

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

*Proposed additions to the Constitution are in **green** below and proposed removals are in **red**.*

PRINCIPLES

I. Individual Rights & Freedoms All people are created equal and inherently endowed with certain “unalienable rights” including “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” We embrace the Bill of Rights and acknowledge that free people, working toward their God-given potential, will make this state and nation strong.

II. Economic Prosperity Economic prosperity is expanded through the creativity, drive, and entrepreneurial spirit of free individuals and free markets. The State should only collect taxes to fund essential government functions, not to transfer wealth.

III. Limited and Accountable Government Keeping government functions at the lowest possible governing level respects the rights and autonomy of individuals to govern themselves and keeps decisions closest to those affected. All levels and branches of government should be transparent and limited to their respective roles, in accordance with the Constitution.

IV. Family Families are the foundational core in the creation of a peaceful and prosperous society. Human life, born and unborn, is inherently valuable and sacred, deserving of protection and respect until natural death. We uphold the fundamental rights of parents and guardians to make decisions about their children’s lives.

V. Education A Thriving society requires educated citizens prepared to be contributing members of society. Parents are primarily responsible for the education of their children and should be empowered to direct their children’s education.

VI. Stewardship and Productivity of Property Private ownership of property fosters prosperity through productivity and the stewardship of resources. Public resources should be utilized for the benefit of all Minnesotans.

VII. Justice & Rule of Law We support the rule of law and a justice system that treats every citizen equally. We insist upon the impartial, consistent application of the laws.

VIII. National Security A strong national defense and secure borders promote a peaceful and safe society.

ARTICLE V

Caucus Participation

SECTION 1. Eligible voters. Only those individuals who are or will be eligible to vote at the time of the next state general election may vote or be elected a delegate, alternate or officer at the Republican precinct caucus. An eligible voter may vote or be elected a delegate or officer

only in the precinct where the voter resides at the time of the caucus.

SECTION 2. Agreement with party principles. Only those persons who are in agreement with the principles of the party as stated in the Minnesota Republican Party's Constitution, and who either voted or affiliated with the party at the last state general election or intend to vote or affiliate with the party at the next state general election may vote at, and participate in, the Republican precinct caucus.

SECTION 3. Decision by caucus vote. In case the right of a person to participate at the precinct caucus is challenged, the question of the right to participate shall be decided by a vote of the precinct caucus. A person so challenged may not vote on the question of the person's right to participate.

ARTICLE VI

Conventions and Endorsements - General Provisions

SECTION 1: Business and Call.

- C. A valid convention Call must include the issuing committee that is authorized to issue the Call, date of issuance and list the names and titles of those with authority issuing the Call according to the Constitution. If an endorsing district crosses BPOU lines wholly within a congressional district and the BPOUs cannot agree to jointly issue a Call, then the congressional district shall issue an endorsing convention Call.

ARTICLE VII

State Convention

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:

SECTION 5: Policy Action Agenda

- A. The purpose of a Policy Action Agenda is communication of the priorities of delegates and alternates at each organizing level of the Party.
- B. Each BPOU, CD, or State convention organizing committee may convene a Policy Action Committee to:
 - a) Request policy action items from delegates to the convention,
 - b) Review, edit, and recommend policy action items, and
 - c) Present a Policy Action Agenda at the convention.
- C. Policy Action Agenda should:
 - a) Reflect the priorities of the delegates at the BPOU, CD, or State Level.

- b) Be actionable by a candidate serving that organizing unit.
 - c) Be titled to reflect the governing level.
- D. Policy Action Agenda only applies to the elected officials in the corresponding organizing unit.
- E. Policy Action Agenda sunsets at the next Precinct Caucus, and can be presented for renewal.
- ~~A. The function of the platform committee shall be to maintain a Permanent Platform of core beliefs for the Party based upon the platform adopted at the previous regular Republican State Convention. The permanent platform may only be amended as provided in this Constitution and the rules of the State Convention. 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 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 least seven (7) days prior to the State Convention. The committee shall then present the final committee report to the State Convention to be voted on in the manner prescribed by this constitution and the rules of the convention.~~
- ~~C. In even numbered years the platform committee shall review the permanent platform and all of the resolutions passed at Congressional District conventions for Congressional Districts that have a representative on the platform committee and any additional resolutions brought to the committee in the manner prescribed by the state convention rules. The Committee has discretion to make recommendations to the state convention to limit the size of the platform including a recommendation to designate resolutions of the platform for sunsetting. The committee shall determine which resolutions are new resolutions (i.e., address issues that are not addressed in the current permanent platform). The committee will recommend to the State Convention the following changes:~~
- ~~1. Adoption of the new resolutions identified by the committee.~~
 - ~~2. Renewed adoption of any resolution of the platform designated to sunset.~~
 - ~~3. Elimination of those resolutions that are no longer germane.~~
 - ~~4. Combining those resolutions that are similar.~~
 - ~~5. Clarifying those resolutions that are confusing.~~
 - ~~6. Reconsideration of those resolutions that are in conflict with other resolutions.~~
 - ~~7. Any resolution submitted by a majority of Congressional Districts shall be included in the platform committee final report; and~~
 - ~~8. Resolutions that advocate for specific legislation or policy shall be placed in a separate "action agenda" that will sunset every two (2) years.~~
- ~~D. All motions related to the Platform Committee report shall be voted upon at the~~

~~State Convention in the manner prescribed in the convention rules and need to be adopted by a minimum of sixty (60) percent of the last credentials report. The creation of a permanent platform for the Party will not limit the authority of any BPOU or Congressional District with respect to adopting their own platform.~~

ARTICLE X
State Party Administration

SECTION 1: State Central Committee.

B. Composition.

The State Central Committee shall consist of the following:

4. Three Hundred (300) Delegates and up to ~~two~~ **three (23)** times as many Alternates apportioned among the Congressional Districts, determined by the ratio of each Congressional District's Republican vote in the last general election for President or Governor.

ARTICLE XVII
General Provisions

SECTION 2: Removals.

Notice of every proposal for removal by any committee or other body of the party, shall be included in the notice of the meeting, and the individual concerned shall be served with a detailed statements of the charges against them at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting. **Members of any MNGOP delegation are expected to act with integrity, specifically when serving in an officer, delegate or alternate position, or as a candidate for office. An individual may be subject to discipline who acts in an immoral or illegal manner; commits physical violence against another or seriously threatens another. Such discipline may include anything from a private reprimand, loss of delegate status, loss of position to a ban from participating in the party.**

SECTION 4: Financial Data/Congressional District/Basic Political Organizational Unit, and Legislative District Budgets.

- B. The Treasurer shall report at least ~~semi~~ annually on the financial status of the state party to members of the State Central Committee.