

2017 HOUSTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CONVENTION RULES

Temporary Rules. These rules shall be effective as the temporary rules of the Convention until these, or revised rules, are adopted as permanent rules for the Convention.

Temporary Credentials. Only those persons who have been elected as delegates have voting rights. In the absence of a delegate, the Chairman will appoint an unseated alternate from that precinct to fill the vacancy. There will be no cross seating of alternates into precincts in which they were not elected. Alternate rank was determined at the 2016 Precinct Caucus. The report of the Credentials Committee shall be the first official item in the order of business on the Agenda for the Convention.

Adoption of Permanent Rules. Immediately after acceptance of the Credentials report, these rules or revised rules to govern the Convention shall be adopted by majority vote of the approved delegates of the Houston County Republican Party that are present at the Convention.

Chairman of the Convention. The Chairman of the Houston County Republican Party shall preside as Chairman of the Convention.

Secretary of the Convention. The Secretary of the Houston County Republican Party shall preside as secretary of the convention.

Robert's Rules. Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) shall be the rules of the Convention insofar as they are not inconsistent with these Convention Rules.

Voting. On questions for which a vote count is required or requested, the vote may be a voice vote of the delegates with results announced by the Convention Chairman. If exception be taken by any delegate to the correctness of such announcement, the Chairman of the Convention shall request a raised hand vote of delegates and/or paper ballot. Paper ballots should be used in the election of Officers if more than one person is running for a position.

Election of Officers. An election of officers to the Houston County Executive Committee consisting of Chairman, Deputy Chairman, (2) Vice Chairmen, Secretary and Treasurer will take place at the Convention. There will also be an election of a delegate and (2) alternates to the Central Committee. If more than one person is nominated for a position, each duly nominated Candidate shall have two minutes to speak. The nominee who obtains a majority of votes, will be deemed to be the winner.

Debate. A delegate, alternate, or guest shall speak no more than once on one motion or item of business and no more than a total of one (1) minute on that motion or item of business.

Sergeant at Arms. The Convention Chairman shall appoint a Sergeant at Arms who shall rule on and enforce all allotted speaking times for all speakers.

Parliamentarian. The Convention Chairman shall appoint a Parliamentarian who shall have the authority to rule on matters of parliamentary procedure in accordance with the Robert's Rules of Order. (Newly Revised).

Suspension of the Rules. These rules shall not be amended nor suspended except by a two-thirds vote of the convention.

Altering Order of Business. The Convention Chairman may alter the order of business if the need arises.

Speakers. During the convention, the Agenda shall include a line item allowing any elected official no more than **two minutes** to address the Organizational Convention, who were not previously invited as special guest speakers. All candidates and elected officials for national and statewide elected offices shall be allotted no more than **five minutes** of speaking time each.