

**SUPPLEMENTAL RULES  
2022 STATE CONVENTION  
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS**

As Approved by the Convention  
Thursday, June 16, 2022

**IN GENERAL SESSION**

**Rule No. 1**

The Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, the General Rules of the Republican Party of Texas, and these Supplemental Rules shall govern the proceedings of this convention. The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority of this convention insofar as it is applicable and not inconsistent with the Constitution and Statutes, Party Rules, or the Rules herein set forth.

**Rule No. 2**

No signs may be displayed in, nor attached to, any part of the building without prior approval of the State Chairman. This rule shall not be interpreted to restrict or prohibit the handheld carrying of signs by delegates, alternates, or registered guests.

**Rule No. 3**

Delegates, alternates, guests, and all others shall wear the badges or carry the passes issued to them and shall sit in the sections assigned to them.

**Rule No. 4**

An alternate seated for an absent delegate must be certified by the chairman of the county or senatorial district convention from which the alternate was elected, or in the absence of such chairman, verified by reference to the roll of alternates filed with the State Chairman and approved for this convention. An alternate must be from the same county and senatorial district and must have been elected by the same convention as the delegate in whose place the alternate serves. In a general session, a duly certified alternate may be seated during the temporary absence of a delegate.

**Rule No. 5**

- a) Original motions and amendments which are not proposed amendments to the 2022 Republican Party of Texas Platform Committee Report or Legislative Priorities Committee Report shall be submitted in writing and in duplicate to the Convention Secretary immediately upon being made and seconded.
- b) All resolutions offered by delegates for consideration by the Convention shall include the name and Senatorial District number of the delegate offering the resolution. The resolutions shall be filed with the Secretary of the Convention, or the Secretary's designee, in the Staff Room (216) George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas, not later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the first meetings of the permanent committees. The Secretary of the Convention shall automatically and without debate cause the resolutions to be referred to the appropriate permanent committee.

- c) Submitted platform and legislative priorities amendments shall be date and time stamped by the Convention Secretary or designated staff receiving the amendment.

**Rule No. 6**

To speak on any matter that requires recognition from the Chair, a delegate shall go to a microphone and await recognition by the Chair. At each microphone, there shall be a control panel containing three (3) color-coded lights and one (1) blinking white light for the use of the Sergeant-at-Arms responsible for that microphone to seek recognition for the delegate. The lights shall be coded for:

INTERRUPTING MOTIONS, e.g., Point of Order (BLINKING WHITE LIGHT)  
 MOTION (BLUE LIGHT)  
 FAVOR (YELLOW LIGHT)  
 AGAINST (RED LIGHT)

After being recognized, but before otherwise addressing the convention, the delegate shall state the delegate's name, senatorial district of residence, and the purpose for which the delegate seeks recognition. To bring an interrupting motion to the attention of the Chair, a Sergeant-at-Arms may use both the microphone and the blinking white light.

**Rule No. 7**

Debate on any motion or resolution shall be limited to three (3) speakers in favor and three (3) speakers against, with each speaker limited to two (2) minutes. The Chair shall have authority to extend debate.

**Rule No. 7a**

The Chair shall present the platform section in the order it appears, allowing an opportunity for statements from delegates on that section and planks.

**Rule No. 8**

In the event of a roll call vote or secret ballot, the Convention Chairman shall explain the allocation of votes by district. The Secretary of the Convention shall call the roll by Senatorial District, stating the number of votes to which the district is entitled after the delegate count of absent counties and counties which did not have a convention have been deducted. Within the delegation from each Senatorial District, the delegates from each county included in the district shall select a delegation chairman, if one has not been previously designated. The county delegation chairman shall then poll the delegates. The results of the poll of the delegation from the county shall then be conveyed to the Senatorial District Chairman, who shall total the results from each of the county delegations according to each delegation's voting strength and, in turn, announce the district total to the Convention Secretary.

**Rule No. 9**

To be considered a declared candidate for the office of State Chairman or State Vice-Chairman the candidate shall submit written notice of candidacy in the Staff Room (216) George R. Brown

Convention Center in Houston, Texas, before 9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 16, 2022. Only declared candidates may be nominated for such offices.

Declared candidates for the offices of State Chairman and State Vice-Chairman shall be allotted five (5) minutes each, during the first general session, for the purpose of addressing the convention. Any part of a candidate's time may be assigned to one or more surrogate speakers.

**Rule No. 10**

In contested elections for the positions of State Chairman or State Vice-Chairman, the vote in each caucus shall be by secret ballot. Tellers for each vote shall be appointed by the Caucus Chairman. All candidates shall be permitted to appoint an equal number of vote watchers.

In each Senatorial District caucus, the delegates from each county included in the district shall select a delegation chairman, if one has not been previously designated. The county delegation chairman shall then poll the delegates. The results of the poll of the delegation from the county shall then be conveyed to the Caucus Chairman, who shall total the results from each of the county delegations according to each delegation's voting strength and, in turn, report the vote of the caucus to the Convention Secretary.

If more than two persons are nominated for a position, and none receives a majority of the votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions, a run-off shall be conducted between the two nominees receiving the highest number of votes.

**Rule No. 11**

Grammar, Spelling, Formatting, and Punctuation Committee

The Permanent Convention Chair shall appoint a Grammar, Spelling, Formatting, and Punctuation Committee of qualified delegates who shall meet during the consideration of the Reports on the floor of the Convention for the purpose of reviewing non-substantive grammar, spelling, formatting, and punctuation of the language included in the Reports and shall incorporate the necessary corrections.

All primary and secondary amendments to the Platform and Legislative Priorities Committee Reports that the Chair determines relate to non-substantive grammar, spelling, formatting, and punctuation shall be referred without debate to this Committee. This decision may be appealed, but the appeal is non-debatable.

**Rule No. 12**

Procedures for Adoption of Platform and Legislative Priorities Committee Reports:

- a) The Platform and Resolutions Committee shall present its report with up to eleven (11) partial reports, divided as that committee may see fit. Debate on these reports shall be taken up one at a time, in the order which they appear in the combined platform committee report. A motion to call the question shall be limited in scope to a single report of this committee, and not the combined platform committee report. None of these separate reports may take more than fifteen (15) minutes each to discuss on the floor.

- b) The Legislative Priorities Committee shall include in their report a list of no more than fifteen (15) resolutions defining legislative priorities for the Republican Party of Texas for the 88th session of the Texas Legislature. Debate on the Legislative Priorities Report may allow for debate and amendment from the floor. Legislative priorities shall be for specific changes, additions, and deletions from the law.
- c) After debate on the reports of the Permanent Platform and Resolutions and Legislative Priorities Committees has concluded (due to the effect of any motion, or expiration of limits of debate, or for any other reason), the Convention shall proceed to voting by ballot on adoption of the platform item-by-item, including the Platform Preamble, each of the Platform Principles, each of the Platform Planks, each of the Legislative Priorities, and any other Resolutions included in the Reports. Votes on an individual item shall be "include" (in favor), "do not include" (opposed), or the individual item may be left blank to abstain or be recorded as present not voting. The tally of the ballots shall be by delegation voting strength and shall be performed electronically.
- d) Platform planks shall be considered finally adopted if a majority voted in favor. The platform preamble, legislative priorities, and the platform principles shall be considered finally adopted if at least 60% voted in favor. The full provisional results including the voting strength weighted percentage in favor or opposed to each item shall be announced publicly when available and shall be certified by the SREC at their first regular meeting following the convention. The ballots shall be retained at RPT Headquarters for the remainder of the voting year, during which time the SREC by majority vote may order a manual or electronic recount of the ballots.

### **Rule No. 13**

#### Suspension of rules

Except for those rules mandated by the Constitution or Statutes of the State of Texas, or the General Rules of the Republican Party of Texas, a Supplemental Rule governing a general session may be amended or suspended by majority vote of the convention.

## **IN SENATORIAL DISTRICT CAUCUS**

### **Rule No. 14**

#### Seating of Delegates and Alternates

All delegates (and alternates seated for absent delegates) must be registered prior to assuming their status as voting members. An alternate seated for an absent delegate must be certified as such by the appropriate chairman of the convention from which the alternate was elected, or in the absence of the chairman, verified by reference to the roll of alternates as submitted to the State Chairman and approved by this convention. An alternate must be from the same county and have been elected by the same convention as the delegate who the alternate replaces. Delegates and alternates may be seated during debate, motions, speeches, or any action other than during the time a vote is being taken. There will be no seating of delegates or alternates while a vote is being taken. If following completion of a vote and prior to the commencement of a subsequent

vote, late arrivals to the caucus must be seated in accordance with the official roll as submitted to the State Chairman, approved by the State Republican Executive Committee, and adopted by the Convention.

### **Rule No. 15**

#### Nominations

At the time announced for nominations for any given position; nominations shall first be made without nomination speeches. After all nominations are made, then nominating speeches may be made in the order determined by lot. Nominating speeches, if any, shall be made for each candidate followed by seconding speeches, if any, followed by the candidate speaking in their own behalf, if any.

Nominating speeches, seconding speeches, and time for the candidate to speak on his/her behalf shall not exceed an aggregate time of three (3) minutes to be used as the candidate so desires, except those candidates for State Chairman and State Vice-Chairman and candidates for the State Republican Executive Committee shall be provided not more than five (5) minutes to be used as the candidate so desires in the second Senatorial Caucus.

Candidates and nominees may distribute written material to delegates and alternates in the caucus describing their qualifications.

### **Rule No. 16**

#### Voting

In non-contested elections, voting may be by voice or by general consent. Voting on issues or other matters shall occur as the caucus chooses. However, a roll call shall be taken when a request for a roll call vote meets the requirements of the General Rules of the Republican Party of Texas Rule No 7.

In all contested elections voting shall be by secret ballot. In any election, a majority vote is required. If more than two persons are nominated for the same position and none receives a majority vote in the first, there shall be a run-off election between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. Abstentions and blank ballots will not be counted.

In multi-county caucuses, each county shall vote their full voting strength after seating qualified alternates. Tellers shall be appointed by the Caucus Chair to count the votes and to report the results to the Caucus Chair. Each candidate may select a vote watcher to represent them and observe the vote tabulation. The Caucus Chair shall clarify the allocation of votes by districts, pursuant to Rule 23A of the General Rules of the Republican Party of Texas.

### **Rule No. 17**

#### First Senatorial District Caucus

Each Senatorial District Caucus shall meet twice during the Convention. The first meeting shall be Thursday following the first general session for the purpose of electing a Permanent Caucus Chairman, and one member to each of the permanent committees (as defined in RPT Rule No. 34). Under the supervision of the Temporary Caucus Chairman, the voting body of this caucus shall be established prior to the conduct of any business. The Temporary Caucus Chairman shall

appoint a Temporary Caucus Secretary and other temporary officers and assistants as needed. The first business in order shall be as follows:

AGENDA FOR CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT CAUCUS  
Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order by Temporary Chairman
- II. Appointment of Temporary Secretary (by Temporary Chairman)
- III. Roll Call – Seating of Delegates, and Alternates for Absent Delegates
- IV. Announcement of Order of Business
- V. Candidate Resource Committee Collection
- VI. Election of Permanent Chairman (if contested, voting shall be by ballot)
- VII. Appointment of Permanent Secretary and other permanent officers (by Permanent Chairman)
- VIII. Reports of Temporary Convention Committee Members, each report to be limited to five (5) minutes.
- IX. Election of One Member to Each Permanent Convention Committee (if contested, voting shall be by ballot)
  - a. Platform and Resolutions
  - b. Rules
  - c. Credentials
  - d. State Nominations
  - e. Legislative Priorities
- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjourn to Meet Again Friday, 8:00 a.m.

**Rule No. 18**

Second Senatorial District Caucus

The second meeting of the Senatorial District Caucus shall be on Friday at 8:00 a.m., for the purpose of recommending one candidate for State Chairman and one candidate for State Vice-Chairman in that order, and of electing a District committeeman and District Committeewoman to the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC). Under the supervision of the Permanent Caucus Chairman, the voting body of this caucus shall be re-established prior to the conduct of any business.

AGENDA FOR CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN  
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT CAUCUS  
Friday, June 17, 2022 - 8:00 a.m.

- I. Call to Order by Permanent Chairman
- II. Roll Call – Seating of Delegates, and Alternates for Absent Delegates
- III. Reading of Minutes of Thursday’s Caucus
- IV. Announcement of Order of Business
- V. Recommendation of Nominee for State Chairman (if contested, voting will be by ballot)

- VI. Recommendation of Nominee for State Vice-Chairman (if contested, voting will be by ballot)
- VII. Election of State Committeeman (if contested, voting will be by ballot)
- VIII. Election of State Committeewoman (if contested, voting will be by ballot)
- IX. Canvass of election results and final approval of the caucus report to the State Nominations Committee
- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjournment of Caucus

**Rule No. 19**

Non-caucus business/speeches may occur at any time at the discretion to the Permanent Caucus Chairman, other than during the taking of a vote.

**Rule No. 20**

These supplemental rules here in above may not be amended or suspended by action of the caucus.