

Nebraska State Republican Party Constitution

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PREAMBLE

That our beloved Republic may have the best and most just government and the freest and happiest people of all time, the Republican Party of Nebraska pledges and dedicates itself:

To oppose dictators and dictatorships, bureaucrats and bureaucracy; to maintain and continue Constitutional government in our State and Nation; to make sure that our government is one of laws and not of men; and that the laws enacted by the representatives of a free people through the unrestricted exercise of the ballot shall be justly administered and impartially enforced; to perpetuate the spirit of free enterprise; to make the opportunities of succeeding generations greater and better than those of the past; to decrease the burdens imposed by and the expenses incurred in government; to defend at any and all times, in both peace and war, our long established institutions of liberty against attacks from foreign and domestic threats; to the end that our government shall be truly and in fact a “government of the people, by the people, and for the people.”

ARTICLE I

Name and Objectives

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Republican Party of Nebraska.

Section 2. The objectives of the Party shall be the maintenance of government of, by and for the people according to the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Nebraska, and the furtherance of such principles as may from time to time be adopted.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1. The membership of the Party shall be composed of all the registered Republican voters of the State of Nebraska who desire to support the objectives of the Party.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the several County Central Committees to enroll all the members of the Party within their respective counties, so far as practicable. Opportunity for enrollment shall be open at all times to all voters.

ARTICLE III

Organization

Section 1. The State Convention of the duly elected delegates when in session shall be the governing body of the Republican Party of Nebraska and when not in session the State Central Committee.

Section 2. The Republican Party of Nebraska shall be organized upon a statewide basis and be divided into Congressional districts, State Central Committee districts, and the County organizations, and such further subdivisions as may be desirable from time to time.

Section 3. The Nebraska Republican Party Constitution shall be the governing document of the Party. No County Constitution may contradict or supersede the Nebraska Republican Party Constitution. No constitution of any Party subdivision may contradict or supersede the Nebraska Republican Party Constitution.

ARTICLE IV

Representatives on Republican National Committee

Section 1. In each year when a President of the United States is to be elected, the State Convention shall elect a National Committeeman and a National Committeewoman to take office at the close of the succeeding National Convention. The State Chairman shall certify the names of the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman so elected to the National Committee.

ARTICLE V

All Conventions

Section 1. UNIT RULE ABOLISHED, INDIVIDUAL VOTING. At all pre-primary or post-primary conventions, whether State or County, each delegate shall be entitled to register his individual vote, and no delegate shall be bound by and Party or convention rule requiring the delegates from any political subdivision to vote as a unit.

Section 2. ORDER OF BUSINESS. Except as otherwise herein provided, the order of business at all conventions shall be determined at the beginning of the convention by the State or County Chairman as the case may be. The order of business so announced may be altered by the vote of sixty percent of the delegates voting thereon.

Section 3. Votes cast at all conventions shall be cast by delegates or alternates personally present and no proxy voting shall be permitted.

ARTICLE VI

State Convention

Section 1. NUMBER, NOMINATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES. The State Central Committee shall fix the representation of the State Convention for the various counties in the manner provided by law and shall notify each County Chairman of such action at least thirty days before the time of holding the County Convention. Each county shall be entitled to a minimum of one delegate. The total number of delegates shall be four hundred. The number of alternates and the apportionment thereof shall be the same as the delegates.

Section 2. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote which may be cast by the alternate in the absence of the delegate. In the absence of any delegate, the roll of the alternates shall be called. The alternates from each county or district, as the case may be, shall be entitled to serve in order designated by the County Convention, or the County Committee.

Section 3. In addition to its first meeting as State post-primary Convention, the State Convention may be reconvened at any time prior to the statutory date for holding of the pre-primary County Conventions at which the delegates to the successor State Convention are elected, upon the call of the State Chairman, at the direction of the State Central Committee, or upon the direction of the Executive Committee of the State Central Committee by a majority vote of the entire membership thereof. At such meetings, the convention may transact such business as may properly come before it. In Presidential election years where the post-primary State Convention cannot conveniently be convened at a date sufficiently early to make such nominations prior to the date of the convening of the Republican National Convention, the National Committeeman and the National Committeewoman may be elected by such reconvened State Convention.

ARTICLE VII

State Conventions and Conventions Involving the Election of National Convention Delegates

Section 1. TIME OF HOLDING. A State Convention shall be held in even numbered years on a date to be fixed by the State Central Committee.

Section 2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF CONVENTION. The Convention shall nominate candidates for such elective state offices as are expected from the operation of the direct primary laws, formulate and promulgate a state platform during the year in which a presidential election occurs, select a State Central Committee, select electors for President and Vice President of the

United States, exercise such other powers as ordinarily vested in conventions and transact such business as shall properly come before it.

Section 3. NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

1. In each Presidential election year, delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention shall be elected in the manner specified in this Section 3, as authorized by the Rules of the National Convention.
2. All candidates for National Convention delegate and alternate delegate shall file for election in person or by mailing a notice of intent to the State Headquarters postmarked no later than 10 business days prior to the date the State Convention commences. Only persons elected and credentialed as delegates or alternates to the State Convention shall be qualified to be elected at the State Convention as National Convention delegates or alternates.
3. All candidates for National Convention delegate and alternate delegate at the State Convention shall designate the presidential candidate to whom they are committed and shall be bound by such commitment if elected in accordance with Nebraska State Law. Delegate and alternate candidates shall indicate their commitments by mailing a notice to the State Headquarters, postmarked no later than 10 business days prior to the date the State Convention commences. Only individuals pledged to the candidate who wins the Nebraska Primary Election shall be eligible for election as delegates or alternate delegates to the National Convention.
4. All National Convention delegates designated by the Rules of the National Convention as at-large delegates shall be elected at-large by the State Convention. All National Convention alternate delegates designated by the Rules of the National Convention as at-large alternate delegates shall be elected at-large by the State Convention following the election of at-large National Convention delegates.
5. All National Convention delegates and alternate delegates designated by the Rules of the National Convention as district delegates or district alternate delegates, respectively, shall be elected by the caucus of delegates of that U.S. House of Representatives district at the State Convention in accordance with the Congressional District boundaries delineated under Nebraska State law.
6. The State Central Committee shall be authorized to draft such rules as are necessary to implement Section 3 so long as such rules are in keeping with the provisions of the Rules of the National Convention, this Constitution, and Nebraska law.

ARTICLE VIII

Vacancy on Ticket — How Filled

Section 1. Should any vacancy arise on the ballot for any cause after a primary election, such vacancy shall be filled by a quorum of the (1) State Central Committee in the case of State office or United States Senator; (2) Congressional District Committee in the case of the United States Representative, and (3) County Central Committee in the case of County offices; in the manner

and time provided by law. The Chairman of the appropriate committee shall call a meeting of the committee at a place designated by him at such time as to permit the filing of the Certificate of the Nomination of a candidate with the proper election officers in the time and manner provided by law.

ARTICLE IX

State Party Administration

Section 1. GENERAL MANAGEMENT. Between conventions, the general management of the affairs and business of the Party shall be vested in the State Central Committee. All general policies of the party shall be determined by the State Central Committee, subject to the direction of the State Convention. The annual budget, the Legislative program of the Party, and all appointments to Party offices shall be submitted to the State Central Committee for approval or amendment.

Section 2. STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE – HOW SELECTED

1. The State shall be apportioned into 51 Republican Central Committee Districts. Such apportionment shall be reviewed by the State Central Committee at least every four years. The State Central Committee shall have authority from time to time to reapportion such Central Committee Districts so that nearly as practical each such District shall include all of one or more Central Committee Districts; the State Central Committee may elect to permit an appropriate County organization to apportion such districts within such County.
2. Commencing in the second year following a decennial census and continuing until said Districts are reapportioned as provided herein, the State Central Committee Districts shall be as follows:

District 101	Burt, Cuming, Thurston and Washington Counties
District 102	Butler, Colfax, and Saunders Counties
District 103	Platte and Stanton Counties
District 104	Madison County
District 105	Dodge County
District 106	Polk and Seward Counties
District 107	Cass and Otoe Counties
District 108	Sarpy County (Precincts 1, 3, 16-22, and 24-26)

District 109	Sarpy County (Precincts 2, 4, and 5-13)
District 110	Lancaster County (LD 21)
District 111	Lancaster County (LD 25)
District 112	Lancaster County (LD 26)
District 113	Lancaster County (LD 27)
District 114	Lancaster County (LD 28)
District 115	Lancaster County (LD 29)
District 116	Lancaster County (LD 30 & 32)
District 117	Lancaster County (LD 46)
District 201	Sarpy County (Precincts 51-61)
District 202	Sarpy County (Precincts 23, 31, 39, 46-49, 56-57, and 62)
District 203	Sarpy County (Precincts 32-38, and 40-42)
District 204	Douglas County (LD 4)
District 205	Douglas County (LD 5)
District 206	Douglas County (LD 6)
District 207	Douglas County (LD 7)
District 208	Douglas County (LD 8)
District 209	Douglas County (LD 9)
District 210	Douglas County (LD 10)
District 211	Douglas County (LD 11)
District 212	Douglas County (LD 12)
District 213	Douglas County (LD 13)

District 214	Douglas County (LD 18)
District 215	Douglas County (LD 20)
District 216	Douglas County (LD 31)
District 217	Douglas County (LD 39)
District 301	Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, and Richardson Counties
District 302	Fillmore, Saline, Thayer, and York Counties
District 303 Howard Counties	Hamilton, Merrick, Nance, Boone, Valley, Greeley, Sherman, and
District 304	Custer and Dawson Counties
District 305	Clay, Franklin, Kearney, Nuckolls, Phelps, and Webster Counties
District 306	Adams County
District 307	Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, and Wayne Counties
District 308	Hall County (LD 35)
District 309	Buffalo (LD 36 & 38) and Hall (LD 33 & 34) Counties
District 310 Counties	Antelope, Boyd, Garfield, Holt, Knox, Pierce, Rock, and Wheeler
District 311	Buffalo County (LD 37)
District 312	Gage and Jefferson Counties
District 313	Blaine, Brown, Cherry, Dawes, Grant, Hooker, Keya Paha, Logan, Loup, McPherson, Sheridan, and Thomas Counties
District 314	Lincoln County
District 315	Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Perkins, Red Willow Counties
District 316	Scotts Bluff County

District 317 Arthur, Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Deuel, Garden, Keith, Kimball, Morrill, Sioux Counties

– Three (3) Votes Per District –

3. The State Central Committee shall consist of a man and a woman from each Central Committee District, to be elected at caucuses of the delegates from the respective Districts to be held during the State Pre-Primary Convention. Members from State Central Committee Districts included entirely within one County may be elected by the County Post-Primary Convention as that Convention may direct.
4. In addition, the National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman, the Chairman, Treasurer, three Congressional District Chairmen, three Congressional District Vice Chairmen, and the three members of the Executive Committee elected by the State Central Committee members of the respective Congressional Districts shall be voting members of the State Central Committee unless such officeholder already is granted voting privileges as provided for in this Constitution.
5. In addition to the members selected as provided above, the following shall be members of the State Central Committee:
 1. In each State Central Committee District which contains more than one county, the county chairmen of all counties in each such District shall elect one of their numbers to serve as a member of the State Central Committee. Such election shall be held as soon as possible following each State Post-Primary Convention.
 2. In each State Central Committee District which contains only one county, the County Chairman shall be a member of the State Central Committee.
 3. In each county which contains more than one State Central Committee District, the County Chairman or County Chairman Representative of such county shall be a member of the State Central Committee and shall represent the State Central Committee District in which he or she resides.
6. There shall be an additional number of members of the State Central Committee equal to the total number of State Central Committee Districts in such county, less one. Each district in the county shall be entitled to one of such additional members, and they shall be selected as provided by the county constitution.

Section 3. OFFICERS. The officers of the State Party organization shall be a Chairman and Vice Chairman, one of whom shall be a man and one a woman; not more than four Assistant Chairmen, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Finance Chairman and a General Counsel. They shall have the powers and duties usually incident to their respective offices, subject to the direction of the State Central Committee and the State Convention. The State Chairman shall be the Chairman of, and preside at the meetings of the State Convention, the State Central Committee, and the State Executive Committee. The Chairman may call to the chair any member of any body of which he is Chairman to preside temporarily.

Section 4. ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE. The Chairman and Treasurer shall be elected by the State Central Committee at a meeting held no later than May 1 of each odd-numbered year. The Vice Chairman, the Assistant Chairmen, the Secretary, the General Counsel and the Finance Chairman shall be appointed by the State Chairman with the approval of the

Executive Committee as soon as practicable after the election of the State Chairman and shall take office immediately, subject to the approval of their appointments by the State Central Committee at its next meeting. The term of office of the State Officers and members of the State Central Committee shall be approximately two years. They shall serve until their successors have been elected.

Section 5. VACANCIES.

1. The office of State Chairman, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman shall become vacant immediately when any incumbent shall become a candidate for an elective office. A vacancy in the office of National Committeeman or National Committeewoman shall be filled for the unexpired term by the State Central Committee at a meeting called for that purpose promptly after the creation of the vacancy.
2. If a vacancy occurs in any State Party office, the same shall be filled in the same manner as provided herein for the election or appointment of such officer.
3. Vacancies in the State Central Committee shall be filled immediately by a meeting of State Convention delegates in the Central Committee District where such vacancy occurs, provided that in Central Committee Districts included entirely within one county, the vacancy shall be filled in the manner determined by the respective County Central committee; provided that vacancies in the position of County Chairman Representative shall be filled by an election by the County Chairmen of all Counties in such District.
4. If Central Committee vacancies are not filled as provided above within 60 days after notice by the State Chairman to the County Chairmen and State Convention delegates of the Central Committee district in which the vacancy exists, the State Chairman shall fill the vacancy as soon as possible. A vacancy in the office of delegate or State Central Committee shall exist upon the happening of any of the following events: (1) Resignation, (2) Death, (3) Ceasing to be a resident of the County or District from which elected, (4) Failure to elect at a proper election, (5) Conviction of a felony, (6) In the case of State Central Committee Member, failure to attend three (3) meetings during that person's term. For the purpose of this subsection the term shall begin on the day of election at the State Convention or super-district election.

Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The Executive Committee of the Nebraska Republican Party Shall Consist of the State Chairman, the State Vice Chairman, the National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman, the Assistant Chairmen, the State Treasurer, the State Secretary, the Congressional District Chairmen and Vice Chairmen, the immediate past Republican Chairman, the State Women's Federation President, the State Young Republican Chairman, the State College Republican Chairman, and the State TARS Chairman, the Finance Chairman, and the General Counsel, plus one member from each Congressional District to be selected by the members of the State Central committee resident in the respective districts affected, such election to be held at the same meeting of the State Central Committee at which the State Chairman is elected, plus two members from the First and Second Congressional District and three members from the Third Congressional District who shall be a County Chairman to be selected by a vote of the County Chairmen

in each District in the same month that the State Chairman is elected, with the provision that the Chairman of the Lancaster County Party will be automatically elected to one of the two positions from the First District. The policies, affairs and business of the Party shall be administered by the Executive Committee.

2. The Executive Committee shall meet on the call of the Chairman. Prior to September 1 of each year, the Executive Committee shall prepare, on behalf of the State Central Committee, a legislative plan to be submitted for amendment at the next scheduled State Central Committee meeting. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to carry out the legislative program insofar as possible. If the Chairman determines that extraordinary circumstances or an emergency so warrants, the Executive Committee may act upon the motion of the Chairman by a favorable vote of a majority of all members of the Executive Committee where such votes are cast by telephone or electronic mail within a period no greater than seven calendar days.

Section 7. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. The Budget and Finance Committee shall consist of the State Chairman, the State Treasurer, the National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman, and five members appointed by the State Chairman. The appointed members shall be one from each Congressional District and two members-at-large, one of whom shall be the Finance Chairman. The Executive Committee may authorize the Chairman to appoint up to six additional ex-officio members of the Budget and Finance Committee. The appointed members shall be approved by the Executive Committee and affirmed by the State Central Committee.
2. The Budget and Finance Committee shall, prior to or during January of each year, prepare and present a budget for the year. The budget shall be approved, or amended and approved, by the Executive Committee, provided, however, any amendment shall require a two-thirds vote of the elected and appointed members of the Executive Committee. After approval or amendment and approval by the Executive Committee, the budget shall be approved by the State Central committee, provided, however, any amendment shall require a two-thirds vote of the members of the State Central Committee present and voting at a meeting at which approval is requested. The budget, as finally approved by the Executive Committee, shall be mailed to each member of the State Central committee not less than 10 days prior to the meeting at which approval is requested. Any amendment by the State Central Committee shall not require further approval by the Executive Committee.
3. After final approval by the State Central Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee shall have emergency authority to amend the Budget or authorize expenditures contrary thereto upon a three-fourths vote of the elected and appointed members of said Committee; provided, however, that such emergency authority be limited to that period of time of a general election year between the last State Central Committee meeting held and the date of the General Election.

Section 8. POLITICAL PLAN. During the first six months in each off-numbered year, the State Chairman shall present for review and adoption a two-year political plan to the State Central Committee. The political plan shall include such topics as the Chairman deems

appropriate. The Chairman may appoint a Committee to assist in preparation of the plan. The political plan shall be reviewed by the State Central Committee during the first six months in each even-numbered year. The State Central Committee shall make revisions to the plan if it deems necessary.

Section 9. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES. The State Chairman shall have power, with approval of the Executive Committee, to appoint such additional Committees, from time to time, as circumstances may warrant.

Section 10. EMPLOYEES. The State Chairman shall have authority to employ an Executive Director for the Republican Party of Nebraska, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, and to employ such assistants and office personnel as may be required, subject to the budgetary requirements.

Section 11. MEETING OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

1. The State Central Committee shall meet regularly at least three times each year at the call of the Chairman. A special meeting may be called by the Chairman, or by a majority of the Executive Committee. Written notice of all meetings shall be given to all members at least 30 days in advance, unless the Executive Committee determines that an emergency exists; in which case, notice shall be given as directed by the Executive Committee. A proposed agenda of the meeting shall accompany the notice.
2. Within 60 days after each meeting, digital copies of the minutes shall be sent to all members. If the Chairman determines, and by the affirmative vote of a majority the Executive Committee agrees, that extraordinary circumstances or an emergency so warrants, the Central Committee may act upon the motion of the Chairman by a favorable vote of a majority of all members of the Central Committee where such votes are cast by telephone or electronic mail within a period no greater than seven calendar days.

Section 12. PERSONAL VOTING.

1. No voting by proxy shall be permitted at any meeting of the State Central Committee. However, any member of the State Central Committee who is unable to attend any meeting of the Committee shall have the privilege of designating a personal substitute to attend that meeting. The personal substitute must be designated in writing, signed by the designating member, and must be a registered Republican for at least 90 days, residing in the county in which the designating member resides or in any other county in the same State Central Committee District represented by the designating member.
2. For the designated meeting, the designated personal substitute shall be considered as a member of the State Central Committee. For the purposes of attendance, a personal substitute shall count for the State Central Committee member and no absence shall be counted. No person who is a member of the State Central Committee may serve as a designated personal substitute for more than one member at any one meeting.

Section 13. QUORUM. A quorum of the State Central Committee shall be one-half of the total seats thereof, excluding vacant seats. A person who has been properly designated as a personal substitute for a member shall stand in the place of the designating member for the purpose of determining quorum.

Section 14. ENDORSEMENT.

1. The Party, State Chairman, State Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, Congressional District Chairmen and staff of the Nebraska Republican Party shall not endorse or financially support any candidate in a primary or general election when there is more than one Republican candidate except as herein provided.
2. The Party, State Chairman, State Vice Chairman, Treasurer, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, Congressional District Chairmen, and staff may, at the request of the candidate and by two thirds vote of the State Central Committee, endorse and financially support any incumbent Republican office holders in a contested primary. In the absence of a request for endorsement by an incumbent candidate(s) or in the absence of two thirds vote of the State Central Committee, the Party, State Chairman, State Vice Chairman, Treasurer, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, Congressional District Chairmen, and staff shall be prohibited from endorsing or financially supporting an elected incumbent candidate in a contested primary.
3. The Party, State Chairman, State Vice Chairman, Treasurer, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, Congressional District Chairmen, and staff may, at the request of the candidate and by two thirds vote of the State Central Committee, endorse and financially support any Republican in a contested General Election. In the absence of a request for endorsement or in the absence of two thirds vote of the State Central Committee, the Party, State Chairman, State Vice Chairman, Treasurer, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, Congressional District Chairmen, and staff shall be prohibited from endorsing or financially supporting a candidate in a contested General Election.
4. No member of the State Central Committee or Executive Committee shall endorse a NON-Republican candidate in any election. Endorse, as used in this Section shall include:
 1. A reported campaign contribution; or
 2. A public display or statement of support by either:
 1. print or electronic media, or
 2. by written statement.
5. Any member of the State Central Committee or Executive Committee found by a majority vote of that Committee of which they are a member, to have violated the endorsement policy after its enactment, shall be immediately expelled from that Committee and a vacancy shall be automatically created. The State Central Committee shall have final authority to administer discipline.
6. Nothing in this section shall preclude the Party, State Chairman, State Vice Chairman, Treasurer, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, Congressional District Chairman, and staff from endorsing any Republican candidate at any level in an uncontested primary or General Election.

7. Nothing in this section shall preclude the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman from supporting and endorsing candidates in Republican Presidential Primaries.

ARTICLE X

District Party Administration

Section 1. GENERAL MANAGEMENT. The general management of the affairs and business of the Party pertaining to each Congressional District shall be fixed in a District Committee which shall consist of those members of the State Central Committee residing within the District. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of each District shall be elected at the same time the State Chairman is elected pursuant to Article IX, Section 4.

ARTICLE XI

County Party Administration

Section 1. GENERAL MANAGEMENT. The general management of the affairs and business of the Party in various Counties shall be fixed in the County Central Committee, subject to the direction of the County Convention.

Section 2. The County Central Committee shall consist of such persons and be selected in such a manner as the Constitution of the Republican Party for the County shall provide and, in the absence of any provision in such Constitution inconsistent herewith, the County Central Committee shall consist of two persons from each voting precinct or ward within the County, one of whom shall be a man and one a woman, to be selected at caucuses of the delegates from the respective voting precincts or wards to be held at the County Convention or in such other manner as may be authorized by the Convention.

Section 3. OFFICERS. The officers of the County Party organization shall be a Chairman and a Vice Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; and they shall have the powers and duties usually incident to their respective offices, subject to the direction of the Central Committee and the County Convention. They shall be elected by the County Central Committee unless previously elected by County Convention.

Section 4. TERMS OF OFFICE. The terms of office of the County officers and the members of the County Committee shall be approximately two years, or until their respective successors have been selected. The County Committee may, at its discretion, by a majority vote authorize the County Chairman to appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 5. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES. The County Chairman shall have power, with the approval of the County Central Committee, to appoint such additional Committees, from time to time, as circumstances may warrant.

Section 6. MEETINGS OF COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE. Meetings of the County Central Committee, in addition to meetings hereinbefore prescribed, may be called by the County Chairman or by written request of not less than one-half of the members.

Section 7. COUNTY CONVENTION. A Convention shall be held at the time and place designated by the County Chairman pursuant to law and shall conduct any business which may properly come before it, including the election of a County Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as it deems necessary. In even numbered years, the Party will conduct County Conventions between March 1st and April 10th at an hour and place to be designated by the County Chairman. The Party shall cause a notice to be published at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Convention setting forth the date, time, and place of the Convention. Delegates wishing to attend the County Convention shall register with the Election Commissioner or County Clerk of their respective County prior to March 1 of that year.

Section 8. Whenever the State Chairman determines that any County Chairman is failing to perform his duties or is performing them inadequately, he shall report such facts to the State Executive Committee. If the State Executive Committee concurs in the findings of the State Chairman, a special meeting shall be held to vote whether to replace a county chairman and a majority vote shall be required to replace a county chairman. Upon a majority vote, the Executive Committee may authorize the State Chairman to appoint one or more persons, residents of the County involved, to perform the duties of the County Chairman. The person or persons so appointed shall be the representatives of the State Party for the purpose of carrying out the Party's affairs within such County.

ARTICLE XII

Miscellaneous

Section 1. AMENDMENTS. This Constitution may be amended by a majority of the State Convention, or may be amended by the State Central Committee, but only if sixty five percent of those present at the meeting vote in favor of the proposed amendment, provided however, that the State Central Committee may amend this Constitution only at a meeting for which written notice, including a copy of the proposed amendment and a copy of the provision proposed to be amended, is given at least ten days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. RULES. At all meetings herein provided, "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern the procedure.