



**NEVADA
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STANDING RULES OF THE NEVADA REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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STANDING RULES OF THE NEVADA REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

CHAPTER ONE – BASIC RULES

§ 1.0 Establishment of the Standing Rules.

The Standing Rules of the Nevada Republican Central Committee (NRCC) are hereby established. They are adopted under authority of § 2 of the General Rules of Order of the NRCC.

§ 2.0 Definition of the General Rules of Order.

The terms “General Rules of Order” or “General Rules” as used and referenced in the Standing Rules are defined pursuant to Article 14 of the NRCC Bylaws as the latest revision which has been in publication for at least two years of ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED. The General Rules are distinct and separate from the Standing Rules.

§ 3.0 Adoption and Amendment of Standing Rules.

Pursuant to the General Rules, Standing Rules may be adopted, amended or repealed by a simple majority vote of the NRCC. Notice of new proposed rules must be given in accordance with the NRCC Bylaws.

§ 4.0 Mechanics of Chapters.

Chapters are documents that are the core component of the Standing Rules. Each Chapter must be assigned its own Chapter Number and Chapter Title. The mechanics of how each individual Chapter is organized is built around the division of each Chapter:

Subsection 4.1 - Chapters are divided into Sections.

Subsection 4.2 - Sections are divided into Subsections.

Subsection 4.3 - Subsections are divided into Paragraphs.

Subsection 4.4 - Paragraphs are divided into Sub-paragraphs.

§ 5.0 Numbering system of the Chapters.

Chapters are divided into sections using the following syntax: § A.AA (*) (**) where the diacritic symbol § indicates this is a reference to a section number, A represents any single numeric character 1 through 999, AA represents any single numeric character 1 through 99, * represents any lower case alphabetical character a through z and ** represents any Roman numeral expressed with lower case alphabetical characters. A typical reference under the system used in a Chapter would be “§ 5.6 (d) (iv)” where;

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Subsection 5.1 - The number (5) preceding the period indicates that the material is in Section five of the Chapter, and;

Subsection 5.2 - The number (6) following the period indicates that the material is in Subsection six of Section five, and;

Subsection 5.3 - The letter (d) indicates that the material is in Paragraph d of Subsection six, and;

Subsection 5.4 - The Roman numeral (iv) indicates that the material is in Sub-paragraph four of Paragraph d.

Subsection 5.5 - This reference is read aloud as “Section five point six, paragraph d four”.

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CHAPTER TWO – PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE POLL RULES

§ 1.0 Procedure to conduct Presidential Preference Poll.

Subsection 1.1

a) Each county central committee shall provide for a secret ballot for the Presidential Preference Poll.

b) Only individuals who have filed with the NRP Secretary as a Republican candidate for President of the United States shall appear on the ballots. Any such person so filing must meet all the legal requirements to be a Republican candidate for President and must pay a filing fee, at the time of filing, to the Nevada Republican Party in an amount to be determined by the NRP Executive Committee. The deadline for filing is 45 days prior to the date of the Precinct Meetings.

c) The ballots shall be opened, tallied, and announced at the Precinct Meeting in full view of all participating electors who wish to observe. Voting for the Presidential Preference Poll may only be conducted in a Precinct Meeting, except for absentee military ballots as provided for in § 4.0 of this chapter. All Precinct Meetings must provide for voting in the Poll.

Subsection 1.2 – Each county central committee shall have sign-in sheets based on county voter registration rolls that persons voting in the Presidential Preference Poll must sign. The same sign-in sheets must be used for the Poll whether voting is being done at early voting pursuant to Subsection 6.2 of this chapter, or in the Precinct Meetings. The express purpose and intent of this Subsection is to prevent anyone from voting twice in the poll.

Subsection 1.3 – No person shall be allowed to participate in the Presidential Preference Poll at the Precinct Meeting who does not already appear as a registered Republican on the voter rolls for that precinct not less than ten (10) days prior to the day of the meeting. Same day registration is prohibited. In the event of any disputes pertaining to registration status, a provisional ballot may be cast until such time as voter registration can be confirmed. Attendees may vote in the Presidential Preference Poll anytime during the meeting until the scheduled end of the precinct meeting.

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Subsection 1.4 – Security Procedures

- a) the precinct meeting staff must securely seal ballots and tally sheets in a container with a tamper proof seal in full view of the attendees,
- b) the NRP Executive Committee must adopt Standing Rules prescribing the following specific required procedures regarding a recount under this section:
 - i) Transporting the ballots.
 - ii) What address they must be sent to.
 - iii) Under what conditions they are to be transported.
 - iv) How and when the containers may be reopened.
 - v) What observers may be present.
 - vi) Establishing a deadline by which the ballots are to be returned to their respective county central committees.

Subsection 1.5 - Each county central committee shall communicate the times, locations of all precinct meetings and the names of all precinct meeting chairs to the NRP Secretary not less than 60 days prior to the date of the precinct meetings. The NRP Secretary shall publish this information on the NRP website within 48 hours of receiving it.

§ 2.0 Calculation and Reporting of Presidential Preference Poll Results.

Subsection 2.1

- a) The ballots cast for each Presidential Candidate on the Presidential Preference Poll shall be tallied by precinct immediately after voting closes.
- b) Neither “write-in” ballots nor a “none of the above” option shall be permitted.
- c) Any ballot cast for more than one candidate shall be declared invalid.
- d) The vote tally for each Precinct must be read aloud at the meeting and communicated to the county central committee before the ballots may leave the site of the Precinct Meeting. The vote tallies shall then be consolidated to provide the individual precinct and county total number of votes cast for each candidate in the county.
- e) The vote counted at each individual Precinct Meeting is the official vote except as provided for in Section 4.0.

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Subsection 2.2

- a) The Secretary or other designated officer of the county central committee shall then certify and communicate both the individual precinct and consolidated county tallies to the Secretary of the Nevada Republican Party immediately following the Poll, but in no event later than midnight of the day following the day of the Precinct Meetings.
- b) Upon receipt of all county tallies, the NRP Secretary shall consolidate and certify the county and state totals, and immediately communicate that information, including all individual precinct and county tallies, to each member of the NRP Executive Committee and the chair of each county central committee.
- c) The NRP Secretary shall also post all precinct, county, and state results on the website of the Nevada Republican Party in the same process.

Subsection 2.3 – Each county central committee shall archive all ballots for a period of one year and shall provide them on request to the NRP Secretary for audit.

§ 3.0 No Binding of County Delegates.

It is the express intent and policy of the Nevada Republican Party that Delegates to County Conventions not be bound by the results of the Presidential Preference Poll in their respective Precinct Meetings except where required by law, but that binding shall occur as part of the National Delegate elections at the Nevada Republican Convention.

§ 4.0 Absentee Ballots.

Subsection 4.1

- a) An absentee voter verification form and an absentee ballot template, as established at the end of this section, will be for the use of military personnel and their dependents, whether stationed inside or outside their county of registration, so they may cast an absentee ballot in the Presidential Preference Poll. Each county central committee will print and distribute absentee ballot packets to the military personnel or dependents requesting them.
- b) Absentee ballot packets shall contain one (1) absentee voter verification form to which serial numbers for control and security purposes have been added, one (1) ballot without identifying features, which is to be sealed into a ballot envelope by the voter, one (1) ballot envelope, which shall have no markings except the voters precinct number and which is to be placed into the return envelope by the voter, and one (1) addressed return envelope.

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c) It is the express intent and policy of the Nevada Republican Party that each county party shall take reasonable measures to ensure the secrecy of absentee ballots to the greatest degree feasible.

Subsection 4.2 – Military and dependent absentee ballots shall be returned to the county central committee where the voter is registered to vote by postal mail or delivery service. In order to be counted the absentee ballots must be received by the county central committee no later than 5 PM on the day before the Presidential Preference Poll is held.

Subsection 4.3 - The county central committee shall maintain, secure, and control the confidentiality of the absentee ballots until they are tallied. The ballots shall be tallied in the presence of not less than three elected officers of each county central committee and said process will be open to any registered Republican in the county who wishes to observe. The absentee votes cast will be added to the voter's respective precinct total.

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PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE POLL ABSENTEE VOTER VERIFICATION FORM

County of [INSERT NAME OF COUNTY]

Name As It Appears On Your Voter Registration

Last		First		Middle	
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Street Address As It Appears On Your Voter Registration

Number		Name	
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City As It Appears On Your Voter Registration

City		Zip Code	
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Precinct Number As It Appears On Your Voter Registration

Number	
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I certify under penalty of perjury I am a registered Republican in the county named above and that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of voter



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**PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE POLL
ABSENTEE BALLOT**

**Vote for one (1) and only one candidate for
President of the United States.**

**Any ballot with more than one vote or a write-in candidate
will be invalid.**

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§ 5.0 Voter Identification.

Subsection 5.1 - It is the express intent and policy of the Nevada Republican Party that each county central committee shall require the presentation of United States or Nevada government-issued photo identification to cast a Presidential Preference Poll vote or participate in a Precinct Meeting.

§ 6.0 Time and Date of Precinct Meetings.

Subsection 6.1 - In accordance with its duty and authority pursuant to NRS 293.135(1), the NRCC hereby directs that Precinct Meetings shall be conducted on the last Tuesday of February, beginning no earlier than 5:00 P.M. nor later than 7:00 P.M. The NRP Executive Committee may, by adoption of an Executive Resolution, provide for different time(s) and/or date(s) as it may see fit, but any such resolution shall have effect only for the impending general election year. Precinct Meetings may only be scheduled in the months of February, March, or April of even-numbered years. Precinct meetings must end no later than 9:00 P.M.

§ 7.0 Primary Election Contingency.

Should state law be amended to provide for a Presidential Primary Election, the provisions of this chapter regulating a Presidential Preference Poll shall be null and void, but all other provisions not related to the Poll otherwise regulating Precinct Meetings shall remain in force.

§ 8.0 Presidential Preference Poll Locations and Dates.

If a Presidential Preference Poll is conducted in any year, the locations and dates for the conduct of the polls must be the same as the locations and dates for Precinct Meetings. The conduct of voting at any centralized or remote location that would cause a Preference Poll voter to participate at a location other than his or her Precinct Meeting location shall be disallowed. The provisions of this section shall not apply to counties with a population under 100,000.

§ 9.0 Voting Machines.

Each county central committee may provide for the substitution of voting machines in the place of paper ballots in the Presidential Preference Poll, with the exception of absentee ballots and provisional ballots. Any such machines so approved must meet the following conditions:

Subsection 9.1 – Voting machines must provide for a physical paper record for each vote cast.

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Subsection 9.2 – Voting machines must be physically located at the site location of the Precinct Meeting(s) for which they shall be used.

Subsection 9.3 – The casting of votes via the Internet or any other remote electronic method is prohibited.

Subsection 9.4 – Voting machines must be capable of providing a vote tally by precinct such that the votes cast using each machine may be tallied and announced in accordance with Sections 1 and 2 of these rules.

§ 10.0 Definitions.

Subsection 10.1 The term “site location” means a single physical street address at which one or more Precinct Meetings are held and at which early voting for a Presidential Preference Poll may be conducted prior to Precinct Meetings.

Subsection 10.2 The term “Precinct Meeting location” means the specific location within a site location at which a Precinct Meeting is conducted.

§ 11.0 Conflict of Rules.

Any conflict of the rules of this chapter with state or federal law or the Rules of the Republican National Committee shall be resolved by the adoption of Temporary Rules by the NRP Executive Committee until the next properly noticed meeting of the NRCC can be convened for the purpose of amending the Rules to comply with appropriate law or rules, at which time any such Temporary Rules shall expire.

§ 12.0 Recounts.

Subsection 12.1 - Requirements

A Presidential Candidate or his legal agent may request a recount under the following conditions:

- a) A request in writing is submitted to the NRP Secretary, that the candidate disputes the accuracy of the publically reported results from the precinct meetings.
- b) A deposit in advance of a non-refundable fee of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) is made with the NRP Treasurer.
- c) The votes for the count in question are arithmetically close enough to affect the distribution of National Delegates between the Presidential Candidates.

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§ 13.0 Alternative Presidential Preference Poll

Subsection 13.1

(a) If the NRCC Executive Committee determines that a statewide presidential poll is unnecessary to determine the will of the majority of registered Nevada Republican voters it may call for a poll among the members of the NRCC to determine proportional allocation and binding of delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention as provided for in Chapter Three. Such a poll shall be known as the “Alternative Presidential Preference Poll”, also referred to in the Standing Rules as the “Alternative Poll”.

(b) The NRCC Executive Committee shall determine to use either the Presidential Preference Poll or the Alternative Presidential Preference Poll no later than the date required by The Rules of the Republican National Committee.

(c) The Alternative Presidential Preference Poll may only be used when there is an incumbent Republican President who has legally filed for re-election by filing FEC Form 2 with the Federal Elections Commission as of the date of the decision by the NRCC Executive Committee as to which poll will be used.

Subsection 13.2

(a) The incumbent Republican President, if running for re-election, shall automatically be placed in nomination as a Republican candidate for President of the United States, if the Alternative Poll is used.

(b) Other individuals who have filed a nomination form signed by twenty (20) members of the NRCC with the NRP Secretary fourteen (14) days prior to the Alternative Presidential Preference Poll as a Republican candidate for President of the United States shall be placed in nomination as a Republican candidate for President of the United States.

Subsection 13.3

The Alternative Poll of the members of the NRCC shall be conducted in a manner established by Standing Rules adopted by the Executive Committee, which shall be made no later than the date required by The Rules of the Republican National Committee.

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CHAPTER THREE – DELEGATE BINDING RULES

§ 1.0 Proportional Allocation of Delegates and Alternates.

In accordance with the Rules of the Republican National Committee, in Presidential election years, the Nevada Republican Party chooses that its National Delegates and Alternates shall be allocated proportionally based on the final results of the Nevada Presidential Preference Poll, the Alternative Presidential Preference Poll or the Presidential Primary Election, as appropriate, rounded to the nearest whole number. All allocated Delegates shall be elected at the Nevada Republican Convention on behalf of all candidates who receive the percentage of vote required for one or more delegates. Any candidate who receives less than the percentage required for one Delegate will receive no Delegates.

§ 2.0 Nomination of National Delegates and Alternates.

Subsection 2.1

- a) Nominations for the position of National Delegate and Alternate, whether At-Large or congressional district, shall be by self-nomination.
- b) Self-nominations may be made for either a congressional district or At-Large Delegate position, but not both.
- c) Nominees must be Delegates to the State Convention.
- d) Nominations and any biography or public statement as provided for in Subsection 2.7, must be submitted in advance not less than seven (7) days prior to the State Convention in writing to the NRP Secretary.
- e) The NRP Secretary must include the information in paragraphs (a) through (d) above and information on how to self-nominate in the Call to the Meeting of the State Convention including all required information to self-nominate and in such form and manner as the Secretary shall prescribe.

Subsection 2.2 – Nominees for Congressional District National must be qualified electors of the congressional district they seek to represent.

Subsection 2.3 – The names of all properly submitted nominations shall be included on the respective Delegate ballots.

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Subsection 2.4 – The NRP Secretary shall notify each Nevada State Convention Delegate of the names of all individuals properly nominated to be National Delegates not less than three (3) days prior to the State Convention. This information is not part of the Call to Convention.

Subsection 2.5 - The NRP Secretary must also include a reminder in the Call that those elected as a National Delegate or Alternate Delegate must pay all their own expenses to the national Convention including registration, travel, meals and lodging.

Subsection 2.6 – No person who is otherwise qualified to be a Delegate to the Republican National Convention shall be eligible to hold such a position if, at any time following the adoption of this rule, that person, acting as a Delegate, has failed to uphold their obligation, as provided for in these rules or the Rules of the RNC, in support of a specific candidate. The determination of this provision shall be based solely on the vote conveyed to the Convention Secretary by the Delegate. This provision shall not apply to delegates who are released from their commitment in accordance with these Rules and shall not be applied retroactively to past Delegates.

Subsection 2.7 – Each National Delegate nominee may optionally provide a biography or public statement of 250 words or less, along with their self-nomination, which shall be posted by the Secretary on the NRP website at least three (3) days prior to the Nevada Republican Convention. Additionally, each National Delegate nominee may opt to place the name of their preferred Presidential Candidate in parentheses adjacent to the nominee’s name on the ballot.

§ 3.0 Election of Delegates to the Republican National Convention

Subsection 3.1 – Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention (National Delegates and Alternates) shall be elected at the Nevada Republican Convention. There shall be three (3) National Delegates allocated to represent each congressional district in Nevada, and a number of At-Large Delegates as determined in accordance with the Rules of the Republican National Committee. Each National Delegate position shall also have one (1) Alternate for that position, except for automatic Delegates.

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Subsection 3.2 – National Delegates allocated to represent congressional districts (Congressional District National Delegates) shall be elected by the Nevada Republican Convention Delegates from each such congressional district. Each Delegate to the Nevada Republican Convention may vote for up to three (3) nominees for National Delegate for their congressional district. All nominees receiving votes shall be ranked in accordance with the number of votes received from highest to lowest. Congressional District Delegate positions shall be awarded to the three (3) highest ranked nominees, with Alternate positions being awarded to the next three (3) highest ranked nominees in descending order.

Subsection 3.3 – At-Large National Delegates shall be elected by all Nevada Republican Convention Delegates. Each Delegate to the Nevada Republican Convention may vote for up to the number of nominees for At-Large National Delegate as there are At-Large Delegate positions as determined in accordance with the Rules of the Republican National Committee. All nominees receiving votes shall be ranked in accordance with the number of votes received from highest to lowest. At-Large Delegate positions shall be assigned starting with the highest ranked nominee and continuing in descending order until all At-Large Delegate positions are filled, followed by Alternate positions to be assigned starting with the highest ranked nominee who did not win a Delegate position and continuing in descending order until all Alternate positions are filled.

Subsection 3.4 – Any ballot cast for the election of Congressional District or At-Large Delegates that has more votes cast than positions to be filled shall be declared void.

§ 4.0 Assignment of National Delegates and Alternates

Subsection 4.1 - After their election, the NRP Secretary shall assign each National Delegate an obligation to vote for a particular Presidential Candidate (Binding) no later than ten (10) calendar days after the close of the State Convention.

Subsection 4.2 - The NRP Secretary shall allocate National Delegates to the candidate of their choice by first allocating the three (3) automatic Delegates (Nevada Republican Party Chair, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman) to their preferred candidate.

Subsection 4.3 - The NRP Secretary will next allocate the three (3) Delegates from each congressional district based on the percentage of the vote each Delegate received among all Congressional District Delegates, beginning with the highest percentage of votes cast for that position, to their preferred candidate.

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Subsection 4.4 - The Secretary will then allocate the remaining Delegates for each candidate, beginning with the preference of the At-Large national Delegate with the highest votes followed by the preference of the national Delegate receiving the second highest number of votes, and continuing in descending order of votes received until the number of Delegates earned by each candidate in the Presidential Preference Poll has been allocated.

Subsection 4.5 – Once all earned Delegates have been allocated to a specific candidate, the remaining Delegates must choose to be bound to a candidate with Delegate positions remaining; otherwise that Delegate will be assigned by the Secretary an obligation to one of the remaining candidates, regardless of preference.

Subsection 4.6 - Each Alternate will be assigned to a Delegate according to rank ordering of votes among both Delegates and Alternates at the State Convention and shall inherit that Delegate's candidate binding obligation for the purpose of temporary replacement on the floor of the National Nominating Convention. Permanent replacement of Delegates by Alternates shall be done in accordance with Section 7.0 of this Chapter. Alternates shall inherit the candidate binding of the Delegates they replace.

§ 5.0 Binding and Release of National Delegates and Alternates.

Subsection 5.1 All votes of National Delegates and Alternates – Automatic, At-Large and Congressional District – shall be required to be cast for the Presidential Candidate to whom they are bound. This requirement applies only to the first candidate vote at the Republican National Convention.

Subsection 5.2 In the event that a Presidential Candidate should win all the National Delegates, the NRP Chair shall be automatically unbound, without further action, in order to prevent violation of RNC rules prohibiting unit voting.

Subsection 5.3

a) The NRP Secretary shall contact each Presidential Candidate or the candidate's designated campaign representative in writing thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Nevada Republican Convention to determine the candidate's desired disposition of their National Delegates following the State Convention.

b) Each candidate may elect to either affirm the binding obligation of the delegates to be elected on their behalf at the Nevada Republican Convention, fully release the binding obligation of their delegates, or proportionally reallocate the binding obligation of their delegates to the remaining candidates based on the results of the Presidential Preference Poll or Alternative Presidential Preference Poll.

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c) The NRP Secretary shall also inform each candidate or designated campaign representative that a response must be received in writing no less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the Nevada Republican Convention; otherwise the binding obligation of their delegates shall be fully released.

d) The Secretary shall provide an email summary of the candidate delegate-disposition information to all Nevada Republican Convention delegates within twenty-four (24) hours following the candidate reporting deadline. The Secretary shall also post the same information on the state party website within the same time frame.

Subsection 5.4

a) National Delegates and Alternates bound to any candidate who withdraws, suspends, or otherwise discontinues their campaign at any time following the Nevada Republican Convention but prior to the Republican National Convention shall be released from their commitment to that candidate and may vote as they choose on the first and any subsequent candidate votes at the Republican National Convention.

b) For the purposes of these rules, a candidate shall be considered to have discontinued his or her campaign should they file with the Federal Election Commission to terminate their campaign, publicly endorse another candidate in the race, publicly release their delegates, or make a public statement indicating that they have “suspended” their campaign such that they will otherwise no longer be actively seeking the Office of President.

Subsection 5.5 – Any Presidential Candidate whose National Delegates’ binding obligation is released pursuant to Subsection 5.4 above may elect to retain the binding obligation of their delegates by notifying the NRP Secretary in writing at least seven (7) days prior to the Republican National Convention.

§ 6 – Delegation Chairman and Polling of Delegates for Candidate Votes

Subsection 6.1 - The Delegation Chairman shall be elected by the National Delegates and shall be responsible to cast the delegation’s votes on behalf of the delegation when called upon by the Secretary of the Republican National Convention.

Subsection 6.2 – The Delegation Chairman shall, upon the first round of candidate voting, calculate the delegation’s votes by polling all unbound National Delegates and adding the votes cast to the votes of all bound National Delegates, whose votes will automatically be counted in accordance with their Binding. National Delegates who are bound to a specific candidate will not be polled on the first round of candidate voting.

Subsection 6.3 – The Delegation Chairman shall poll all National Delegates on any subsequent candidate votes and shall cast the delegation’s votes accordingly.

Subsection 6.4 - The votes of the National Delegation shall be cast by the Delegation Chair as provided for in the Rules of the RNC. Any Delegation Chair who violates any provision of this section shall be permanently prohibited from standing for election from Nevada as a National Delegate or Alternate Delegate or for any NRP Elective Office or for being appointed to any vacancy in the same.

§ 7.0 Vacancies in State Delegation.

Subsection 7.1 - In accordance with the Rules of the Republican National Committee, filling of vacancies in the National Convention Delegation shall be by the NRP Executive Committee.

Subsection 7.2 - Delegates and Alternates must be eligible to represent Congressional Districts and At-Large positions at both the time of their election and the time of the National Nominating Convention.

Subsection 7.3 - In the event that a Delegate is no longer eligible to the position, or resigns, the position shall be declared vacant. In the event of a permanent vacancy in a Congressional District or At-Large position, Alternates shall be elevated to Delegate in the order of their Nevada State Convention vote totals, commencing with the highest total, and a replacement Alternate shall be selected by the NRP Executive Committee.

§ 8.0 Miscellaneous Provisions.

Subsection 8.1 - When rounding off numbers in the calculation of the allocation of Delegates, the calculation will be based on the largest remainder method.

Subsection 8.2 –In the event of a tie, the decision shall be made by the cutting of a deck of cards. When determining the winner of a tie by the cutting of a deck of cards, the winner shall be the person who draws the highest card with the Ace considered the highest card, and with suits ranked in the following order, from highest to lowest: spades, hearts, diamonds, and clubs.

Subsection 8.3 – Any conflict of the rules of this chapter with state or federal law or the Rules of the Republican National Committee shall be resolved by the adoption of Temporary Rules by the NRP Executive Committee until the next properly noticed meeting of the NRCC can be convened for the purpose of amending the Rules to comply with appropriate law or rules, at which time any such Temporary Rules shall expire.

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STANDING RULES OF THE NEVADA REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

CHAPTER FOUR – ELECTION RULES

1.0 General Provisions

Subsection 1.1 – No write in votes shall be permitted.

Subsection 1.2 – All voting conducted by ballot shall be managed under the direction and control of the NRP Vice Chair, who shall appoint an Election Manager to assist him in said duties and such number of Election Clerks as he may deem necessary.

2.0 Nominations

Subsection 2.1 – All nominations for elective party office whether elected by the central committee or the state convention, shall be self-nominations.

Subsection 2.2 – No person shall be a nominee for any elective office delineated in NRCC Bylaws Article 6, Section 1, Paragraph (A), unless they are current voting members in good standing of the Nevada Republican Central Committee.

Subsection 2.3 – Self nominations must be submitted in writing, to the Secretary, by either postal mail or electronic mail, not less than thirty days before the date of election, not counting the day of the election. The time deadline on the date of the deadline shall be 7:00 PM Pacific Time.

Subsection 2.4 – Except as provided for in Subsection 2.5, no nominations shall be permitted from the floor unless there are no nominations submitted pursuant to Standing Rule 2.3 for the vacant offices being filled by election.

Subsection 2.5 – A nomination may be permitted from the floor on the day of the election if submitted in writing and physically delivered to the Secretary prior to the meeting of the Central Committee being called to order. This privilege is restricted to any new member of the Central Committee who was not a member of the Central Committee at the time the deadline for nomination expired.

Subsection 2.6 – In the event that there are proper nominations submitted for vacant offices and these nominations are equal to or fewer than the vacancies being filled, a vote at any such meeting to elect each unopposed candidate by a show of hands shall be held in lieu of a ballot. A majority is required to elect.

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3.0 Candidate Speeches

Subsection 3.1 – Candidates shall be entitled to give a five-minute speech to the NRCC.

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STANDING RULES OF THE NEVADA REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

CHAPTER FIVE – MEMBERSHIP RULES

1.0 Membership Roster Distribution

Subsection 1.1 – This section is intended to interpret and enforce Article 5, Section 2, ¶ C, Subparagraph 5 of the Bylaws of the Nevada Republican Central Committee.

Subsection 1.2 – Distribution of the membership roster is to include the information delineated below in Paragraphs (a) and (b), inclusive.

- (a) First and last name.
- (b) County of Residence.

[END OF CHAPTER 5]

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**STANDING RULES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE NEVADA REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

CHAPTER FIFTY – CONVENTION PLANNING RULES

1.0 *Submission of General & Service Resolutions*

General & Service Resolutions must be submitted to the Resolutions Committee no later than 10 days prior to the opening of the convention to be considered by the convention. After that date resolutions may only be submitted as provided for in the Final Convention Rules.

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STANDING RULES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

CHAPTER FIFTY-ONE – PRELIMINARY CONVENTION RULES

1.0 Legal and Parliamentary Provisions

1.1 Citation

These rules are to be cited as the Preliminary Rules of the Nevada Republican Convention.

1.2 Definitions

- a) Convention means Nevada Republican Convention.
- b) NRCC means Nevada Republican Central Committee.
- c) NRS means Nevada Revised Statutes.
- d) Executive Committee means the Executive Committee of the NRCC.
- e) Delegate means a registered and paid delegate to the State Convention.
- f) State Convention is synonymous with Nevada Republican Convention.
- g) National Convention means Republican National Convention.
- h) National Delegate means a Delegate to the National Convention.
- f) Robert's Rules of Order means the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, that has been in publication for at least two years.

1.3 Legal and Parliamentary Authority

These Rules are hereby adopted and approved by the Executive Committee, pursuant to its authority under NRS 293.160 (3) and § 2 of Robert's Rules of Order.

1.4 Preliminary Rules

The Preliminary Rules of the Convention shall be in effect for the Convention until the adoption of the Final Rules. They are continuous and indefinite in nature, do not expire at the end of the Convention, and remain in effect for every subsequent Convention without further re-adoption by the NRCC or any subordinate body therein.

1.5 Final Rules

The Final Rules are separate from the Standing Rules and their adoption does not change the provisions of this chapter. Adoption of the Final Rules requires a majority vote of the Convention. Any amendment of any Rules following adoption of the Final Rules requires two thirds vote of the Convention. The Final Rules expire at the close of the Convention.

1.6 Order of Parliamentary Authority

The order of binding parliamentary authority for each Convention shall be:

- a) The Rules of the Republican National Committee.
- b) The Bylaws of the NRCC
- c) The Preliminary Rules of the Convention until the adoption of the Final Rules at which time the Final Rules take their place.
- d) The most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, not less than two years in publication.
- e) The provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes not in conflict with the foregoing.

1.7 Motions that are Out of Order

Any of the following motions or any other motions, that in the Opinion of the Chair are the equivalent, are prohibited at meetings of the Convention and are hereby declared to be out of order.

- a) A motion to suspend the rules, unless it specifies the precise section or sections of the rules to be suspended and it is for the purpose of considering a specific stated matter. The suspension expires when the stated matter has been disposed of.
- b) A motion to close debate will be considered dilatory as long as delegates are wishing to speak and the number of speakers allotted has not been reached.
- c) A motion to suspend the Rules for the purpose of adding delegates to the Convention after adoption of the Final Report of the Credentials Committee.

1.8 Quorum and Voting Requirements

- a) A quorum for the conduct of business, except for adjournment as scheduled in the adopted agenda, shall be one third of the credentialed Delegates.
- b) Unless otherwise specified in these rules, approval of any action during the Convention shall be by a simple majority of a quorum of delegates.
- c) Once a quorum is declared, a challenge to the quorum shall not be in order until all of the Convention agenda items have been disposed of.

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1.9 Self-Nominations

- a) All self-nominations under these Rules shall not require a second.
- b) Self-nominations for Permanent Convention Chair are to be made from the floor. All other self-nominations are not to be made from the floor, but in writing handed to the Convention Secretary using the form provided for below.
- c) State Convention Delegates may self-nominate for Congressional District National Delegate only for the District they are legally resident in.
- d) No one who is not a delegate may self-nominate for any position.
- e) In a presidential election year in which an Alternative Presidential Preference Poll has been held pursuant to NRP Standing Rules, Chapter 2, Section 13, the incumbent President of the United States or his or her designated representative may provide a slate of nominations for At Large National Delegate and Congressional District National Delegate, which will be made available to state convention delegates as a an option whereby they may vote for said slates with a single cast vote. Said nominations shall be presented, in writing, to the NRP Secretary not less than seven (7) days prior to the opening of the convention.

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NEVADA REPUBLICAN PARTY

NEVADA REPUBLICAN CONVENTION SELF-NOMINATION FORM

Name As It Appears On Your Voter Registration

Last		First		Middle	
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Delegate Number As It Appears On Your Convention Credentials

Number	
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I certify under penalty of perjury I am the above credentialed delegate and that I do hereby self-nominate for the following office to be elected at this convention:

**A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH SELF-NOMINATION.
NRP BYLAWS, ARTICLE 6, SECTION 1(B) PROHIBIT THE NATIONAL
COMMITTEEWOMAN AND NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN FROM RESIDING IN THE
SAME COUNTY.**

- National Committeewoman.
- National Committeeman.

- Presidential Elector.

Signature of voter

THIS FORM IS ONLY FOR USE DURING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEARS.

1.10 Speaking from the Floor of the Convention

- a) Only Delegates may address the Convention from the floor. Such Delegates seeking the floor shall rise, proceed to a microphone, and when recognized, state their name and county.
- b) Each time a Delegate speaks from the floor he or she shall be limited to two minutes and no delegate may speak on the same subject a second time until all Delegates wishing to speak for the first time have been heard.

1.11 Debate

With the exception of discussion regarding the Adoption of the Final Report of the Platform Committee, discussion on any motion shall be limited to five speakers in favor and five speakers opposed.

1.12 Business Consideration

Discussion on any business item may proceed without a motion or second if the business item is on the agenda.

2.0. General Provisions

2.1 Schedule for the Convention

The business session of the Convention shall commence on the, date established pursuant to NRS 293.150(1) beginning at 9:00 A.M.

2.2 Convention Officers

- a) The Preliminary Chair of the Convention shall be the current Chairman of the NRCC.
- b) The Secretary of the Convention shall be the current Secretary of the NRCC.
- c) The Parliamentarian of the Convention shall be the current Parliamentarian of the NRCC.
- d) The Parliamentarian of the Convention may appoint up to three (3) Assistant Parliamentarians for the duration of the Convention to assist with answering the questions of Delegates at a parliamentary help desk and providing additional parliamentary advice to the Parliamentarian and Convention Chair.
- e) The Sergeant at Arms shall be appointed by the Preliminary Chair of the Convention to keep order and, at the direction of the chair, act as a teller.
- f) The Sergeant at Arms of the Convention may appoint up to eight (8) Deputy Sergeants At Arms for the duration of the Convention to assist him with carrying out his duties.
- g) The Permanent Chair of the Convention may remove any officer of the Convention and appoint a substitute as he may see fit.

2.3 Admission to the Convention

Only the following persons will be admitted to the floor of the Convention:

- a) Delegates
- b) Any Executive Committee members or appointed officers of the NRCC who are not Delegates.
- c) Guests of the NRCC invited by the Executive Committee or the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the NRCC.
- d) Authorized members of the media. Authorization shall be made solely by the NRCC Chair.
- e) Employees of the convention site for the purpose of performing their respective jobs.
- f) Public safety employees for the purpose of performing their respective jobs.
- g) Children of Delegates and guests with the permission of the NRCC Vice Chair.

2.4 Wearing of Identification Devices

All Delegates must wear their Convention identification devices at all times when participating in Convention activities. Authorized guests and members of the media will also be required to wear a specifically prepared identification badge. Photographic identification of Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be presented to the Sergeant-of-Arms when requested to verify credentials. The NRCC Chair may authorize an exemption for the wearing of badges for invited elected officials or guest speakers and their staffs.

2.5 Delegate Seating Arrangements

The NRCC Vice Chair shall adopt procedures for the seating of attendees, including, as appropriate, designation of seating areas for such purposes as Delegates, guests, party officers, elected officials, convention volunteers and the media.

3.0 Credentials

3.1. Payment of Delegate Registration Fees

Delegates are required to pay their registration fee by cash, check, money order, credit card, debit card or online payment service. Fees may be paid either by mail before the required deadline, or at the time of registration at the Convention. Delegates must have paid their registration fees not later than the adoption of the final credentials report of the Convention to retain their Delegate status.

3.2 Requirement for Photo Identification

Positive photo-identification shall be required of all Delegates to register at the Convention.

3.3 Registration Fees

Delegates must pay their registration fees prior to entering the convention hall or participating in any of the convention proceedings. Invited guests and members of the media that attend the Convention shall not be assessed any fee. The NRCC Vice Chair may adopt procedures to admit and charge a fee to other members of the public, space permitting, provided that they pay a fee not less than that of Delegates.

3.4 Proxies

Proxies for Delegates or Alternate Delegates are not permitted.

3.5 Registration Deadline

All Delegates and Alternate Delegates must be registered no later than 10:00am on the day of the Convention. If processing of Delegates and Alternate Delegates remains incomplete by the close of registration, the Credentials Committee must extend the processing deadline for those present and waiting in line. The Credentials Committee must segregate those waiting in line at the 10:00am deadline.

3.6 Seating of Delegates

All Delegates who have registered for the Convention and whose credentials are not disputed shall be seated.

3.7 Alternate Delegates

If a Delegate seat representing a county remains vacant at the close of registration, the Committee on Credentials is only authorized to elevate an Alternate Delegate that was elected by their county convention from that county into a vacant Delegate seat following a majority vote of the seated Delegates to adopt the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee and then shall do so in ascending order of elected Alternate Delegates as reported from the County Convention.

3.8 Challenges

All challenges to the credentials of a Delegate or Alternate Delegate shall be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Credentials Committee no later than ten (10) minutes after the adoption of the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee.

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3.9 Credentials Reports

Prior to the Final Report of the Credentials Committee, the Chair of the Credentials Committee will report the findings of credentials not found to be in order or which credentials have been contested. The Delegates seated after the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee will determine the status of the questioned or contested Delegate seats. Once resolved by the Convention, the Delegates approved by majority vote shall be included in the Final Report of the Credentials Committee.

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4.0 Agenda

4.1 Order of Business

The Vice Chair of the NRCC shall develop a preliminary order of business of the Convention, which shall include all of the following items in substantially the order listed:

- a) Call to Order by the Preliminary Chair of the Convention.
- b) Invocation, Presentation of the Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, and National Anthem.
- c) Appointment by the Preliminary Chair of the Temporary Chair of the Convention.
- d) Presentation of the Provisional Report of the Credentials Committee.
- e) Adoption of the Provisional Report of the Credentials Committee.
- f) Declaration of a Quorum.
- g) Confirmation of the Temporary Chair as Permanent Chair, or, an election with candidates from the floor if the Temporary Chair is challenged.
- h) Presentation of the Preliminary Convention Rules.
- i) Adoption of the Permanent Convention Rules.
- j) Presentation of the Preliminary Agenda.
- k) Adoption of the Permanent Convention Agenda.
- l) Deadline for self-nominations for all remaining elections.
- m) Speeches for candidates for National Committeewoman.
- n) Presentation of the Final Report of the Credentials Committee.
- o) Adoption of the Final Report of the Credentials Committee.
- p) Balloting for National Committeewoman.
- q) Presentation of the Report of the Resolutions Committee.
- r) Adoption of Service Resolutions and General Resolutions.
- s) Speeches for candidates for National Committeeman.
- t) Balloting for National Committeeman.
- u) Balloting for Presidential Electors.
- v) Balloting for At-Large National Delegates.
- w) Recess general session to convene Congressional District meetings.
- x) Election of Congressional District national delegates.
- y) Reconvene the General Session
- z) Election of the NRCC membership.
- aa) Presentation of the Report of the Nominating Committee.
- bb) Balloting for Pre-Primary Endorsements for State Officers.
- cc) Presentation of the Report of the Bylaws Committee.
- dd) Adoption of Bylaws Amendments.
- ee) Presentation of the Report of the Platform Committee.
- ff) Adoption of the Platform.
- gg) Adjournment *Sine Die*.

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4.2 Program Items

Pursuant to § 41 of Robert's Rules of Order, Program Items are hereby defined as items of non-parliamentary business when the convention is in session. Program Items may not include any item of business subject to parliamentary rules and are to be restricted to items such as informational presentations, announcements of a general nature, guest speakers, candidates for public office, or entertainment. Program items must be adopted as part of the agenda.

4.3 Order of Resolutions

Resolutions of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committees shall be numbered in the order in which they were submitted to their respective committees or proposed by the committees themselves and shall be subsequently considered by the Convention in that same order. Pursuant to §§ 4 and 10 of Robert's Rules of Order, a resolution is defined as a parliamentary motion in writing. No main motion regarding the business of the Bylaws Committee or the Resolutions Committee shall be considered by the Convention unless it is presented as a written resolution to the Convention Secretary prior to the final report of those committees.

5.0 Elections and Balloting

5.1 Voting for Pre-Primary Endorsements

A secret ballot for Pre-Primary Endorsements for State Officers, both partisan and non-partisan, shall be held according to the adopted or revised agenda. For the purpose of endorsements, State Officers shall be defined as those elective officials defined as such in NRS 293.109 with the specific exception of District Judges, who shall not appear on the Pre-Primary ballot. The ballot shall only include legally filed candidates for State Officers who are registered Republicans. If no candidate receives a majority of the vote for a given office, no endorsement will be made in that race. There shall be no runoff votes. Balloting for endorsement by the Convention body shall be conducted as follows:

a) Races in which the Nominating Committee has made a formal recommendation of only one candidate

If the Nominating Committee has recommended only one candidate in a particular race, that race shall have a single question ballot pertaining to the acceptance of the Nominating Committee's recommendation of that candidate for endorsement. Should the voting delegates accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation by simple majority vote in the affirmative, that candidate shall receive the Party's official endorsement.

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b) Races in which the Nominating Committee has made a formal recommendation of multiple candidates

If the Nominating Committee has formally recommended more than one candidate in a particular race, there shall be a separate ballot question for each recommended candidate pertaining to the acceptance of the Nominating Committee's recommendation for that candidate. Any candidate receiving votes from a simple majority of the voting delegates shall receive the Party's official endorsement. Multiple candidates may be endorsed in a particular race.

c) Races in which the Nominating Committee has made no formal recommendation

If the Nominating Committee has made no formal recommendation in a race, all Republican candidates that have filed in that race shall be placed on the ballot, along with a "none of the above" option. Should a candidate receive the votes of a majority of the voting delegates, that candidate would receive the Party's official endorsement for the race in question.

5.2 Election of the Permanent Convention Chair

If no nomination from the floor is made for Permanent Convention Chair, the Temporary Convention Chair must be confirmed by voice vote. If a nomination is made, the Preliminary Chair must preside over the election. The Permanent Convention Chair may be removed by a majority vote.

5.3 Management of Balloting

All voting conducted by ballot shall be managed under the direction and control of the NRP Vice Chair, who shall appoint an Election Manager to assist him in said duties and such number of Election Clerks as he may deem necessary.

5.4 Order of Elections

a) Two elections in Presidential election years will be conducted at the convention and will take place in the following order:

- i) Election for National Committeewoman.
- ii) Election for National Committeeman, Election for Congressional District National Delegates, Election for At-Large National Delegates, and Election for Presidential Electors.

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5.5 Ballot Preparation

- a) Each election will have a separate, pre-printed ballot.
- b) Ballots will be machine-readable paper forms designed to be read by optical scanners.
- c) Write in votes are not permitted and will not be provided for on the ballots.
- d) An index of candidates for National Delegates and pre-primary endorsements shall be provided to all Delegates when issued their credentials.

5.6 Casting of Ballots

- a) Ballot boxes will always be attended by at least two Election Clerks.
- b) When a Delegate approaches the ballot box to cast a ballot, their delegate badge must be checked by an Election Clerk to verify that they are a properly credentialed Delegate.
- c) When a delegate has cast his ballot, an Election Clerk will mark the Delegate's badge in a permanent manner to indicate that the Delegate has voted in that particular election.
- d) Each delegate is prohibited from casting more than one ballot in each election.
- e) Delegates may not cast ballots on behalf of other delegates.
- f) Any ballot in which more votes cast for an office than are permitted will be invalidated for that particular election and will not be counted. An invalidated vote on a ballot does not invalidate the other votes cast on that ballot if they are cast correctly.

5.7 Counting of Ballots

- a) Write in votes will not be counted as a vote cast, nor will they count towards the minimum for a majority.
- b) Once the balloting has closed, the ballots will be counted in the same location where the ballots were cast.
- c) Ballots will be counted by scanning them in an optical scanner designed for the purpose.
- d) Ballots until accounted and certified will always be attended by at least two Election Clerks.
- e) The Election Manager will record the counted votes on an Election Report form and certify the results. The results will also be certified by an Election Clerk.
- f) The Election Manager will transmit the Election Report to the NRP Vice Chair, who will in turn announce the certified results to the Convention while in session.
- g) The ballot counting process will be open to all Delegates who wish to observe, provided they do not interfere in any way with the counting process.
- h) During the counting of ballots for National Delegates, in Presidential election years only, up to two (2) official representatives of each Presidential Campaign may observe the count.
- i) The Convention Sergeant At Arms and/or his designated Deputies will attend the casting and counting of ballots.

5.8 Alternative Electronic Voting Technology

The provisions of §§ 5.5, 5.6, and 5.7 notwithstanding, the NRP Vice Chair may provide for an alternative method of casting ballots which may also be used for the casting of all votes on the floor provided the following conditions are met:

- a) Voting is by electronic device.
- b) The device is easily hand held and weighs no more eight (8) ounces.
- c) The device sends data through a third party to prevent tampering.
- d) Each Delegate is provided with their own individual device.
- e) The alternative method has been approved by the NRP Executive Committee.

5.9 Majorities and Pluralities

- a) Elections for National Committeewoman and National Committeeman require a majority to win. In the event no one achieves a majority on the first ballot, a runoff election shall be held between the two highest vote recipients.
- b) The number of votes constituting a majority shall be reduced by the number of ballots cast without a vote and invalidated ballots.
- c) Elections for National Delegates and Presidential Electors require a plurality to win.

6.0 Committees

6.1 Committees Enumerated

The committees of the convention shall be the Credentials, Bylaws, Rules, Nominating, Resolutions, and Platform Committees.

6.2 Credentials Committee

The NRCC Standing Committee on Credentials shall be the Credentials Committee of the Convention and shall perform the duties prescribed in the NRCC Bylaws, these rules, and in Robert's Rules of Order for the Credentials Committee.

6.3 Bylaws Committee

The NRCC Standing Committee on Bylaws shall be the Bylaws Committee and the Rules Committee of the Convention and shall perform the duties prescribed in the NRCC Bylaws and in Robert's Rules of Order for the Bylaws and Rules Committees.

6.4 Nominating Committee

The NRCC Standing Committee on Nominating and Candidate Recruitment shall be the Nominating Committee of the Convention and shall make recommendations for pre-primary endorsements of candidates.

6.5 Resolutions Committee

The NRCC Special Committee on Resolutions shall be the Resolutions Committee of the Convention and shall prepare proposed resolutions on its own instance and review and advise on those proposed by Delegates for adoption by the Convention. All resolutions shall be classified as one of two types as delineated below:

- a) Resolutions of an express political or public policy nature for recommendations, endorsements or censures of or to any person, group, organization, public agency official, or governmental body shall be denominated as General Resolutions. General Resolutions must not be adopted on any topic that is properly a topic for a Service Resolution.
- b) Resolutions for making Awards, Commendations or Memorials of individual Nevada Republicans or groups of Nevada Republicans for their positive service to the county Republican parties, the Nevada Republican Party, the Republican National Committee, or any Republican organizations associated or affiliated with the county, state or national party or business organizations who have supported the Republican Party, shall be denominated as Service Resolutions. Service Resolutions must not have censures or other negative criticism or make substantive statements on political or public policy.
- c) General & Service Resolutions must be submitted to the Resolutions Committee no later than 10 days prior to the opening of the convention to be considered by the convention. After that date resolutions may be submitted directly to the Convention Secretary but will not be considered unless a petition signed by a majority of Delegates from at least four counties, or, alternatively, signed by not less than 10% of Delegates statewide, is submitted to the Convention Secretary. The Convention Secretary will provide forms for the submission of late resolutions as well as forms for petitions. All resolutions submitted after the deadline are limited to no more than 350 words.

6.6 Platform Committee

The NRCC Special Committee on Platform shall be the Platform Committee of the Convention and shall prepare a proposed Platform for adoption by the Convention, subject to the Platform Limitations.

7.0 Platform Provisions

7.1 Platform Limitations

The proposed platform of the NRCC in either the Preliminary or Final Reports of the Platform Committee shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) statements.

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7.2 Changes in Platform Committee Report

In no case shall any amendments to the Final Report of the Platform Committee result in the adopted platform of the Nevada Republican Party containing more than fifteen (15) statements.

7.3 Definition of Single Sentence Statement

For the purposes of this section a statement shall not exceed 100 words.

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**STANDING RULES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE NEVADA REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

CHAPTER FIFTY-TWO – PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE POLL RECOUNT RULES

§ 1.0 Authority.

This chapter is adopted by the Executive Committee under authority of § 2 of the General Rules of Order of the NRCC.

§ 2.0 Purpose.

The rules of this chapter are to implement and carry out the provisions of Chapter 2, §§ 1.4b and 12 of the NRCC Standing Rules regarding recounts of the Presidential Preference Poll.

§ 3.0 Recount Requirements.

Subsection 3.1 – Legal Requirements

a) A request for a recount must be applied for using the below prescribed form, entitled *Presidential Preference Poll Recount Application*.

b) The request must be made by a legal agent of the candidate's national campaign. The legal agent must be an attorney admitted to practice in at least one state, territory or commonwealth of the United States or the District of Columbia and in current good standing with their respective bar.

c) The application must specify the scope of the recount, i.e.: Specific precincts or counties, or the entire state.

c) The application must be sent to the NRP Secretary at the state party's legal address of record via certified United States Mail.

d) The NRP Secretary must formally communicate the application to the NRP Executive Committee, within 24 hours of its receipt.

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Subsection 3.2 – Financial Requirements

- a) An advance fee deposit of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in United States currency must be submitted to the NRP concurrently with the application. Thirty percent of this deposit is a non-refundable base recount fee. The remaining 70 percent is refundable on a pro-rata basis, calculated by multiplying \$7,000 by the percentage resulting from dividing the number of recounted votes into the total number of votes cast statewide. The result of this calculation will be subtracted from the \$7,000 refundable portion, and the balance of the \$7,000 will be refunded to the applicant within 7 calendar days of the completion of the recount.
- b) Should the actual expenses incurred by the state party exceed \$3,000, the amount of actual expenses rounded up to the nearest \$500 will become the non-refundable base recount fee, and the calculation of the refundable portion as described above will be applied to the remainder of the total fee.
- c) The NRP Treasurer must formally communicate to the NRP Executive Committee when the funds submitted for the fee have cleared within 24 hours of the clearance.

Subsection 3.3 – Substantive Requirements

- a) The votes for the count in question must be arithmetically close enough to affect the distribution of National Delegates between the Presidential Candidates. Once the NRP secretary has communicated the application and the NRP Treasurer has cleared the funds, within not less than two (2) days the NRP Vice Chair must review the application and formally report to the NRP Executive Committee, if, in his considered opinion, the application makes a substantive argument in support of such an arithmetical claim in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph.
- b) Within not less than two (2) days upon receipt of the report from the NRP Vice Chair, the NRP Executive Committee must review the application and the report and must take a vote to grant or deny the request.

§ 4.0 Recount Procedures.

Subsection 4.1 – General Ballot Transportation Procedures.

- a) The Vice Chair may adopt procedures to supplement this section in order to assure the security and timeliness of ballot transport.

Subsection 4.2 – Destination Address.

Ballots are to be delivered to the legal address of record of the NRP.

Subsection 4.3 – In Transit Ballot Transportation Procedures.

- a) The Vice Chair must adopt procedures establishing documentation to maintain a chain of custody of ballots being transferred to the recount center.
- b) Ballots may be transported in person or forwarded using United States mail or a licensed parcel company. If sent by mail or by parcel carrier, electronic tracking and signature confirmation must be included.

Subsection 4.4 – Ballot Unsealing Procedures.

- a) Ballots are to be unsealed only in the designated recount center chosen by the NRP Vice Chair. The recount center must be in a location no more than 10 miles from one of the following locations:
 - i) The Nevada State Capitol.
 - ii) The Las Vegas City Hall.
- b) Provisional ballots will be unsealed, and the registration status of the voter listed on the affidavit will be confirmed using the records maintained by the office of the Nevada Secretary of State. Provisional ballots cast by individuals with a registration date of February 13, 2016 or earlier will be certified and accepted in the recount.

Subsection 4.5 – Recount Observers.

The following persons are authorized as Recount Observers and are entitled to observe the recount process.

- a) Up to two (2) designated representatives of a current Presidential campaign.
- b) All members of the NRP Executive Committee.
- c) The Chair of any county central committee or his designated representative.
- d) The NRP Vice Chair may permit NRP appointed officers or staff, members of the media or any other person to observe, but such permission is a courtesy and may be revoked by the Vice Chair at any time for any reason.

Subsection 4.6 – Ballot Return Deadline.

The NRP Vice Chair must provide for the return of the ballots to their respective county central committees within five (5) days of the recount certification.

§ 5.0 Miscellaneous Provisions.

Subsection 5.1 – Definitions.

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a) “Legal address of record of the NRP” means the current legal address of the Nevada Republican Central Committee on file with the Nevada Secretary of State.

Subsection 5.2 – Management of Recounts

All recounts shall be managed under the direction and control of the NRP Vice Chair, who shall appoint a Recount Manager to assist him in said duties and such number of Recount Clerks as he may deem necessary.

Subsection 5.3 – Certification of Recounts

The NRP Executive Committee shall certify the results of any recount within 24 hours of completion. The NRP Secretary must formally communicate said certification to the Chief Counsel of the Republican National Committee within 24 hours of the certification.

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**NEVADA
REPUBLICAN PARTY**

**PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE POLL
RECOUNT APPLICATION**

1. My name is [NAME OF ATTORNEY]. I am an attorney in good standing admitted to the bar of [NAME OF JURISDICTION].

2. I am the authorized legal agent of the Presidential campaign of [NAME OF CANDIDATE] and I am empowered by that campaign to make this application.

3. The campaign hereby disputes the accuracy of the publically reported results of the Presidential Preference Poll from all or some of the Nevada precinct meetings in this current election cycle as follows:

Counties [NAME SPECIFIC COUNTIES OR "ALL"]:

Specific Precincts:

4. The campaign asserts that the votes for the count in question are arithmetically close enough to affect the distribution of National Delegates from Nevada between the current Presidential candidates.

5. The campaign, in support of this application, asserts certain facts and circumstances, to wit,

I certify under penalty of perjury pursuant to NRS 199.145 I am the person named above and that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant

Date of signature

**STANDING RULES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE NEVADA REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

**CHAPTER FIFTY-THREE – ALTERNATIVE
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE POLL RULES**

§ 1.0 Balloting Provisions.

Pursuant to NRP Bylaws Article 7, Section 1, any Alternative Presidential Preference Poll must be held by secret ballot. Balloting by voice vote, show of hands, division of the house or acclamation is not permitted.