

STATE PARTY RULE CHANGE #1

(Submitted by Harmon County)

“Recommended by State Central Committee to be passed”

(MAKES THE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE DEC 31ST TO BE A REPUBLICAN PARTY OFFICER OR DELEGATE)

Rule 3- Rights and Qualifications of Members and Officers

- (b) **Officers and Delegates:** No person shall be eligible to be elected or appointed as an officer or a member of any committee of the Republican Party or as a delegate or alternate delegate to any county, district, state, or national convention, nor to be endorsed for any position on the Republican National Committee, unless such person is, ~~at the time of such election, appointment, or endorsement,~~ a qualified registered Republican voter of the political unit which such position represents **BY DECEMBER 31st IN THE YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT.** Any such office, position, or endorsement shall become vacant and shall be deemed revoked when any such officer, delegate, alternate delegate, or committee member shall cease to be a qualified registered Republican voter, as defined by State law, of the unit represented.

STATE PARTY RULE CHANGE #2

(Submitted by Harmon County)

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ADDS LANGUAGE TO BIND RNC DELEGATES IN SAME WAY AS AT LARGE DELEGATES AND RAISES THE FLOOR TO 20% FOR CANDIDATES TO GET ANY DELEGATES. THIS BRINGS US IN ALIGNMENT WITH MORE SUPER TUESDAY STATES

Rule 18 - Nomination and Election of Delegates to National Convention and Presidential Electors:

- h. Award of Delegate Votes:** *The following method shall be followed by the Oklahoma Republican Party to award delegates votes at the Republican National Convention, based on the canvassed results of the Presidential Preference Primary reported to the Chairman of the ORP by the Secretary of the State Election Board. The method to award delegates that is set out by statute in the State of Oklahoma (presently codified at 26 O.S. 2001 §20-104B&C) shall be superseded and/or supplanted by this rule.*

All delegates from the State at Large **AND THE 3 RNC DELEGATES DEFINED AS STATE CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN AND NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN** shall be awarded to a presidential candidate who receives a majority (more than 50%) of the votes in the Republican presidential preference primary election in the state. If no presidential candidate receives a majority of the votes in the state, then the award shall be as follows: based on the relationship that the number of votes received by each presidential candidate bears to the total number of votes cast in the Republican presidential primary election in the entire State; provided that a presidential candidate must receive at least ~~45~~ **20** percent of the total vote cast in the State in the Republican presidential preference primary election in order to be entitled to any of the State at Large delegates. The Chairman of the Oklahoma Republican Party shall apportion pro rata the number of delegates from the State at large each of the presidential candidates is entitled to receive rounded to the nearest whole number.

2. All delegates from each congressional district shall be awarded to a presidential candidate who receives a majority (more than 50%) of the votes in the Republican presidential preference primary election in that district. If no presidential candidate receives a majority of the votes in a congressional district, then the award shall be as follows:
- a. If three or more presidential candidates receive ~~45~~ **20** percent or more of such total vote in the district, the top three finishers in the District shall each be awarded one delegate from that district.

b. If only two presidential candidates receive ~~15~~ 20 percent or more of such total vote in the district, the presidential candidate who receives the most votes in that congressional district shall receive two (2) delegates and the presidential candidate who receives the second most votes in that congressional district shall receive one (1) delegate; and,

c. If only one presidential candidate receives ~~15~~ 20 percent or more of such total vote in the district, such presidential candidate shall be awarded all of the delegates from that district.

A presidential candidate must receive at least ~~15~~ 20 percent of the total vote cast in the district in the Republican presidential primary election in order to be entitled to any of the three delegates from that district.

STATE PARTY RULE CHANGE #3

(Submitted by Harmon County)

“Recommended by State Central Committee to be passed”

ADD THE DUTY TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO LONG TERM CONTRACTS AND TO HIRE AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Rule 14- State Budget Committee

- (b) **Authority and Duties:** *It shall be the responsibility of the State Budget Committee, and it shall have the power and authority, to prepare budgets designating the amount, classification and priority of expenditures to be made from funds of the Republican State Committee, giving due consideration to the estimated availability of funds. By appropriate actions and resolutions it shall prescribe rules and regulation governing the fiscal affairs of the Republican Party organizations, including the procedure required for recommendations to the State Committee of amounts to be included in budgets and the incurring of obligations under such budgets. Said committee shall not authorize, directly or indirectly, any budget for, or expenditures of, funds for any candidate or candidates for any Primary election campaign, or the expenses thereof, whether such expenses incurred before, during, or after such Primary election.*

It shall be the duty of said committee to evaluate the procedures and records of the State Treasurer and the State Finance Committee, and to make a report of such evaluation to the State Chairman, and State Committee annually, or more often as deemed necessary by the Budget Committee, or when requested by the State Chairman, or State Committee.

IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF SAID COMMITTEE, IF THE COMMITTEE SO CHOOSES, TO ENTER INTO LONG TERM CONTRACTS WITH VENDORS THAT EXCEED THE TERM OF THE STATE CHAIRMAN.

IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF SAID COMMITTEE TO HIRE AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SERVE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE STATE CHAIRMAN. THE STATE CHAIRMAN MAY RECOMMEND A CANDIDATE FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO THE COMMITTEE. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY BE FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SHALL BE A PERSON OF HIGHEST CHARACTER AND PROFESSIONAL POLITICAL COMPETENCE TO EXECUTE ON A DAY-BY-DAY BASIS THE MISSION OF THE STATE CHAIRMAN, STATE COMMITTEE AND STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FROM ANY CANDIDATE, CANDIDATE COMMITTEE, BALLOT COMMITTEE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FOR THE ELECTION OR DEFEAT OF ANY CANDIDATE OR BALLOT INITIATIVE.

STATE PARTY RULE CHANGE #4

(Submitted by Noble County)

ADDS SECTION TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REGARDING HIRING OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rule 11

(d) Executive Director: The State Executive Committee may contract with or hire/fire, as full-time or part-time Executive Director, a person of highest character and professional political competence to execute on a day-by-day basis the mission of the State Committee, State Chairman, and State Executive Committee. The executive director shall not receive compensation from any candidate, candidate committee, ballot committee, directly or indirectly, for the election or defeat of any candidate or ballot initiative.

STATE PARTY RULE CHANGE #5

(Submitted by Oklahoma County)

CHANGES THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Rule 11- State Executive Committee

(a) Composition and Appointment: There shall be a State Executive Committee composed of:

- the State Chairman;
- the State Vice Chairman;
- the elected Congressional District Chairman ~~and Congressional District Vice Chairman from each Congressional District of the state~~; the Republican Governor, if there be one;
- the Republican Lieutenant Governor, if there be one;
- the President of the Oklahoma Federation of Republican Women;
- the Chairman of the Oklahoma Federation of Young Republicans;
- the Chairman of the Oklahoma Federation of ~~Teen-Age~~College Republicans;
- the County Chairman of each county which maintains (and has maintained, for the year immediately previous) a County Republican Headquarters facility (For purposes of these rules, a County headquarters shall be a facility staffed and open to the public a minimum of 20 hours per week, 24 weeks annually in election years, 20 weeks annually in non-election years. It shall not be a shared residence or business office.
- from the state at large, ten members. Each Republican member of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives may appoint one member. The ~~Any remaining at-large~~ members shall be appointed jointly by the State Chairman and Vice Chairman if they can agree; however, in case they cannot agree, each may appoint ~~five (5) members~~ an equal number, subject to the approval of the State Committee.
 - The Republican National Committeeman and Committeewoman of Oklahoma; ~~and~~
- the highest ranking Republican Representative of the House and the highest ranking Republican Senator of the Senate shall also be members of said committee by virtue of their office, with the same powers and privileges as the other members.; and

- the chairman of the State House Republican Caucus and of the State Senate Republican Caucus shall also be members of said committee by virtue of their office, with the same powers and privileges as the other members.

(b) Duties: The State Executive Committee shall ~~at all times act in an advisory capacity to the State Chairman be the principle governing committee of the State Party,~~ and shall confer with ~~said the~~ chairman ~~and to~~ offer such plans and suggestions as will serve and advance the best interests of the Party not inconsistent with these rules. Said committee shall fix the time and place of any State Convention as more fully prescribed in Rule 16. It shall also be the duty of the State Executive Committee to report its recommendations to the State Committee for organization in preparation for any State Convention.

(c) Meetings: The State Executive Committee shall meet at any time upon the joint call of the State Chairman and Vice Chairman pursuant to ten (10) days written or electronic notice sent to all members of said committee stating such purpose or if either of said officers is not available, or if either of said offices is vacant, the other may call such meeting. If said officers cannot agree as to such call, either may call a meeting. If both issue such a call, the first issued shall be the legal call. If both of said offices are vacant or both officers shall fail or refuse to issue such a call, then the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman may issue such call. If said officers cannot agree as to such a call, either may call such meeting. If both should issue such a call, the first issued shall be the legal call. If both of said offices are vacant or both officers fail or refuse to issue such a call, then one-fourth of the entire existing members of the State Executive Committee shall be authorized to issue a call for such meeting, duly assigned by said members, provided, however, such call made by such members must state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting. The State Chairman and, in the chairman's absence, the Vice Chairman, and in the absence of both, any person who is a registered Republican selected by those in attendance, shall preside at the meeting. The State Secretary shall, by virtue of the office, also be Secretary of the State Executive Committee.

(d) Executive Director: The State Executive Committee may contract with or hire, as full-time or part-time Executive Director, a person of highest character and professional political competence to execute on a day-by-day basis the mission of the State Committee and State Executive Committee. The executive director shall not receive compensation from any candidate, candidate committee, ballot committee, directly or indirectly, for the election or defeat of any candidate or ballot initiative.

Rule 14- State Budget Committee

(a) Composition, Term and Vacancies: There shall be a State Budget Committee of the State Committee composed of the State Chairman, the State Vice Chairman, the Oklahoma National Committeeman and Committeewoman, the Treasurer of the State Committee, and the Chairman of the State Finance Committee, together with nine members, at least one of whom shall be nominated by the members of the Congressional District Committee of each Congressional District, to be elected by the Congressional District Committee as soon as possible (not to exceed sixty (60) days) after the regular biennial State Convention, whose term of office shall begin upon their election and continue until the adjournment of the next regular biennial State Convention and their successors are elected and qualified. A vacancy in any position of such elected members shall be filled for the unexpired term by election by the Congressional District Committee at any regular or special meeting thereof. Any remaining members after those nominated by the members of the Congressional District Committees of each Congressional District shall be jointly filled by the State Chairman and Vice Chairman. If they cannot agree on such appointment, then they shall be evenly appointed between the State Chairman and Vice Chairman, in the event that there is an odd number remaining, the State Chairman shall make the extra appointment.

(b) Authority and Duties: The State Budget Committee shall be a standing subcommittee of the State Executive Committee for the purpose of preparing budgets designating the amount, classification, and priority of expenditures to be made from funds of the Republican State Committee approval by the State Executive Committee and the State Committee. ~~It shall be the responsibility of the State Budget Committee, and it shall have the power and authority, to prepare budgets designating the amount, classification and priority of expenditures to be made from funds of the Republican State Committee, giving due consideration to the estimated availability of funds. By appropriate actions and resolutions it shall prescribe rules and regulation governing the fiscal affairs of the Republican Party organizations, including the procedure required for recommendations to the State Committee of amounts to be included in budgets and the incurring of obligations under such budgets.~~ Said committee shall not authorize, directly or indirectly, any budget for, or expenditures of, funds for any candidate or candidates for any Primary election campaign, or the expenses thereof, whether such expenses incurred before, during, or after such Primary election. It shall be the duty of said committee to evaluate the procedures and records of the State Treasurer and the State Finance Committee, and to make a report of such evaluation to the State Chairman, the State Executive Committee, and State Committee annually, or more often as deemed necessary by the Budget Committee, or when requested by the State Chairman, the State Executive Committee, or State Committee.

STATE PARTY RULE CHANGE #6

(Submitted by Tulsa County)

ADD SECTION (i) to RULE 16

Platform be voted on as the first order of business of the convention.

Rule 16 –

(i) It shall be required at State Party Conventions that the Party Platform be voted on as the first order of business of the convention.

STATE PARTY RULE CHANGE #7

(Submitted by Oklahoma County)

ADD SECTION (i) to RULE 16

No amendment that has failed to pass the last 2 convention may be voted on

- (i) Platform Changes and Resolutions:** No amendment to the State Republican Party Platform or Resolution shall be offered on the Convention Floor or considered by the delegates of the State Convention if such amendment or resolution shall have been defeated by a vote of delegates present at any two (2) previous State Conventions immediately preceding said State Convention.

Nothing in this rule shall prohibit the inclusion of previously defeated amendments or resolutions in the Report of the Platform Committee created in Rule 17(c) of these rules.

This rule may only be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates as listed on the Credentials Report adopted at said State Convention. Such a suspension vote shall be a roll call vote and the weighting system (if any) approved by the State Convention for use shall apply.

STATE PARTY RULE CHANGE #8

(Submitted by Tulsa County)

ADD SECTION (j) TO RULE 16: No quorum call allowed at convention

(j) Once convened, a Republican Convention will operate until its business is finished. All remaining present at any vote shall be considered a sufficient quorum.

STATE PARTY RULE CHANGE #9

(Submitted by Tulsa County)

CREATES NEW RULE 21 TO NOT ALLOW INDEPENDENTS TO VOTE IN REPUBLICAN ELECTIONS

Explanation:

The Democrat party now allows registered Independents to vote in their primary and runoff elections. This would not be good for the Republican Party.

Therefore, we move the Rules of the Oklahoma Republican Party be amended as follows:

Proposed New Rule 21

No registered Republican in Oklahoma and no committee in the Oklahoma Republican Party shall have the authority to allow registered Independents in Oklahoma to vote in partisan primary government elections in Oklahoma, partisan runoff government elections in Oklahoma, or any party elections in the Oklahoma Republican Party.

STATE PARTY RULE CHANGE #10

(Submitted by Cimarron County)

ADD SECTION (i) TO RULE 19

CANDIDATES MUST MARK UP COPY OF PLATFORM (identical to #11 & 12)

The purpose of this Motion is to amend the Rules of the Oklahoma Republican Party by adding a new Section (i) under Rule 19., General Rules Applicable to Various Officers and Committees, which would require candidates to disclose whether their positions on issues agree with those of our Republican Platform.

Rule 19

(i) Disclosure of Agreement of Candidates with our Platform: For a Republican candidate for elective office to receive the endorsement and support of the Oklahoma Republican Party, he must read and mark up a copy of the current Oklahoma Republican Platform, indicating his agreement or disagreement with each plank with explanation as necessary, and make it available for review at the State Party office.

STATE PARTY RULE CHANGE #11

(Submitted by Choctaw County)

ADD SECTION (i) TO RULE 19

CANDIDATES MUST MARK UP COPY OF PLATFORM (identical to #10 & 12)

1. WHEREAS: *Republican Party activists are asked by candidates for their support, time, work, money, and vote, and they deserve to know sooner rather than later whether those candidates agree with the official positions of the Party as expressed by our Platform, and*

2. WHEREAS: *This motion does not propose a “litmus test” for candidates. They need not agree with every plank in our Platform in order to receive the endorsement and support of our Party. However, they must disclose where they stand on the issues.*

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STATE PARTY RULE CHANGE #12

(Submitted by Tulsa County)

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