

# HOUSTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CONSTITUTION

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## ARTICLE I: NAME AND JURISDICTION

- Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the Houston County Republican Party.
- Section 2. The purpose of the Houston County Republican Party shall be to seek out and elect Republican Candidates to local, state and national offices.
- Section 3. The jurisdiction of the Houston County Republicans shall be limited to the geographical boundaries of Houston County as determined by Minnesota law.
- Section 4. The Houston County Republican Party, in cooperation with the Republican Parties of the counties located wholly or partially within The 28th Legislative district, with the Republican Party of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District and with the Republican Party of Minnesota, shall establish search committees for Legislative candidates, shall assist in raising funds for legislative candidates, and may endorse legislative candidates pursuant to the State Party Constitution.

## ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

- Section 1. The Houston County Committee membership shall be composed of Houston County residents who are
- (A) County Executive Committee Members.
  - (B) Chairman and Deputy Chairman, Selected Delegates and Alternates of the precincts within the county.
  - (C) Any Local Republican Elected Official.
  - (D) Any State or Congressional District Republican officer residing in the county.
  - (E) Any additional persons the committee votes to allow to serve, such as representatives from auxiliaries and affiliate groups as defined by the Republican Constitution.

## ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers of the Houston County Committee shall be a Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Vice-chairmen.
- Section 2. The County Officers shall be elected at a County Convention held in odd-numbered years.
- Section 3. An officer shall not hold any one position for more than 4 terms (8 years).

## ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1. Membership of the Executive Committee shall be the elected county officers, the State Central Committee delegates, and up to five persons appointed by and who shall serve at the pleasure of the county chairman.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have charge of the administration of the County Party affairs, subject to the direction and control of the District Convention and Committee.

Section 3. If a vacancy occurs, the remaining officers shall at the next regular meeting date from the time of the vacancy select a replacement, subject to ratification of the full committee.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall consult and advise precincts with vacancies and appoint officers to fill precinct vacancies if the vacancies exist for more than 30 days.

Section 5. The Executive Committee participates in legislative candidate search committees and following endorsement, if given, coordinate and assist in campaigns for the election of these candidates.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall meet at least 6 times per year. A quorum shall consist of 20% of the members.

#### Section 7 Electronic Meetings

Regular and Special Meetings of the Executive Committee, any subcommittee or special committee, may be held by electronic means (telephone, conference, video conference or internet communication system) subject to the following requirements:

- A. A majority of the members shall have access to the specified electronic media.
- B. A quorum for the meeting shall be established by roll call vote and, once established, shall be assumed present until the meeting is adjourned.
- C. The technology used for the electronic meetings shall allow the members full access to and full participation in all meeting transactions either continuously or intermittently throughout the specified time of the meeting.
- D. The affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum shall be the minimum vote requirement for the adoption of any motion, with a roll call being required upon request of any member participating in the meeting.

### ARTICLE V: PRECINCT ORGANIZATION

There may be a minimum of two officers and such other officers as the precinct may Prescribe who shall be elected at the precinct caucuses.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the precinct officer, assisted by Senate/House Coordinators to perfect the organization of the precinct; to recruit block workers, conduct training sessions, complete voter surveys, conduct authorized fund raising drives, conduct voter registration programs, or any other task that may be assigned by the County Committee.

Section 3. Precinct officer vacancies may be filled by the executive committee at the next regular meeting.

### ARTICLE VI: CONVENTIONS

- Section 1. The Houston County Convention shall be held annually at the call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, the Congressional District Committee, or the Houston County Committee, preceding the Congressional District and State Conventions. County Conventions shall be held at a place determined by the Executive Committee.
- Section 2. The Houston County Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternates elected at the last Precinct Caucus.
- Section 3. If the alternates are unranked they shall be seated
- (A) By either the Chairman or Deputy Chairman
  - (B) By majority vote of the seated delegates of that precinct or
  - (C) If no delegates in that precinct are present, the County Chairman shall fill the vacancy in that precinct with any unseated alternates from that precinct.
- Section 4. There may be no cross seating of alternates into precincts in which they were not elected.
- Section 5. Prior to each convention, the Chairman shall appoint a rules, resolutions, credentials, nominating or any such committees as may be necessary to carry out the business of the convention.
- Section 6. Endorsement Conventions shall be called by the Congressional District Committee and shall be conducted in accordance with the Constitution and procedures of House District 28B and Senate District 28.

#### ARTICLE VII: ELECTION OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, STATE, AND STATE CENTRAL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

- Section 1. Delegates and alternates shall be elected to the **Congressional District and the State Conventions** at the County Convention during even numbered years for a term of two years and apportioned in accordance with the vote for Governor and/or President.
- Section 2. There shall be at least one delegate and two alternates from each caucus convening area as determined by the Executive Committee.
- Section 3. Alternates shall be ranked according to the number of votes received. Ties shall be broken by drawing straws or other approved tie-breaking method.
- Section 4. Prior to the caucuses, the Executive Committee shall inform the convener of the number of delegates and alternates that may be elected from each convening area. The convener may ask for recommendations to fill the number of allocated delegate and alternate positions. The recommendations shall be approved by the nominating committee before being reported and voted on at the County Convention.
- Section 5. Nominations may be made from the floor with the permission of the person being nominated.
- Section 6. State Central Delegates and Alternates shall be elected during odd-numbered year conventions for a term of two years. **BPOU delegate and alternate positions to the State Central Committee shall be elected at conventions held in odd-numbered years. Delegate positions shall be allocated to the BPOUs on the basis of the Republican Gubernatorial or Presidential votes cast in the First Congressional District in the last general election. There shall be three (3) alternate positions allocated for each delegate position.**

**Section 7. District Central Committee Delegates and Alternates shall be elected during even-numbered year conventions for a term of two years. There shall be two (2) delegate positions and one alternate position allocated for each delegate position.**

#### ARTICLE VIII: AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1. Following their election on odd numbered years, the County Chairman with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee shall appoint a Constitution Committee whose function is to review and recommend changes to this Constitution when deemed necessary. This committee serves at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the delegates present at the County Convention provided that the proposed amendments are referred to the Constitution Committee and notice is given to the delegates prior to the Convention.

Section 3. The provisions of this Constitution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the County Convention.

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