



How are people elected to be delegates or alternates to the RPT State Convention?

Delegates and alternates to state convention are elected by their county or SD convention. This can be done in two primary ways, as provided in RPT Rule 31. (<https://texasgop.org/official-documents/>)

By default: the Nominations Committee recommends a list to the body during the county or SD convention. Any member can move to amend the list by adding, striking, or substituting people. A final vote is taken for the body to approve the final list. This is the default because it doesn't require precinct caucus discussions and allows the full convention to determine the full list of delegates, without regard to how many are elected from a single precinct.

RPT Rule 31 allows the convention to adopt supplemental rules that allow for precinct caucuses to put forward nominations directly: If this is done, some or all of the delegates can be elected by precinct. In this case, there would be a time during convention for the delegates in each precinct to meet together as a precinct and decide who should represent their precinct at state convention. These delegates and alternates chosen by the precinct cannot be stricken, replaced or downgraded by the body. However, if there are still additional open seats, the body can upgrade them from alternates to delegates if they desire, and add other names to the list until it is full.

Supplemental Rules . . .

- dictate processes to be followed during a convention in areas where the RPT Rules allow variance
- apply only to that specific convention
- may be recommended by the temporary Rules committee to the body (this report can be amended)
- may be brought forward by any member of the body during the appropriate agenda item (#4 in RPT Rule 30 -- *"Report of the Rules Committee; adoption of supplemental rules"*)
- If using a supplemental rule allocating the selection of state delegates and alternates to the precinct caucus similar to the example below,:
 - must be adopted by majority vote of the body
 - the rule can be suspended by majority vote

Rule No. 31 – Report of Nominations Committee

At a County or Senatorial District Convention, the Committee on Nominations shall present a report including a list of delegates and alternates for election to the State Convention and the Nominations Committee shall designate the manner in which alternates shall replace absent delegates. That report may be amended by the Convention by the process of adding, or by striking and inserting, or by substitution. The Convention shall then elect the delegates and alternates to the State Convention by adopting the report, or the report as amended, of the Nominations Committee. The Convention may provide in its supplemental rules a method for nominating some or all delegates and alternates in precinct caucuses of the Convention. Delegates and alternates nominated by precinct caucuses shall be reported to the Committee on Nominations to include in their report, and unless provided otherwise in the Convention supplemental rules, these nominations shall not be subject to

amendment by the Committee, except to move an alternate to a delegate. In the absence of provisions for nomination of some or all delegates or alternates in precinct caucuses in the supplemental rules, all delegates and alternates will be elected at large.

Example of Supplemental Rules for precincts to elect some of the delegates and alternates to State Convention:

These rules, and rules like them, have been used in large SD conventions and other cases where it is harder for a single committee to ensure representative attendance. This particular example has roles for both precinct caucuses and for a committee to fill out the remainder of the assignments.

Delegate Selection.

- a. **Precinct Caucusing.** A portion of the delegates will be determined by precinct caucusing and the remainder will be determined by the report of the permanent nominations committee. The precinct caucus is designed to provide the precincts the means of electing representatives to the state convention.
 1. The precinct caucusing will take place at a time certain set by the permanent convention chairman and the results of the precinct caucusing will be recorded on forms provided by the permanent convention chairman.
 2. The permanent convention chairman shall set the time limit to complete the precinct caucusing forms at not less than 30 minutes. The Secretary shall not accept delegate election forms that are not submitted in accordance with the time limit established by the chairman.
 3. Only those precincts identified on the approved report of the Credentials Committee as having submitted minutes of the precinct convention before the statutory deadline shall be allowed to caucus. Persons from these precincts that are otherwise eligible to attend the state convention as a delegate or alternate may petition the nominations committee for consideration.
 4. The precinct caucuses will be listed in descending order by the number of votes for the Republican Party's last gubernatorial candidate in the last gubernatorial election 2018 election. For those precincts having equal number of gubernatorial votes, the precincts will be listed in ascending numerical order by precinct number.

- b. **Delegate Allocation.**
 1. Each precinct is entitled to a number of delegates and one alternate delegates (hereafter known as "alternate") based on the number of votes cast for the Party's gubernatorial candidate in the most recent gubernatorial election based on a ratio of one (1) state delegate for every four hundred seventy-five (475) votes cast for the gubernatorial candidate received within the precinct or a major fraction thereof, reflected in the following table:

Votes	Delegates	Alternates
0-237	0	0
238-712	1	1
713-1187	2	2
1188-1662	3	3
1663-2137	4	4

2. Precincts that are credentialed that are not entitled to a delegate or alternate because their vote strength for the Party nominee in the most recent gubernatorial election was less than 238 votes are to hold a joint-caucus with delegates from other like precincts within the precincts from the same congressional district. The total votes for the gubernatorial candidate from those credentialed precincts are totaled within precincts from the same congressional district with the same ratio as determined in section (b)(1) of this rule.
3. The permanent convention chairman shall designate a temporary joint-caucus chair from among the credentialed delegates present for each precinct from the same congressional district.

See the attached table for a list of delegates allocated by precinct based on this rule titled “SD xx PCT Caucusing Summary Report.”

- c. **Precinct Caucus Delegate List.** The names of persons elected by the precincts shall be identified by nomination order and recorded on the provided delegate selection form, signed by the delegation chairman, and submitted without delay to the Convention Secretary.
 1. If a precinct caucus elects an ineligible person to serve as a delegate or alternate, the Nominations Committee shall strike that person from the list.
 2. If a precinct caucus elects a person who does not reside within their precinct, the Nominations Committee shall strike that person from the list.
 3. If a precinct elects a greater number of delegates or alternates than is allocated, the Nominations Committee shall remove those that exceeded the limit based on the order in which the delegates were recorded. Delegates removed from this list will be placed on top of the alternate list for that precinct, with the alternate list reduced to the proper number.
 4. The Nominations Committee may make non-substantive changes to correct clerical errors in the precinct caucus delegate list.
 5. The nominations committee shall list the precinct caucus delegates in the order described by section (a)(4) of this rule.
- d. **At-Large Delegate List.** The nominees to the state convention that are not elected by precinct caucus shall be at-large on the Nominations Committee Report through procedures developed by the nominations committee. The nominations committee may select a person who was elected as an alternate from a precinct caucus to an at-large delegate position if an at-large delegate position is available.
- e. **At-Large Alternate List.**
 1. Each member of the nominations committee shall select two alternates beginning with alternate number 1 on an at-large basis.
 2. The nominations committee may select additional alternates on an at-large basis at the conclusion of the precinct caucus list as described in section (f) of this rule until the nominations report is completed.
- f. **Precinct Caucus Alternate List.** The alternates elected from the precinct caucusing shall be listed consecutively on the nominations report beginning at the next open alternate slot. The nominations committee shall list these alternates in accordance with section (a)(4) of this rule.

- g. **Nominations Committee.** The nominations committee shall:
1. Receive from any eligible person oral or written testimony (the committee may set a time limit for testimony).
 2. Permit only one testimony per nomination.
 3. The nominations committee will allow for delegates to sign in to testify before the committee for at least 5 minutes after the committee has been called to order by the chairman.
 4. Include in its report the list of delegates and alternates elected by the precinct caucuses.
 5. Include in its report the list of delegates and alternates selected at-large by the committee (open to amendment pursuant to RPT Rule 31).
 6. Post a draft of the nominations committee report at least 15 minutes prior to a vote on the final nominations committee report.
 7. At the beginning of the Nominations Committee report, report the maximum number of delegates, by Congressional District, the Senate District can send to the state convention and the actual number of delegates included within the report and whether there are any vacant delegate slots. The chair will then read the maximum number of alternates, by Congressional District, the Senate District can send to the state convention and the actual number of alternates included within the report and whether there are any vacancies. The chair will announce this summary of the report as part of the convention report. After this, the chair will read the list of names of the delegates and then alternates in rank order.
- h. **Suspension or Amendment of Supplemental Rules.** The supplemental rules adopted by the convention may not be suspended or amended by a precinct caucus.