

**RULES FOR CONVENING OF THE STATE CONVENTION TO ELECT DELEGATES
TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION**

RULE NO. 1. State Convention Call. The Chairman of the Republican Party of Louisiana, prior to October 1 of the year prior to the Republican National Convention, shall issue the call for the State Republican Convention to elect delegates to the Republican National Convention (hereinafter “the state convention”).

(a) The State Convention shall be held not before the applicable date set forth in the Rules of the Republican National Convention in order to avoid a penalty in the reduction in the size of the Louisiana Delegation to the Republican National Convention.

(b) The Chairman shall promulgate the call in a manner consistent with these rules. The Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Louisiana (hereinafter “the Executive Committee”) shall be authorized to provide supplemental rules not inconsistent with these rules, or to make such provision or amendments to ensure that these rules operate in accordance with the Rules of the Republican Party as adopted by the most recent Republican National Convention and in effect as of January 1 in the year prior to the Republican National Convention.

(c) The call of the state convention shall be posted on the web site of the Republican Party of Louisiana and shall be transmitted to newspapers of general circulation in every parish of the state.

RULE NO. 2. Membership in Convention. The membership of the state convention shall consist of delegates and alternate delegates.

(a) Delegates and alternate delegates elected at District Caucuses. There shall be Twenty five (25) delegates at large from each of the congressional districts, elected at the District Caucuses. There shall be Twelve (12) alternate delegates at large from each of the congressional districts, elected at the District Caucuses.

(b) Delegates and alternate delegates elected by the Louisiana Republican State Central Committee. There shall be five (5) delegates at large from each of the congressional districts, elected by the Louisiana Republican State Central Committee members from the respective congressional districts. There shall be two (2) alternate delegates at large from each of the congressional Districts, elected by the Louisiana Republican State Central Committee members from the respective congressional districts.

RULE NO. 3. Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the State Convention.

(a) The Republican Party of Louisiana shall conduct caucuses in each of the congressional districts for the purposes of electing delegates and alternate delegates as set forth in Rule 2 (a) in accordance with the call set forth in Rule 1. There shall be a minimum of thirty (30) caucus sites throughout the state.

(b) The Louisiana Republican State Central Committee shall conduct elections for the purposes of electing delegates and alternate delegates at set forth in Rule 2 (b) in accordance with the call set forth in Rule 1.

(c) Only Registered Republicans as of December 15 in the year prior to the year of the Republican National Convention, of the several Congressional Districts shall be eligible to participate, vote, or be nominated as delegates or alternate delegates in the Congressional District Caucuses. The Executive Committee is authorized to establish procedures, deadlines, forms and filing fees for candidates for delegate and alternate delegate to the State Convention. There shall be no proxies at the District Caucuses.

(c) Delegates and alternates shall be elected in separate elections. In the District Caucuses, the top 25 delegates shall be declared elected and the top 12 alternate delegates shall be declared elected. In the elections conducted by the Louisiana Republican State Central Committee, the top 5 delegates shall be declared elected and the top 2 alternate delegates shall be declared elected. In either case, if there is a tie for the final position or positions, if practical, there shall be a second vote of those tied for the final position or positions. If there is a second tie, or if it is not practical to conduct a second vote, there shall be a coin toss to determine the winner.

(d) At the state convention and at all meetings of the several congressional delegations, the alternate delegate and no other shall vote in the absence of the delegate.

(e) Within one week after the election of delegates and alternates to the state convention, in meetings called by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Louisiana, the delegates of the several congressional delegations shall meet and shall elect, from their number: a Delegation Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, four (4) members each to the Committee on Rules; seven (7) members each to the Committee on the Platform and four (4) members each to the Committee on Credentials. Alternate delegates may not vote in these meetings, except in the absence of the appropriate delegate. Alternate delegates may not serve as delegation chairmen or as members of the convention committees. In the election of Delegation Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary, if no candidate receives a majority vote, there shall be a run off between the top two candidates. In the election for committee members, voting shall proceed as the voting for delegates and alternate delegates.

(f) Within five (5) calendar days after the election of officers and committees above, the Chairman and Secretary of each delegation shall complete the certification prepared and printed by the Republican Party of Louisiana and shall deliver the same in a package addressed to the Secretary of the Louisiana Republican State Central Committee at the headquarters of the Republican Party of Louisiana.

RULE NO. 4. Convention Committee on Credentials. (a) When the state convention shall have assembled, the Secretary of the Louisiana Republican State Central Committee shall deliver to the Committee on Credentials all credentials and other papers forwarded under Rule No. 3.

(b) Any question of credentials may be taken to the Committee on Credentials on any contest of delegates, provided, however, that notice of such contest must be filed with the secretary of the Louisiana Republican State Central Committee within 72 hours after the district caucus.

(c) No motion with respect to delegates or alternate delegates from more than one (1) congressional district shall be in order before the Committee on Credentials.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE CONVENTION

Temporary Rules

RULE NO. 5. Order of Business. The convention shall proceed in the order of business prepared and printed by the Executive Committee.

RULE NO. 6. Committee Reports. (a) The report of the Committee on Credentials shall be disposed of before the report of the Committee on Rules is acted upon; the report of the Committee on Rules shall be disposed of before the report of the Committee on The Platform is acted upon; and the report of the Committee on the Platform shall be disposed of before the convention proceeds to the election of delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention.

(b) The report of any such committee listed in Rule No. 6(a) shall be considered as read if made available to the delegates prior to its consideration.

RULE NO. 7. Definition of "District". Whenever used in these rules, "district" or "districts" shall be taken to mean the congressional districts of the state of Louisiana

RULE NO. 8. Admission to Convention Hall. (a) No person except members of the several delegations and officers of the convention shall be admitted to the section of the convention hall restricted to delegates.

(b) Press and staff shall be admitted to the section(s) of the hall authorized for them.

RULE NO. 9. Voting. (a) Each delegate to the convention shall be entitled to one (1) vote, which may be cast by an alternate delegate in the absence of the delegate.

(b) In the absence of any delegate from any congressional district, the roll of alternate delegates for the district shall be called in the order in which the names are placed upon the roll of the convention,

RULE NO. 10. Rules of Order. The current authorized edition of Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised ("Robert's Rules of Order") shall be the rules of the convention, insofar as they are applicable and not inconsistent with the rules herein set forth; provided, however, that the convention may adopt its own rules concerning the reading of committee reports and resolutions.

RULE NO. 11. Length of Debate. No delegate shall speak more than once or longer than three (3) minutes upon the same question, unless by leave of the convention.

RULE NO. 12. Convention Committees

(a) The convention shall have three committees: The Committee on Credentials, The Committee on Rules and The Committee on the Platform. The Chairman of the Republican Party of Louisiana shall appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman for each Committee.

(b) Committees and subcommittees may set time limits for speaking on any question by a simple majority vote.

(c) Upon request of thirty percent (30%) of the members of a committee or subcommittee of the convention, a vote shall be recorded in the manner provided by these rules, and no votes in the committees or subcommittees of the convention shall be taken by secret ballot.

RULE NO. 13. Platform Resolutions. All proposed resolutions relating to the platform shall be submitted in writing to the Committee on the Platform without reading and without debate.

RULE NO. 14. Minority Reports; Amendments (a) No resolution or amendment pertaining to the report of the Committee on the Platform or the Committee on Rules shall be reported out or made a part of any report of such committee or otherwise read or debated before the convention, unless the same shall have been submitted to the chairman, vice chairman, or secretary of such committee or to the secretary of the convention in writing not later than one hour after the time at which such committee votes on its report to the convention and shall have been accompanied by a petition evidencing the affirmative written support of a minimum of thirty percent (30%) of the membership of such committee.

(b) No amendment pertaining to the report of the Committee on Credentials affecting delegates or alternate delegates from more than one (1) district shall be in order.

RULE NO. 15. Motion to Table. It shall be in order to lay on the table a proposed amendment to a pending measure and such motion, if adopted, shall not carry with it or prejudice such original measure.

RULE NO. 16. Previous Question. When the previous question shall be demanded by a majority of the delegates from any district, and the demand is likewise seconded by a majority of delegates from another district, and the call is sustained by a majority of the delegates to the convention, the question shall then be proceeded with and disposed of.

RULE NO. 17. Roll Call. (a) Upon all subjects before the convention requiring a roll call, the districts shall be called in numerical order.

(b) In the balloting, the vote of each district shall be announced by the chairman of such district's delegation, or his or her designee; and in case the vote of any district shall be

divided, the chairman shall announce the number of votes for each candidate, or for or against any proposition; but if exception is taken by any delegate from that district to the correctness of such announcement by the chairman of that delegation, the chairman of the convention shall direct the roll of members of such delegation to be called and the result shall be recorded in accordance with the vote of the delegates in such delegation.

(c) In balloting, if any delegation shall pass when its name is called, then at the conclusion of the roll call all delegations which passed shall be called in the order herein before established. No delegation shall be allowed to change its vote until all delegations which passed shall have been given a second opportunity to vote.

(d) In any vote, the chairman of the convention may order that the balloting on any subject placed before the convention requiring a roll call be conducted by electronic, telephonic or computer device which will display votes to the convention simultaneously. Each delegation chairman shall record and tally any such votes of the delegation on official roll call tally sheets provided by the secretary of the convention, showing the individual vote of the delegates, and file such tally sheets with the secretary of the convention not more than ten (10) minutes after the completion of the roll call vote.

RULE NO. 18. Record Vote. If a majority of the delegates of any delegation shall demand a roll call vote, the same shall be taken of the districts in the order hereinbefore established.

RULE NO. 19. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention

(a) Delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention must be registered Republican voters in the state of Louisiana. Neither delegates nor alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention are required to be delegates or alternate delegates to the State Convention. In order for a candidate for delegate or alternate delegate to be placed in nomination, that candidate must first execute the Delegate Allocation Affidavit prepared and printed by the Republican Party of Louisiana.

(b) In each election: (1) any delegate or alternate delegate may place a name in nomination, except as provided in paragraph (e) below. Seconds are not required; (2) the candidates with the highest votes shall be declared elected, except that if there is a tie for the final position, a second vote shall be conducted between those receiving the tie votes. If there is a second tie vote, a coin toss shall determine the winner.

(c) Each District shall elect three (3) delegates and three (3) alternate delegates in separate elections conducted during the state convention at the time, manner and place and set forth in the order of business of the convention, after which the roll of the districts shall be called and the names of each of the three (3) Delegates and three (3) alternate delegates for each district announced and declared elected.

(d) After the election of District Delegates and Alternates set forth above, the convention shall proceed to the election of twenty (20) at large delegates. After the election of at large delegates, the convention shall proceed to the election of twenty (20) at large alternate delegates.

(e) After the elections above, the convention shall proceed to the election of the remainder of at large delegates and alternates to be elected. The remainder of at large delegates and alternate delegates to be elected shall be nominated by the Executive Committee.

RULE NO. 20. Allocation of Delegates to Presidential Candidates. After the election of Delegates and Alternates set forth above, the delegates and alternates shall be allocated to Presidential candidates as follows:

(a) Congressional District Delegates shall be allocated and designated as uncommitted.

(b) At Large Delegates elected in accordance with Rule 19 (d) shall be allocated to a Presidential candidate only if a candidate receives at least 25% of votes in the Presidential Preference Primary. If a candidate receives at least 25% of the votes in the Presidential Preference Primary, that candidate shall be allocated at large delegates in proportion to the percentage of the votes received, rounded to the nearest delegate. If no candidate receives at least 25% of the votes in the Presidential Preference Primary, such at large delegates are designated as uncommitted. All other at large delegates shall be allocated and designated as uncommitted.

(c) Should the State of Louisiana fail to conduct a Presidential Preference Primary in the calendar year in which the Republican National Convention is conducted, or should the State of Louisiana conduct a Presidential Preference Primary on a date that would cause a reduction in delegates to the Republican National Convention, all at large delegates shall be designated as uncommitted, further, the Executive Committee shall be authorized to adopt supplemental rules or amend these rules in order to prevent the reduction of delegates to the Republican National Convention.

(d) The Chairman of the Louisiana Delegation to the Republican National Convention shall allocate the delegates in accordance with these rules.

Rule No. 21. Election of Delegation Officers and Committee Representatives.

Immediately following the adjournment of the State Convention, all delegates to the Republican National Convention shall meet and elect officers, including, but not limited to a Chairman, Honorary Co-Chairmen to include all Republican statewide elected officials and all Republican Congressmen (provided that if a Republican be serving as governor, the Governor shall be designated as Honorary Chairman), a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and committee representatives. Alternates may vote only in the absence of delegates.