

GENERAL RULES FOR COUNTY, SENATORIAL DISTRICT, AND STATE CONVENTIONS

Rule No. 23 - Convention Resolutions - At any convention other than a precinct convention, all resolutions including those offered by delegates for consideration by the convention shall be filed with the Secretary of the Convention not later than thirty (30) minutes after the Permanent Committee on Platform and Resolutions is appointed and shall automatically and without debate be referred by the Secretary of the Convention to the Committee on Platform and Resolutions or other committee appropriate to the subject for consideration and report. The Secretary of the Convention shall remain available in a publicly announced location easily accessible from the convention floor during the period in which such resolutions can be filed. All resolutions adopted by the next lower level convention shall be considered by the Temporary Platform and Resolutions committee of the next higher level convention. A temporary or permanent resolutions committee may originate resolutions.

Rule No. 23A - Delegate Allocations and Entitlements -

- a. The delegate and alternate entitlements to the county or senatorial district and state conventions shall be based on the number of votes cast for the party's gubernatorial candidate in the most recent gubernatorial general election.
 1. Each precinct convention shall be entitled to elect one delegate and one alternate to the county or senatorial district convention based on a ratio of one (1) for each twenty-five (25) votes and major fraction thereof within the boundaries of the voting precinct and further show in more detail on the following table provided that any precinct convention shall be entitled to elect at least one delegate and one alternate:

Votes	Delegates	Alternates
0-37	1	1
38-62	2	2
63-87	3	3
88-112	4	4
113-137	5	5
etc.	etc.	etc.

2. Each county or senatorial district convention shall be entitled to elect one delegate and one alternate to the state convention based on a ratio of one (1) for each three hundred (300) votes and major fraction thereof within the boundaries of the county or senatorial district and further shown in more detail on the following table provided that any county or senatorial district convention shall be entitled to elect at least two delegates and two alternates:

Votes	Delegates	Alternates
0-750	2	2
751-1050	3	3
1051-1350	4	4
1351-1650	5	5
etc.	etc.	etc.

3. Each precinct and county/senatorial district convention delegate and alternate delegate entitlement to the state convention shall be increased proportionately among all delegations to achieve a state convention potential delegate and alternate delegate roll of no less than 7,500 delegates and 7,500 alternate delegates to the state convention.
- b. At the option of the local county or senatorial district executive committee and by a two-thirds (2/3's) vote of said committee at the statutory meeting required pursuant to the T.E.C. Section 172.082, the delegate entitlement may be changed to a ratio of one (1) to forty (40) and major fraction thereof, or any ratio in between, for that year only if said committee can justify among their peers that it is impractical due to size or availability of space to use the formula permitting the maximum number.
 - c. The delegate and alternate entitlement in a presidential election year for a county or senatorial district convention which includes more than one congressional district shall be apportioned among the congressional districts in the same manner they are apportioned to the county or senatorial districts, provided that the total delegate and alternate entitlement from the county or senatorial district does not exceed that provided for in this rule. If the calculation of delegate and alternate entitlements by congressional district are different from the calculation of delegate and alternate entitlements by county or senatorial district, the following guidelines shall be used in adjusting the total delegate/alternate entitlements:
 1. The delegate and alternate totals shall not be greater than the delegate/alternate calculation for the county or senatorial district except that any congressional district shall be entitled to elect at least one delegate and one alternate which may cause the delegate/alternate entitlement for a county or senatorial district to exceed the total entitlement for the county or senatorial district by the number of delegates and alternates from one or more congressional districts with less than enough votes to get an entitlement of greater than one (1) pursuant to Section "a." of this rule, in a presidential election year;
 2. Except as provided in Subsection "1." above, if the calculation for delegates and alternates by congressional district should exceed the number of delegates and alternates by senatorial district, then the delegate and alternate entitlement to the congressional district shall be reduced beginning with the smallest fraction, then continuing to the next higher fraction until the calculations are equal;
 3. If the calculation for delegates and alternates by senatorial district should exceed the number of delegates and alternates by congressional district, then the delegate and alternate entitlement to the congressional district shall be increased beginning with the highest fraction, then continuing to the next lower fraction until the calculations are equal;
 4. In a presidential election year, each delegate and each alternate shall have credentials for both the Senatorial District and the Congressional District Caucuses and if a delegate or alternate is not credentialed for both, the delegate or alternate shall not be credentialed for either.
 - d. In the event of boundary changes among precincts or districts, or the creation or deletion of precincts or districts since the most recent gubernatorial election, the following rules shall govern the allocation of gubernatorial votes to the changed or newly created precincts or districts.
 1. The apportionment of gubernatorial votes to the newly created or changed precincts or districts shall be made using any fair and equitable method for making such determination.
 2. The county executive committee shall apportion to each precinct the number of votes to be used in allocating the number of delegates and alternates which may be elected by such precincts using any fair and equitable method for making the determination.

3. When the boundaries of a senatorial district or congressional district have changed or a new district formed causing a boundary change in an election precinct, the apportionment of gubernatorial votes to each precinct shall be used in allocating the number of delegates to be elected in each affected district.
 4. If the county executive committee fails to act in a timely manner, the state executive committee shall make such apportionment of the gubernatorial vote to precincts.
- e. At any convention, registration and credentialing shall continue through adjournment. Rule No. 24 - Minority Reports of Committees At any convention other than a precinct convention, a minority report of a committee shall be presented to the convention, if it has been reduced to writing and signed by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the members of such committee. The committee member who presents the minority report to the convention shall be permitted to move the implementing motion.

Rule No. 25 - Persons Admitted and Who May Address -

- a. Admittance – At any convention other than a precinct convention, there shall be admitted to the convention floor only delegates whose names are listed on the temporary roll during the temporary organization or on the permanent roll when adopted by the convention, past State Chairmen and Vice Chairmen, the present members of the SREC, its officers and employees, the National Committeeman and Committeewoman, past National Committeemen and Committeewomen, properly accredited members of the media, babies of nursing mothers who are delegates, Republican public officeholders, Republican candidates for public office, and persons assisting delegates that have physical disabilities.
- b. Badges – The Secretary of the Convention is instructed to issue identification badges in accordance with the above, and the Sergeant-at-Arms and his assistants shall admit only authorized persons to the Convention floor. Seating shall be provided for alternates in the section(s) designated for guests.
- c. Addressing Convention – At any convention other than a precinct convention, no person other than a State Party official, member of the SREC, or delegate shall address the convention or caucus of the convention without the permission of the Chairman or the general consent of the convention or caucus of the convention.

Rule No. 26 - Seating of Alternates - At any convention other than a precinct convention.

- a. Order of Seating Alternates – Alternates shall be seated for absent delegates in the order listed in the minutes of the convention electing them; however, if instructions are provided by the convention electing such alternates, said instructions shall be followed in the seating of alternates.
- b. Voting in Caucuses – Alternates shall be admitted to all district caucuses; however, they shall not vote or be provided any privileges of a delegate unless seated for an absent delegate.
- c. Limitations on Using Alternates – Alternates shall replace delegates absent from the voting floor only from the same convention electing such alternates.
- d. Timing of Seating – Alternates may be seated to replace absent delegates at any time in a convention by the chairman of a delegation and seated alternates shall relinquish their seat upon the return to the floor by the delegate except that:
 1. Alternates shall be seated to replace delegates absent from the voting floor prior to the beginning of any vote and shall not be seated or unseated during any vote.
 2. In caucuses, alternates shall be seated to replace delegates absent from the voting floor prior to roll call of the caucus or delegation of the caucus and shall not be seated or unseated during the roll call of the caucus or delegation of the caucus.

3. Alternates under challenge pursuant to Rule 27 of the Rules shall not be seated until the challenge is resolved.

Rule No. 27 - Challenges to Credentials of Delegates

- a. County or Senatorial District Conventions. The credentials of any delegate or alternate to a county or senatorial district convention may be challenged by any person who voted in the Republican General Primary and resides in the same precinct as the delegate he wishes to challenge by mailing to the Republican County or District Convention Chairman a written challenge specifying the grounds for the challenge and detailing the specific rule or rules alleged to have been violated. The challenge shall be sent via certified or registered mail at least three (3) days before the date of the convention. A copy of this challenge shall be certified or registered mailed by the person initiating the challenge to the challenged delegate(s) or alternate(s). The County or District Convention Chairman shall send all challenges to the chairman of the Temporary Committee on Credentials of the convention in question.
- b. State Convention.
 1. Filing of Challenge. The credentials of any delegate or alternate to the State Convention may be challenged by any person who voted in the Republican General Primary and who resides in the same county or senatorial district as the delegate or alternate he wishes to challenge by sending to the State Chairman and to the delegate(s) or alternate(s) to whom such challenge relates a written challenge specifying the grounds for the challenge and detailing the specific rule or rules alleged to have been violated. The challenge shall be sent via certified return receipt or registered mail no later than thirty (30) days following the date of the county or senatorial district convention. The State Chairman shall deliver all such challenges to the Republican State Officials Committee (as constituted in the bylaws of the SREC).
 2. State Officials Committee. Without attempting to assess merit or lack of merit, the Officials Committee shall in open session without taking testimony conduct a preliminary review of each challenge in order to establish whether the basis for the challenge is valid under the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas. The Officials Committee shall forward to the Temporary Committee on Credentials all challenges alleging violations of party rules at a county or senatorial district convention unless the Officials Committee determines the basis of the challenge to be frivolous, i.e. irrelevant or lacking in substance. Any challenge deemed frivolous shall not be forwarded to the Temporary Committee on Credentials, and the principal(s) who brought such challenge and the principal(s) against whom the challenge was brought shall be promptly notified by certified with return receipt or registered mail. The Credentials Committee shall not hear a late challenge of a delegate or alternate.
 3. Appeal. A decision of the Officials Committee may be appealed by either party to the Temporary Committee on Credentials by mailing of appeal via certified with return receipt or registered mail notice to the Credentials Committee Chairman and to the principal(s) named in the challenge no later than ten (10) days prior to the date that the State Convention holds its first general session.
- c. Status of Challenged Delegate. No delegate whose credentials are challenged shall lose his eligibility to serve on a temporary committee, although he may not vote in the Credentials Committee on his own challenge.
- d. Committee on Credentials Procedure. At any convention other than a precinct convention, the Temporary Committee on Credentials, when it convenes, shall hear both sides of the challenge and shall report to the convention the names of the delegates or alternates whom it believes are entitled to participate in the convention. The convention shall vote on the report of the Committee on Credentials on each challenge that is made. Challenged delegates shall be listed on the Temporary roll, but may not vote on their own

challenge. Furthermore, delegates from delegations that are being challenged may not be seated until the challenge is resolved. Rule No. 28 - Conventions in County with Multiple Senatorial Districts

If a county is situated in more than one state senatorial district, instead of a county convention, a senatorial district convention shall be held in each part of the county that is situated in a different senatorial district, provided, however, that shared facilities may be utilized for separate senatorial district conventions and may be held outside the geographical boundaries of the senatorial district, if party interests and public accessibility will be served as determined by the affected senatorial district executive committees no later than the date on which drawing for a position on the primary ballot is conducted. A meeting for this purpose shall have been called by written notice to each member of the respective senatorial district executive committees from the county chairman, post-marked no later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Rule No. 29 - County/Senatorial Convention Committees

- a. Prior to each County or Senatorial District Convention, the temporary chairman shall appoint the following committees, and name the chairmen thereof, provided that all members shall be delegates and if the convention has more than fifty (50) delegates, each such committee shall be composed of at least five (5) and not more than fifteen (15) delegates. The committees and their duties shall be as follows:
 1. Credentials: This committee shall hear any contest concerning delegates and shall recommend the permanent roll of the convention.
 2. Rules: This committee shall recommend supplementary rules for the convention.
 3. Permanent Organization: This committee shall recommend permanent officers of the convention from among the delegates present.
 4. Resolutions: This committee shall conduct preliminary deliberations for the purpose of making recommendations to the Permanent Resolutions Committee.
 5. Nominations: This committee shall conduct preliminary deliberations for the purpose of making recommendations to the Permanent Nominations Committee.
- b. The temporary convention chairman shall make available at the chairman's podium at the start of the convention, no fewer than five (5) copies of the temporary rules committee report and no fewer than five (5) copies of the temporary resolutions committee report, and announce they may be inspected by any delegate or alternate to the convention.
- c. Immediately upon the election of the Permanent Chairman, the Permanent Chairman shall appoint the following Permanent Committees from among the delegates, whose duties shall be as stated below, and the chairmen thereof, provided that if the convention has more than twenty-five (25) delegates, each such committee shall be composed of at least five (5) and not more than fifteen (15) delegates. The committees and their duties shall be as follows:
 1. Nominations: This committee shall present nominations for delegates and alternates to the State Convention, after considering the recommendations of the Temporary Nominations Committee.
 2. Resolutions: This committee shall recommend resolutions to the Convention, after considering the recommendations of the Temporary Resolutions Committee.

Rule No. 30 - County/Senatorial Convention Agenda - The agenda for each County or Senatorial District Convention shall include the following order of business.

- a. Call to order by the Temporary Chairman.

- b. Roll call of temporary roll of delegates. (Roll call may be taken by name or by Precinct Delegation count. The delegate registration list may be used at the start of the convention to establish the temporary roll and a quorum for the convention, when approved by a majority voice vote of the delegates present. Delegates must provide proper identification upon registration to obtain their credentials, if this method is to be used.) At conclusion of roll call the secretary shall announce:
 - 1. the number of delegations present;
 - 2. the combined voting strength of those delegations; and
 - 3. the number of attending delegates at start of convention.
- c. Report of the Credentials Committee (this report shall be acted on prior to any further business.)
- d. Report of the Rules Committee; adoption of supplemental rules.
- e. Report of the Permanent Organization Committee; election of permanent officers from among the delegates.
- f. Appointment of Permanent Nominations and Permanent Resolutions Committees.
- g. Precinct Caucuses, if applicable.
- h. Report of the Nominations Committee; adoption of nominations.
- i. Report of the Resolutions Committee; adoption of resolutions.
- j. Other business.
- k. Adjourn.

Provided, however, that such order of business, following item (c) may be changed by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3s) of the delegates present and voting.

Rule No. 31 - Report of Nominations Committee - At a County or Senatorial District Convention, the Committee on Nominations shall present a report including a list of delegates and alternates for election to the State Convention and the Nominations Committee shall designate the manner in which alternates shall replace absent delegates. That report may be amended by the convention by the process of adding, or by striking and inserting, or by substitution. The convention shall then elect the delegates and alternates to the State Convention by adopting the report, or the report as amended, of the Nominations Committee. All delegates and alternates may be elected at-large, or some or all may be allocated to precincts, at the discretion of the convention.

Rule No. 32 - Certified List of Delegates Delegates and alternates to the Republican State Convention shall be made aware, at the time they submit their names, that any contact information provided may be disclosed in accordance with the following:

- a. The Permanent Chairman of a County or Senatorial District Convention shall be responsible for making a certified list of the delegates and alternates chosen, with residence addresses including towns shown thereon, together with a copy of all resolutions adopted by the convention, and shall sign the same, the Permanent Secretary of such convention attesting his signature; and within five (5) days after the convention shall forward such certified lists, and resolutions to the State Chairman at the Austin headquarters. The lists, resolutions, and other records of the convention only to the extent required by law shall be made available by the Permanent Chairman for inspection and copying during office hours, at a charge not to exceed \$1.00 per page.

- b. Any compilation of delegate and alternate information prepared by the Republican Party of Texas shall not be treated as a public record. However, subject to appropriate proprietary agreements, said compilation shall be made available to any then current delegate or alternate of the Republican State Convention or any Republican officeholder or candidate for party or public office or Party County Chairman at a charge not to exceed \$25.00 per one thousand (1,000) delegates and alternates provided. Said information and its updates shall be made available at the earliest practical date and initially no later than five (5) weeks from the date of the last County or Senatorial District Convention. Said information, once available, shall be provided to a qualified requestor within no more than seven (7) business days of the receipt by Austin headquarters of the order form and payment.