "action-agenda" that will sunset every two (2) years.**

605 D. All motions related to the **Platform Committee** report shall be voted upon at the
606 **State Convention** in the manner prescribed in the convention rules and need to be
607 adopted by a minimum of sixty (60) percent of the last credentials report.
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609 The creation of a permanent platform for the ~~Republican Party of Minnesota~~ will not limit
610 the authority of any BPOU or Congressional District with respect to adopting their own
611 platform.
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613 **SECTION 6: Time and Place of Convention.**

614 A state convention of the **Party** shall be held in each general election year as required by
615 Minnesota State Statutes, at such time and place as the State Central Committee may
616 determine. Special state conventions may be called at such other times and places and for
617 such purposes as the State Central Committee may determine.
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619 **SECTION 7: Issues Conference.**

620 In odd-numbered years the State Central Committee may organize a conference of party
621 activists for the purpose of studying issues of topical interest to the Party. The conference
622 shall be open to all interested Republicans and shall not be limited to State Convention
623 Delegates and Alternates.

624 **SECTION 8: Presidential Electors.**

- 625 A. Presidential Electors shall be nominated by the State Convention in the year of each
626 Presidential election as follows: (i) two (2) Presidential Electors shall be nominated at-
627 large by the State Convention Delegates in accordance with the rules of the State
628 Convention; and (ii) each Congressional District shall place in nomination one (1)
629 Presidential Elector (a Congressional District Elector-Nominee) as provided in Article
630 VII, Section 3, who shall be nominated by the affirmative vote of the State Convention,
631 in accordance with the Rules of the State Convention.
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- 633 B. Each Congressional District shall report to the State Convention the name of that
634 Congressional District's Congressional District Elector-Nominee in the manner
635 provided in the Rules of the State Convention.
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- 637 C. If a Congressional District fails to select a Congressional District Elector-Nominee or a
638 Congressional District Elector-Nominee is unable or unwilling to serve as a Presidential
639 Elector prior to being nominated by the State Convention, a substitute Congressional
640 District Elector- Nominee shall be placed in nomination in accordance with the
641 Constitution or Bylaws of the Congressional District. If no provision exists in the
642 Congressional District's Constitution or Bylaws for a substitute Congressional District
643 Elector-Nominee, the Presidential Elector to be placed in nomination by that
644 Congressional District shall instead be nominated by the State Convention Delegates in
645 the manner provided for an at-large Presidential Elector as set forth above.
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- 647 D. No person shall be nominated a Presidential Elector unless that person has been selected
648 as a Congressional District Elector-Nominee or nominated at-large as provided herein.
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- 650 E. If any Presidential Elector that has been nominated by the State Convention is unable or
651 unwilling to serve after the state convention, the state executive committee shall
652 nominate a replacement from the geographic body that nominated the original
653 Presidential Elector.
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655 **ARTICLE VII**
656 **Congressional District Conventions**

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658 **SECTION 1: Composition.**

659 Congressional District conventions shall be composed of the following residents of the
660 district:

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- 662 A. Delegates apportioned to and elected at the BPOU convention, in the same manner as
663 Delegates to state conventions. Any BPOU that crosses Congressional District lines
664 shall allot its apportioned Delegates to the Congressional Districts using the Republican
665 vote cast for either Governor or President in the most recent general election. The
666 manner of election shall be determined by the BPOU constitution, bylaws or by a
667 motion of its convention.
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- 669 B. Subject to Article V, Section 5, B., one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate who are
670 residents of the Congressional District elected at a Congressional District caucus held by
671 any of the statewide affiliate organizations as listed in the party bylaws, provided that
672 the affiliate has at least ten eligible members residing in the Congressional District.

673 **SECTION 2: Time and Place of Convention.**

674 Congressional District conventions shall be held annually within a range of dates
675 established by the State Central Committee and at the call of the State Executive

676 Committee, or the committees of the respective Congressional District, and at such other
677 times and for such other purposes as the committee calling the conventions may determine.
678 The Congressional District committee shall determine the place of holding Congressional
679 District conventions in each district.
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681 **SECTION 3: Presidential Elector Nominees.**

- 682 A. In each Presidential election year, each Congressional District shall be entitled to place
683 in nomination one (1) person to be that Congressional District's Congressional District
684 Presidential Elector-Nominee. A Congressional District Presidential Elector-Nominee
685 may be selected by: (a) the affirmative vote of the Congressional District's Delegates at
686 the Congressional District Convention held in a Presidential election year in accordance
687 with the rules of the District Convention; or (b) by that Congressional District's District
688 Convention Delegates in the manner provided in the Congressional District's
689 constitution.
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691 B. Each Congressional District Elector-Nominee shall be reported to the State
692 Convention and nominated by the State Convention as provided in Article VI, Section 8
693 of this Constitution.

694 **ARTICLE VIII**
695 **Basic Political Organizational Unit Conventions**
696

697 **SECTION 1: Composition.**

698 BPOU conventions shall be composed of the following residents of the BPOU:

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700 Delegates elected at the precinct caucuses that are held in each precinct every general
701 election year as required by Minnesota statutes. The number of Delegates and Alternates at
702 each convention and the basis of their apportionment shall be determined by the BPOU
703 committee, provided that such basis shall be uniform throughout the BPOU and shall be
704 based on the vote cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in the past preceding
705 statewide general election; or if such election were a presidential election, the vote cast for
706 the Republican candidate for President. Special caucuses for one (1) or more precincts may
707 be called by the BPOU committee in the manner prescribed by statute for biennial precinct
708 caucuses for the sole purpose of filling vacancies in precincts where such exist at the time of
709 notice.
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711 **SECTION 2: Time and Place of Convention.**

712 BPOU conventions shall be held annually within a range of dates established by the State
713 Central Committee and at the call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central
714 Committee, the Congressional District committee or the BPOU committee. The conventions
715 shall precede Congressional District and state conventions. Special BPOU conventions may
716 be held at the call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, the
717 Congressional District committee, or the BPOU committee at such time and for such
718 purpose as the committee calling the same may determine. BPOU conventions shall be held
719 at a place determined by the respective committee issuing the call.
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721 **SECTION 3: Delegates and Alternates to State and Congressional District Conventions.**

722 Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional Districts and to state conventions shall be
723 elected at the BPOU conventions in even numbered years; or if provided in the BPOU
724 constitution may be elected annually. A BPOU may elect up to twice as many Alternates as
725 the number of Delegates allotted, provided that the BPOU convention or constitution
726 specifies a method for the orderly seating of said Alternates to fill vacancies in the
727 delegation. The qualifications to be elected a Delegate or Alternate are residence in the

728 electing unit and being a legal and qualified voter in the next general election. All disputes
729 concerning the seating of Alternates shall be settled according to that BPOU's constitution or
730 bylaws. If seating of Alternates is not addressed in the BPOU's constitution or bylaws, then
731 a caucus of the Delegates from that BPOU will meet to settle the issue.

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733 **ARTICLE IX**
734 **State Party Administration**

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736 **SECTION 1: State Central Committee.**

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738 **A. General Management.**

739 The general management of the affairs of the Party in the state shall be vested in the State
740 Central Committee, subject to the control of the State Convention and this Constitution.

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742 **B. Composition.**

743 The State Central Committee shall consist of the following:

744 **1. The Members of the State Executive Committee and the Congressional District**
745 **Chairs.**

746 Where the Congressional District constitution provides for one chair and one deputy
747 chair instead of two chairs, the chair and the deputy chair will be members of the
748 State Central Committee. The Congressional District chairs and Congressional
749 District representatives to the State Executive Committee may appoint a designee to
750 serve in their absence provided that the designee is either a State Central Committee
751 Alternate or Congressional District officer from their Congressional District. The
752 state party officers, the National Committeeman and Committeewoman, and the
753 state finance chair may appoint a designee to serve in their absence provided that
754 the designee is a State Central Committee Alternate or Congressional District
755 officer.

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757 **2. One Delegate-at-large from each Congressional District.**

758 If a Congressional District constitution provides for a Congressional District
759 representative to the State Executive Committee other than a Congressional District
760 chair, then this person will be the Congressional District Delegate-at-large. If a
761 Congressional District constitution provides that a chair will represent the
762 Congressional District on the State Executive Committee, then the Congressional
763 District shall elect in accordance with its constitution a Delegate-at-large and an
764 Alternate in odd numbered years from within the Congressional District.

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766 **3. One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate, elected from each of the statewide**
767 **Republican Party affiliate organizations as listed in the party bylaws, provided that**
768 **the affiliate has at least twenty-five (25) eligible members.**

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770 **4. Three Hundred (300) Delegates and up to three (3) times as many Alternates**
771 **apportioned among the Congressional Districts, determined by the ratio of each**
772 **Congressional District's Republican vote in the last general election for President or**
773 **Governor. Congressional Districts shall further apportion all of their Delegates to**
774 **their BPOUs, and no BPOU or portion thereof may be disenfranchised. The**
775 **Congressional District shall determine the method for ensuring enfranchisement.**
776 **Nothing herein shall be construed to require that every BPOU fragment qualify for**
777 **its own Delegate or Alternate.**

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779 The Delegates and Alternates shall be elected in odd numbered years from within

780 the Congressional District in accordance with the provisions of the Congressional
781 District constitution. A Congressional District Delegate or Alternate elected
782 pursuant to this section shall serve a two (2) year term commencing on the date of
783 their election and terminating on the date their successor is elected. Such Delegates
784 and Alternates must reside in the Congressional District and be eligible to be a
785 legally qualified voter in the next general election.

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787 In the event that any Congressional District Delegate and one of ~~his or her~~ **their**
788 Alternates are unable to attend a meeting of the State Central Committee, the
789 Congressional District constitution shall provide for a procedure for appointment of
790 a replacement from among the other Alternates elected in that Congressional
791 District.

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793 A vacancy in a Congressional District Delegate position shall be filled for the
794 unexpired term by one (1) of ~~his or her~~ **their** Alternates if any, otherwise a vacancy
795 in a Delegate or Alternate position may be filled for the unexpired term by the
796 respective body of officers having power of appointment or election.

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798 5. Each Republican state constitutional officer and each Republican member from
799 Minnesota of the United States Senate or the House of Representatives, or their
800 appointee, shall be a member of the State Central Committee for the duration of
801 their term of office.

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803 6. The Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives, if a member of the
804 Republican Caucus or their appointee (otherwise the leader of the House
805 Republican Caucus or their appointee) and the leader of the Republican Caucus in
806 the Minnesota State Senate or their appointee.

807 808 **SECTION 2: State Executive Committee.**

809 **A. Composition.**

810 The State Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

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812 1. The ~~state~~ **C**hair, ~~Deputy~~ **C**hair, ~~Secretary~~ and ~~Treasurer~~;
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814 2. The ~~National~~ **C**ommitteeman and **C**ommitteewoman;
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816 3. One district chair from each Congressional District or a Congressional District
817 representative as provided for in the Congressional District constitution or bylaws
818 who shall serve until a successor is elected;
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820 4. The state finance chair.

821 822 **SECTION 3: State Party Officers.**

823 *[Prior to the election of a Chair in 2013, the positions of Secretary and Treasurer shall remain*
824 *as one position.]*

825 826 **A. Composition.**

827 The ~~State~~ **P**arty ~~Officers~~ shall consist of the following:

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829 1. Chair
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831 2. Deputy **C**hair

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3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. National Committeewoman
6. National Committeeman

B. Elections, Terms and Removals

1. The ~~State Party~~ Chair, Deputy Chair, and Secretary shall be elected at large by the State Central Committee in accordance with the bylaws or upon the occurrence of a vacancy, as provided in clause 4 below.
2. At the first Executive Committee meeting after the election of a ~~Party~~ Chair or in the event of a vacancy in the Treasurer position, the Executive Committee shall elect a Treasurer by a **two-thirds (2/3)** majority vote of the full membership of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer cannot simultaneously hold any other state party officer position.
3. State party officers elected by the State Central Committee shall not serve more than four (4) consecutive full terms in the same office. Unless otherwise provided, each party officer shall serve a two **(2)** year term in accordance with the procedures established in the bylaws.
4. (i) Any state party officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the State Executive Committee and confirmation by a vote of a simple majority of those present at the next meeting of the State Central Committee. This party officer's position shall be considered vacant until the next State Central Committee meeting (ii) Any state party officer may be removed by a two-thirds **(2/3)** vote of those present at any meeting of the State Central Committee.
5. In the event of a vacancy in the office of ~~state~~ Chair, the ~~Deputy~~ Chair shall carry out the duties of the ~~Chair~~ until a new ~~state~~ Chair is elected and the State Central Committee shall meet within forty-five (45) days thereafter to elect a new ~~state~~ Chair. In the event of a vacancy in the office of ~~Deputy~~ Chair, ~~Secretary~~, or ~~Treasurer~~, the ~~state~~ Chair may appoint an acting ~~Deputy~~ Chair, ~~Secretary~~, or ~~Treasurer~~ subject to ratification by the State Executive Committee within thirty **(30)** days after the appointment, to carry out the duties of the vacant office until a new officer is elected. The State Central Committee shall elect a new ~~Deputy~~ Chair or ~~Secretary~~ at its next regularly scheduled meeting or, if such meeting is scheduled within thirty days after the vacancy occurs, at the second regularly scheduled meeting after the vacancy occurs.

SECTION 4: General Provisions Relating to State Party Administration.

A. Terms of Appointees.

Unless otherwise provided, persons appointed by a state party officer under this constitution shall have terms of office expiring with the expiration of the term of the appointing officer. Each such person may be removed at the discretion of the appointing officer. In the case of the death, removal from office or geographical area, or resignation of the appointing officer the persons appointed by such state party officer shall have terms expiring with the election by the State Central Committee of the new state party officer.

- 884 B. No state party officer shall hold ~~his or her~~ **their** office and at the same time receive
885 monetary or in-kind payment from any candidate or its campaign.
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887 C. The **state** Chair and **Deputy** Chair shall meet with the Congressional District chairs as
888 a group at least once every three **(3)** months.
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890 **ARTICLE X**
891 **Congressional District Party Administration**
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893 **SECTION 1: Congressional District Committee.**

894 **A. Duties and Responsibilities.**

895 The management of the affairs of the party pertaining to each Congressional District shall
896 be vested in the Congressional District committee of such Congressional Districts, subject
897 to the direction of the State Central Committee, the State Executive Committee, and the
898 Congressional District convention, provided that the Congressional District committee shall
899 have no jurisdiction over local affairs within the respective BPOUs in the Congressional
900 District.
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902 **B. Composition.**

903 The composition of each Congressional District committee shall be provided in their
904 respective Congressional District constitution and/or bylaws.
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906 **C. Officers.**

907 The officers of each Congressional District committee shall be at least one **(1)** chair, a
908 treasurer and such additional officers as may be determined by each Congressional District
909 constitution and/or bylaws.
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911 **D. Election of Officers.**

912 The Delegates to each Congressional District convention held in odd numbered years shall
913 elect the officers of the Congressional District committee from any members of the **Party**
914 residing within the district.
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916 **SECTION 2: Congressional District Executive Committee.**

917 The Congressional District Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the
918 Congressional District committee and such additional members as provided by the
919 respective Congressional District constitution and/or bylaws.
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921 **SECTION 3: Removals.**

922 Unless a Congressional District constitution or bylaws provide otherwise, any officer of a
923 Congressional District committee, or any member of the Congressional District Executive
924 Committee, may be removed by a two-thirds **(2/3)** vote of those committee members
925 present at the Congressional District or Congressional District Executive Committee
926 meeting, as applicable.
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928 **SECTION 4: City Committees.**

929 For cities of the first class (and for cities located wholly within Hennepin County having a
930 population of **Seventy-Five Thousand (75,000)** or more), it shall be responsibility of the
931 respective Congressional District committee to organize or cause to be organized such cities
932 and wards thereof, located within their Congressional District, for city elections. The
933 Congressional District committee may determine the number of Delegates and Alternates
934 for such a city or ward convention and the basis of their apportionment, provided that such
935 basis shall be uniform throughout the city and the wards thereof, and if such Delegates and

936 Alternates are elected at the precinct caucuses held in even numbered years the
937 apportionment shall be based on the Republican Party vote in the last general election for
938 President or Governor. The constitution and/or bylaws of the respective Congressional
939 District shall provide for the establishment of a city committee for such a city. A
940 Congressional District may also give power and responsibilities to such a city committee,
941 including the authority to elect officers and to call endorsing conventions for city office,
942 subject to the provisions of the Congressional District constitution and/or bylaws.

943 **ARTICLE XI**

944 **Basic Political Organizational Unit Administration**

945 **SECTION 1: BPOU Committee.**

946 **A. Composition.**

947 The BPOU committee shall consist of the BPOU party officers and such other members as
948 the BPOU constitution, bylaws, or convention may prescribe.

949 **B. Officers.**

950 The officers of each BPOU shall be at least one (1) chair and such additional officers as may
951 bedetermined by each BPOU constitution and/or bylaws.

952 **C. Election of Officers.**

953 The officers and other members of the BPOU committee shall be elected at each BPOU
954 convention held in odd numbered years.

955 **D. Management and Fundraising.**

956 The management of the affairs of the party within the BPOU shall be as set forth in Article
957 IV. Organizers or other representatives of state or Congressional District authorities shall not
958 solicit membership or funds at an event held within any BPOU without at least fourteen (14)
959 days written prior notice to the BPOU chair(s). (See Article IV, Section 2.)

960 **SECTION 2: BPOU Executive Committee.**

961 The BPOU convention may provide for a BPOU executive committee of such size as it
962 deems proper, which shall be members of the BPOU committee.

963 **SECTION 3: Removals.**

964 Unless a BPOU constitution or bylaws provide otherwise, any BPOU representative on a
965 Congressional District committee, or officer of a BPOU executive committee may be
966 removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present at a BPOU committee meeting.

967 **SECTION 4: Vacancies in Precinct Offices.**

968 The BPOU chairman or chair with the approval of the BPOU committee may call a special
969 caucus, for one (1) or more precincts, in the manner prescribed by statute for biennial
970 precinct caucuses for the sole purpose of filling vacancies where such exist at the time of
971 notice, or may provide for the appointment of an acting officer until an officer is duly
972 elected.

973 **ARTICLE XII**

974 **Judicial District Organization and Administration**

975 **SECTION 1:** A Judicial District convention may create and organize a Judicial District Committee. A
976 notice of intent to consider forming a Judicial District Committee shall be included in the
977 call of the convention along with the proposal to consider endorsement. If such committee
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988 is created and organized, it shall be strictly auxiliary to the Republican Party of Minnesota
989 and shall have no other powers except as provided herein. If a Judicial District Committee is
990 formed, it shall search for candidates for judicial office. If a convention endorses for a
991 judicial office under Article V, Section 3(H), the Judicial District Committee shall be
992 responsible to secure the election of the endorsed candidate.

994 **ARTICLE XIII**

995 **National Committeeman and Committeewoman**

996 **SECTION 1: Selection of National Committeeman and National Committeewoman.**

997 In the year of each presidential election, immediately before or immediately after the state
998 convention that precedes the Republican National Convention, the State Central Committee
999 shall meet and select a National Committeeman and a National Committeewoman.

1002 **ARTICLE XIV**

1003 **Affiliates**

1004 **SECTION 1: Purpose and Organization.**

1005 The right of special organizations having Republican affiliations to exist and carry on their
1006 activities as they see fit, consistent with the object, platforms, and principles of the party
1007 shall be recognized. The organization of permanent local clubs and organizations of party
1008 members for the purpose of holding meetings and carrying on other activities in furtherance
1009 of party and public welfare shall be permitted and encouraged. The activities of all such
1010 organizations during the election campaigns shall be coordinated with authorized party
1011 activities and subject to the direction of the regularly constituted party organizations.

1012 **SECTION 2: Procedures for Determining Affiliate Status.**

1013 **A. Organizational Requirements for Affiliate Status.**

1014 Each Organization applying to be recognized as an Affiliate Organization of the Republican
1015 Party of Minnesota shall submit to the State Party Chair a copy of its constitution, bylaws,
1016 any other governing documents and an Executive Officer roster of the organization. The
1017 organization shall hold a convention at least ~~bi-annually~~ **once every two (2) years** to elect
1018 officers and **Delegates/Alternates** as applicable. Unless otherwise provided in the
1019 organization's constitution and/or bylaws, such convention shall be subject to the
1020 requirements in Article V.

1021 **B. Procedures for Determining Affiliate Standing.**

1022 The State Executive Committee shall review all **existing** Affiliates' standing **at least every**
1023 **two (2) years** ~~on a yearly basis~~. Written notice must be sent to the presiding officer of the
1024 Affiliate no later than twenty (20) days prior to a State Executive Committee meeting at
1025 which the Affiliate's standing will be reviewed. The State Executive Committee shall
1026 ~~annually~~ forward its recommendation of Affiliates in good standing to the State Central
1027 Committee to be certified by the State Central Committee.

1028 **SECTION 3: Representation at State and Congressional District Conventions**

1029 Authorized statewide Affiliates shall be entitled to voting representation at Republican State
1030 Conventions in accordance with Article VI, Section 1, B. Authorized statewide Affiliates
1031 may be entitled to voting representation at Congressional District Conventions, subject to
1032 qualification, in accordance with Article VII, Section 1, B.

1040 **ARTICLE XV**

1041 **Constitution and Bylaws, Committee and Amendments**

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1043 **SECTION 1: Constitution and Bylaws Committee.**

1044 The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall consist of a chair, and two (2) persons from
1045 each Congressional District. The ~~state party~~ Chair shall appoint the chair of the Constitution
1046 and Bylaws Committee. The Congressional District representatives shall be appointed by
1047 the Congressional District chair(s), or in the event of a dispute between the chairs regarding
1048 the appointment, by the Congressional District Executive Committee.

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1050 The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall give consideration to and may propose
1051 appropriate amendments and/or revisions of the Constitution to the state convention. The
1052 Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall also give consideration to and propose
1053 appropriate amendments of the bylaws to the State Central Committee. One third of the
1054 committee members shall constitute a quorum.

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1056 Any member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall have the privilege of
1057 addressing the State Convention or the State Central Committee when any report of the
1058 Constitution and Bylaws Committee is being considered.

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1060 **SECTION 2: Amendments to the Constitution.**

1061 This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote at any State Convention, provided
1062 that any proposal for amendment shall be referred to the State Constitution and Bylaws
1063 Committee and reported out of said committee. Any minority report shall be signed by at
1064 least one-third (1/3) of committee members before it shall be submitted to the Convention.
1065 Proposed amendments must be posted to the Party website at least five (5) days before the
1066 Convention.

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1068 **SECTION 3: Bylaws.**

1069 The State Central Committee and State Executive Committee shall operate under such
1070 bylaws as are deemed necessary for the transaction of the business of the party. The bylaws
1071 shall contain the specific delegation and division of responsibilities and duties among the
1072 various department of the state organization and may specify whatever rules and
1073 administrative procedures the State Central Committee deems necessary.

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1075 **SECTION 4: Amendments to the Bylaws.**

1076 The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any State Central Committee
1077 meeting, provided that any proposal for amendment shall be referred to the State
1078 Constitution and Bylaws Committee and reported out of said committee. ~~after written notice~~
1079 ~~of any proposal for amendment has been submitted with the notice of the meeting. Any~~
1080 ~~proposal for amendment shall be referred to the state Constitution and Bylaws Committee.~~
1081 Any minority report shall be signed by at least one-third (1/3) of committee members before
1082 it shall be submitted to the State Central Committee meeting. Proposed amendments must
1083 be posted to the Party website at least five (5) days before the State Central Committee
1084 meeting.

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1086 **ARTICLE XVI**

1087 **General Provisions**

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1089 **SECTION 1: Other Constitutions and Bylaws.**

1090 ~~Any body within the party organization~~ Only BPOUs, Congressional Districts and Affiliates
1091 may adopt and amend a constitution and/or bylaws for its own ~~government~~ governance.

1092 Those documents may not be inconsistent with this Party's Constitution and Bylaws.
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1094 **SECTION 2: Removals.**

1095 Notice of every proposal for removal by any committee or other body of the party shall be
1096 included in the notice of the meeting, and the individual concerned shall be served with a
1097 detailed statements of the charges against him/her them at least ten (10) days prior to such
1098 meeting.
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1100 **SECTION 3: Vacancies.**

- 1101 A. All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by the respective bodies or officers
1102 having power of election or appointment, except officers or members of the
1103 Congressional District or BPOU committees that shall be filled by such committees.
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1105 B. A vacancy shall occur upon the death or resignation of an officer or committee member
1106 or upon his/her their removal from the geographical area from which they were elected.
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1108 **SECTION 4: Financial Data/Congressional District/Basic Political Organizational Unit, and
1109 Legislative District Budgets.**

- 1110 A. Upon request by the state party Treasurer, the financial officer of any organization
1111 recognized under this constitution including but not limited to each Congressional
1112 District, each BPOU/Legislative District organization and affiliate shall prepare
1113 biennial budgets or submit financial data pertaining to the organization for review and
1114 shall submit financial data to the state party Treasurer.
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1116 B. The party Treasurer shall report at least semiannually on the financial status of the
1117 state party to members of the State Central Committee.
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1119 C. All money received in the name of the Republican Party of Minnesota shall be
1120 deposited in its account. All money received shall be reported by the state party
1121 Treasurer along with copies of any reports required by state or federal law.
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1123 D. No contribution shall be accepted and a unit of the party shall make no expenditure at a
1124 time when the office of Treasurer of the respective unit is vacant.
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1126 **SECTION 5: Improper Use of Party Funds.**

1127 No loan, in any form, may be made to any individual or party officer. In the event that any
1128 party officer, at any level of the Republican Party of Minnesota, converts to his/her their
1129 own use any Republican Party funds, other party officers shall report such occurrence to the
1130 Chair of the Republican Party of Minnesota, diligently encourage and assist all law
1131 enforcement personnel in prosecuting the violator to the full extent of the law and shall
1132 work diligently to recover the misappropriated party funds.
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1134 **SECTION 6: General Provisions**

1135 State Party Executive Committee members have a duty to act in the best interest of the Party
1136 and support Party-endorsed candidates for office.
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1138 **ARTICLE XVII**
1139 **Parliamentary Authority**
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1141 The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the party in
1142 all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and
1143 bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the statutes of the State of Minnesota, or any special rules of

1144 order the party may adopt.
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