

**BY-LAWS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF THE
EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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**ARTICLE I
State Central Committee**

Section 1: The District Executive Committee shall allocate State Central Committee delegate and alternate positions to the BPOUs in conformity with the State Republican Constitution.

- a. Unless otherwise provided in the State Constitution, delegates allocated to the Eighth District shall be allocated to the BPOU's as follows:
 1. Every Basic Political Organizational Unit located wholly or in part within the Eighth District shall have one (1) delegate.
 2. Additional delegates shall be allocated to the BPOUs according to the ratio of each BPOUs Republican vote in the last general election for President or Governor.
 3. Delegates to the State Central Committee shall be elected in odd-numbered years by their BPOU conventions or procedures.
 4. Each BPOU may elect three times as many alternates as delegates. Each alternate elected must be ranked in order of their priority to be seated.

- b. If any BPOU does not have sufficient delegates or alternates to fill its delegation at a State Central Committee meeting, the Eighth Congressional District Chair shall appoint replacements from unseated alternates. At the request of three delegates, the Chair shall call a caucus of the Eighth District delegation for the purpose of approval or disapproval of the Chair's appointments of replacements from unseated alternates. The chair's appointments may be overturned by a majority vote of the caucus.

ARTICLE II District Convention

Section 1: Prior to the District convention, the District Chair shall appoint the following pre-convention committees, and the Chair for each, from the delegates and alternates to the convention:

- a. Credentials
- b. Rules
- c. Resolutions (when necessary)
- d. Endorsement (when necessary)
- e. Nomination

Each committee shall hold one or more meetings with written notification to be sent ten (10) days before the meeting prior to the convention to consider such matters as are in their respective jurisdictions. The designation of the Chair and the members of each committee shall be communicated by letter to the same at least ten (10) days prior to the convention. Each pre-convention committee shall have at least one appointee from each BPOU in the District.

Section 2: The Nomination Committee for the District convention shall be composed of one (1) representative from each BPOU or partial BPOU in the District. The representative and alternate shall be designated by the BPOU, in writing, to the District Chair within fifteen (15) days after request in writing for such designation by the District Chair. If any BPOU fails to make such designation within the time prescribed, the District Chair may appoint any member of the party residing in such BPOU to the Nomination Committee. The District Chair shall convene the first meeting of the Nomination Committee and preside until the election of a Chair from the committee. The Chair elected shall at all times have a vote.

Section 3: Outgoing BPOU Chairs - When new Chairs are elected at a BPOU convention held during the two-year period for which delegates and alternates have been elected to State and District conventions, the out-going BPOU Chairs may, by BPOU constitution, be elected to any existing vacancies in the delegate or alternate lists.

Section 4: State Vice-Chair - One State Vice-Chair shall be elected from the Eighth Congressional District by the delegates and seated alternates at the Eighth District Convention in the odd numbered years. In the absence of the State Vice-Chair, the Eighth Congressional District Chair shall so serve.

Section 5: In each Presidential Election Year an Eighth Congressional District Presidential Elector-Nominee shall be elected by the delegates and seated alternates at the Eighth Congressional District convention. This election shall be listed in the Call, Rules and Agenda of the convention. The name of the elected Presidential Elector-Nominee shall be reported to the State Party and to the State Convention in the manner prescribed by the Rules of the State Convention. To ensure an

elector is always available to represent the Eighth Congressional District, an alternate shall also be elected in each Presidential election year.

ARTICLE III District Committees

Section 1: The District Full Committee shall meet not less than once each quarter.

Meetings of the District Full Committee may be called by the Chair, the Executive Committee, or by eight (8) members of the District Full Committee representing at least four (4) BPOUs. Written notice of each meeting shall be mailed to each member at least seven (7) days in advance.

Section 2: The presence of ten (10) voting members representing at least three (3)

BPOUs in the District shall constitute a quorum of the District Full Committee.

The members present at a meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business until adjournment notwithstanding loss of quorum.

Section 3: By written request to the District Chair, any duly elected delegate or alternate to a District convention may obtain the right to make a presentation on pertinent Republican Party business to the District Full Committee at the next scheduled meeting. Said presentation is not to exceed ten minutes in length.

Section 4: Open Chair - In the case of a vacancy in the office of District Chair, the District Deputy Chair shall perform the duties of the office until the election of a successor.

Section 5: At the first meeting following their election, the District Executive Committee shall organize sub-committees to assist the District Full Committee in advancing the goals and objectives of the party. Each District Vice-Chairman and Vice-Chairwoman shall serve as chair or co-chair of at least one of these sub-committees and shall be responsible to the District Full Committee for the operations of the sub-committee.

a. The number of sub-committees shall not exceed the number of vice-chairmen or vice-chairwomen.

b. Operational areas of the sub-committees shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Fund raising
2. Candidate search
3. BPOU organization
4. Intra-party communications
5. Voter Identification Program (VIP)

ARTICLE IV District Executive Committee

Section 1: The District Executive committee shall meet at the call of the Chair or upon all by any three (3) members thereof. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

Section 2: Notification of meetings will be made to all District Executive Committee members.

ARTICLE V

Legislative District Endorsing Conventions

Section 1: District endorsing conventions wholly within a given BPOU may be held subject to the provisions of said BPOU constitution and/or by-laws, provided said provisions are not in conflict with state statutes or the Republican State Constitution.

Section 2: Where a District crosses BPOU lines, but lies within a Congressional District, the Congressional District Executive Committee may issue the call for an endorsing convention, appoint the convener, and specify the delegate voting strength of the delegates from the BPOUs involved or pursuant to such other procedure as may be authorized by the Congressional District Constitution.

Section 3: Where a District crosses county and Congressional District lines, the State Executive Committee may issue the call for an endorsing convention, appoint the convener, and specify the delegate voting strength of the delegates from the BPOUs involved.

Section 4: In the event that a majority of the precinct chairs and deputy chairs from the district that crosses BPOU or Congressional District lines should sign a petition requesting an endorsing convention and specifying the convener and the delegate voting strength of the convention, the Congressional District Chair or the State Chair, on behalf of the executive committee, who has jurisdiction as specified in Section 2 or 3 of this Article, shall issue the call for such convention.

Section 5: An endorsement made at a Legislative District endorsing convention whose jurisdiction crosses BPOU or Congressional District lines may permit the District Full or State Executive Committee to appoint a representative from the party to coordinate party activities with the candidate's campaign committee, in the event that no legislative district organizations shall cooperate with that campaign organization.

Section 6: Eligible voters at Legislative District endorsing conventions shall be the delegates or alternates as duly elected at the most recent Republican precinct caucus held within the political boundaries of the district and such other ex-officio delegates as may be designated by the applicable BPOU Constitution or By-Laws or Congressional District Constitution or By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI

State Legislative Districts

Section 1: General Provision.

After each reapportionment, the respective BPOU organizations may cause to have organized legislative district committees, consistent with the new state legislative districts.

Section 2: Legislative District Committee:

- a. The management of the affairs of the party within each state legislative district, relating to the election of state legislators, shall be vested in legislative district committees, subject to the direction of state or district authorities. All activities within the legislative district are to be coordinated with the respective BPOU leadership.
- b. The Legislative District Committee shall consist of such officers and other members as these By-Laws may prescribe.
- c. The officers of each Legislative District Committee shall be a Chair, Deputy Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers as these By-Laws may prescribe.
- d. The officers and other members of the Legislative District Committee shall be elected in the odd numbered years as these By-Laws may prescribe.

Section 3: The Legislative District Committee may provide for a Legislative District Executive Committee, of such size as it deems proper, who shall be members of the Legislative District Committee.

Section 4: Any Legislative District Committee officer or member may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the members of the Legislative District Committee.

ARTICLE VII Amendment

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote at any District convention, provided that a one-hour elapsed period occurs after said amendment motion has been seconded, unless the convention unanimously waives this Article's requirement for amending by-laws.

ARTICLE VIII Support for Endorsed Candidate(s)

It is the duty of all District Executive Committee members to support Republican endorsed candidates. Should any member of this body actively and publicly campaign against a Republican endorsed candidate, that member may be requested to discontinue the activity(ies) or take a leave of absence until after the Primary by a two-thirds vote of those present at any meeting of the District Executive Committee duly called for such purpose with ten (10) day written notice of the meeting that includes a detailed statement of the charges and detailed evidence given to the individual concerned.

In taking such an action the Executive Board shall be mindful of the value of long-term relationships and carefully consider the meaning of actively and publicly campaigning against a Republican endorsed candidate. The Board shall attempt to achieve balance between its expectations of a Board member and that member's right to free speech under the federal Constitution.

Activities in support of an unendorsed candidate that could be considered working against the GOP endorsed opponent include: retweeting and Facebook posts to friends and family, phoning for the candidate, door knocking, financial donations, broad social media promotion on Twitter and Facebook, attending campaign events, submitting testimonials of support for campaign use and voting for the candidate.