



### Principles of the Okaloosa County Republican Executive Committee

**We believe** the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

**We believe** in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or disability.

**We believe** free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

**We believe** government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.

**We believe** the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations and that the best government is that which governs least.

**We believe** the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people.

**We believe** Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times.

**We believe** Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

**We believe** the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.

**Okaloosa County**  
**Republican Executive Committee**  
**Membership Application**

The Republican Executive Committee (also known as the REC) is the governing body of the Republican Party of Okaloosa County. The REC elects the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Party. Members of the REC also approve the Party's constitution; Rules, Policies & Procedures; and budget.

Members of the Republican Executive Committee represent registered Republicans who live in their precinct and serve as the Party's liaison to the Republicans within that precinct. REC members are expected to maintain contact with Republicans living in their precinct and to keep them informed as to what is going on in the Republican Party. This can be done through E-mail or other means like regular mail, phone calls and/or walking your precinct. The REC is the basis for our grassroots efforts, and we rely on REC Members to organize and develop their precincts, recruit new volunteers, recruit candidates to fill vacancies on the REC, find sign locations for Republican candidates, register new Republican voters and work to get out the Republican vote in their precincts during elections. The role of committeeman or committeewoman is essential to Republican Party's and our candidates' success in Okaloosa County.

**REC Committeeman & Committeewoman Duties and Responsibilities**

1. Expected to donate financially to the Republican Party of Okaloosa County
2. Attend REC Meetings
3. Organize your precinct and carry out the policies and programs of the Party within your precinct. Active participation in the various programs of the Party is expected.
4. Serve on a Party Committee.
5. Develop a presence in the broader community by joining a Republican Club; serving on a local board or committee; or monitoring local media for relevant material.

**ALL APPLICANTS FOR THE REC MUST BE A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN FOR 365 DAY AND LIVE IN OKALOOSA COUNTY. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REC APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT ALONG WITH A PHOTOCOPY OF THE FRONT OF YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD, IF YOU HAVE IT.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
\* Check here if you DO NOT want your email reported to the Supervisor of Elections thus making it a matter of public record under Florida law. \_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct #: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for the position of:    Committeeman    Committeewoman

Please return your REC Application to the Republican Party of Okaloosa County

# **Okaloosa County voting precincts**

9/12/22

**COMMITTEEMEN & COMMITTEEWOMEN** (Updated 7 August 2022)

Precinct	Total Seats	Committee Men/Women	Vacant CM	Vacant CW
1	6		2	3
		Wooten, Steve		
2	2		0	0
		Vail, David		
		Vail, Marie		
3	4	None	2	2
4	4	None	2	2
5	4	None	2	2
6	8		3	4
		Lane Watkins		
7	4		2	2
8	8		1	4
		Alcobia, Anthony		
		Kody Purvis		
		Chancer Teal		
9	8	None	2	2
10	12	None	6	6
11	16	None	8	8
12	2	None	1	1
13	8		3	3
		Cynthia Brown		
		B Newman Brackin		
14	6		2	3
		Gregory Durette		
15	6	None	3	3
16	6			
		Nathan Peterson	2	3
17	8		4	3
		Carla Sandstrom		
18	6	None	3	3
19	4		2	0
		Margaret Juis		
		Lyn Woods		
20	6		2	1
		Diana Graham		
		Amanda Sheik		
		Joshua Sheik		
21	6	None	3	3
22	6	None	3	3
23	2	None	1	1
24	6		2	3
		Nathan A Lepper		
25	4		1	1
		John Thomas Miesen		
		Lynette Miesen		

Precinct	Total Seats	Committee Men/Women	Vacant CM	Vacant CW
26	6		1	2
		Michael E. Blanchet		
		Daniel Grose		
		Cheryl Stubbs		
27	2	None	1	1
28	2	None	1	1
29	6		3	2
		Mary E. Potthast		
30	4		2	0
		Katherine M. Foster		
		Angela Conner		
31	6		2	2
		Kenneth P. Walsh		
		Linda McBroom		
32	6	None	3	3
33	10		1	1
		John DeLoach		
		Edwin P Gilbert		
		Craig Marion		
		Mo Young		
		Pamela DeLoach		
		Diana K. Gilbert		
		Kristin Joiner		
		Cara Marion		
34	8		3	4
		John Wade		
35	8		4	2
		Athena Marler		
		Regina Piazza		
36	6		1	1
		Ann Louise Andersen		
		Linda Loudon		
		William Loudon		
		Doug Stauffer		
37	6		1	0
		Lamar White		
		Connie White		
		Phyllis Bernier		
		Glenn Cormier		
		Joleen Cormier		
38	6			
		Sandra L. Atkinson		
		Gaye S. Ellis		
39	6		2	2
		Marvin Honeycutt		
		Jean Honeycutt		

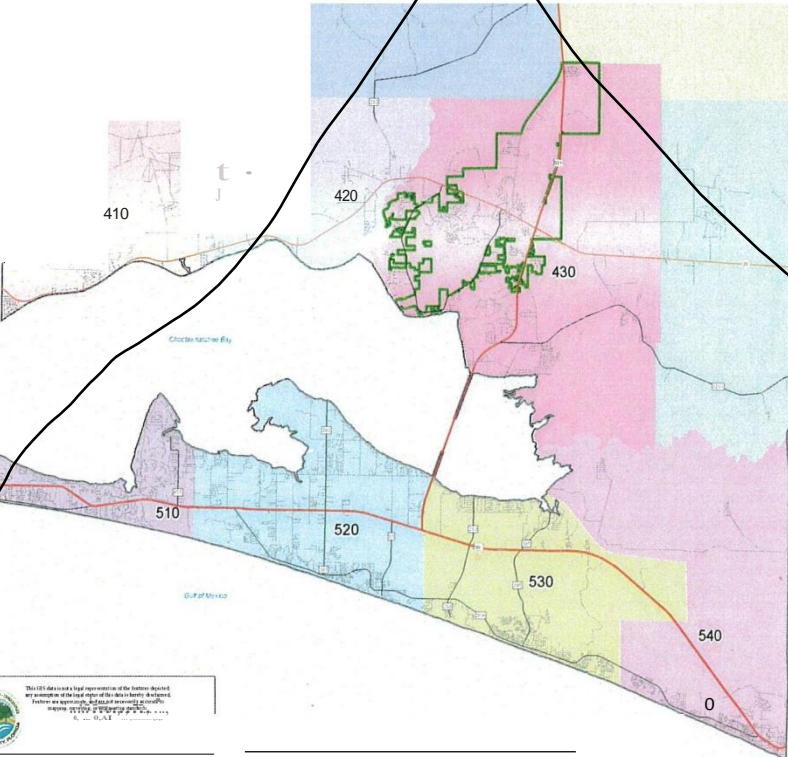
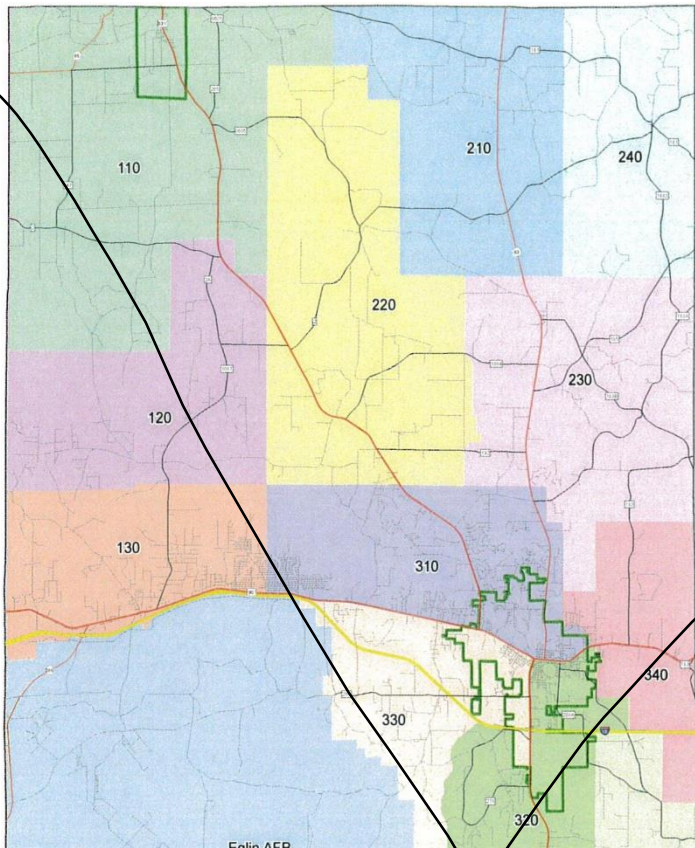
Precinct	Total Seats	Committee Men/Women	Vacant CM	Vacant CW
<b>40</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
		Richard Solt		
		Wayne Skow		
		Judy Barker		
		Josie Skow		
<b>41</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
		Sherri Edwards Cox		
		Beth Fife		
<b>45</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		Bruce J Whitten		
<b>46</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
		Steve Czonstka		
		Doug Davis		
		Jason Harwell		
		Keith Fletcher		
<b>47</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
		Sunny Donald		
		Deidre Cannon		
<b>48</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
		Cindy Shatz		
		Michael Shatz		
<b>50</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>51</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>52</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

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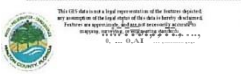
# Walton County Voting Precincts

**Precinct Number, Precinct Name**

- 110, PAXTON
- 120, NEW HARMONY
- 130, MOSSY HEAD
- 210, GASKIN
- 220, LIBERTY
- 230, GLENDALE
- 240, DARLINGTON
- 310, NORTH DEFUNIAK
- 320, CHAUTAUQUA
- 330, WEST DEFUNIAK
- 340, ARGYLE
- 350, EUCHEEANNA
- 360, VALLEY VIEW
- 410, CHOCTAW
- 420, PORTLAND
- 430, FREEPORT
- 440, BRUCE
- 510, MIRAMAR BEACH
- 520, SANTA ROSA
- 530, POINT WASHINGTON
- 540, ROSEMARY BEACH
- EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE RESERVATION



Interstate Highway **D** Municipalities



5 10 Miles

# OKALOOSA COUNTY POLLING PLACES

<b>PCT #</b>	<b>PCT NAME</b>	<b>POLLING PLACE</b>
1	Baker	Baker Area Recreation Assn. Bldg., 5503 Hwy 4, Baker
2	Blackman	Blackman Community Center, 7590 Hwy 189 N, Blackman
3	Milligan	Milligan Assembly of God Church, 5408 Hwy 4, Milligan
4	Holt	First Baptist Church of Holt, 532 Hwy 90 W, Holt
5	Laurel Hill	First Baptist Church of Laurel Hill, 3972 2nd Ave, Laurel Hill
6	Garden City	Auburn Pentecostal Church, 6144 Hwy 85 N, Crestview
7	Dorcas	Dorcas Baptist Church, Education Bldg, 5880 McCallum Rd, Dorcas
8	Honey Creek	Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3252 James Lee Blvd E, Crestview
9	Yellow River	New Beginnings Church, 412 James Lee Blvd W, Crestview
10	West Wright	The Covenant Community Church, 1007 Gospel Rd, Ft Walton Beach
11	East CV	Lifepoint Church, 400 Ferdon Blvd S, Crestview
12	West CV	Carver Hill School, 461 School Ave W, Crestview
13	North CV	Woodlawn Baptist Church, 824 Ferdon Blvd N, Crestview
<b>14*</b>	<b>West NV</b>	<b>Niceville City Hall, 208 N Partin Dr, Niceville</b>
15	Valparaiso	New Hope Baptist Church, 108 Aurora St, Valparaiso
16	Shalimar	Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1250 Eglin Pkwy, Shalimar
17	Central Wright	Wright Baptist Church, 795 Beal Pkwy NW, Ft Walton Beach
18	Ocean City	Beachside Community Church, 200 Racetrack Rd NW, Ft Walton Beach
19	East FWB	Beulah First Baptist Church, 109 McGriff St, Ft Walton Beach
20	West Destin	Destin Community Center, 101 Stahlman Ave, Destin
<b>21*</b>	<b>Mary Esther</b>	<b>Emerald Coast Worship Center, 300 Mary Esther Blvd, Mary Esther</b>
22	S. Central FWB	Ft Walton Beach Recreation Center, 132 Jet Dr NW, Ft Walton Beach
23	Eglin	West Gate Chapel, Eglin Blvd - Bldg 2574, Eglin AFB
24	West FWB	Rivers of Living Waters Church, 205 Carol Ave NW, Mary Esther
25	N Central NV	Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 1200 Valparaiso Blvd, Niceville
26	Seminole	Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church, 1028 White Point Rd, Niceville
27	Cinco Bayou	Cinco Bayou Town Hall, 10 Yacht Club Dr, Ft Walton Beach
28	Garniers	Cinco Bayou Town Hall, 10 Yacht Club Dr, Ft Walton Beach
29	Golf Course	Trinity United Methodist Church, 403 Racetrack Rd NW, Ft Walton Beach
30	Okaloosa Island	Elks Lodge, 1335 Miracle Strip Pkwy, Ft Walton Beach
31	Longwood	Bob Hope Village Welcome Center, 92 Sunset Ln, Shalimar
32	Ferry Park	The Church of Christ, 232 Hollywood Blvd SE, Ft Walton Beach
33	Rocky Bayou	First Presbyterian Church, 1800 John Sims Pkwy, Niceville
34	Florosa	St. Peter Catholic Church, 100 Francis St, Mary Esther
35	North Destin	Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 307 Beach Drive, Destin
36	South NV	Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 1200 Valparaiso Blvd, Niceville
37	Lake Lorraine	Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1250 Eglin Pkwy, Shalimar
38	North Gate	Salvation Army Chapel, 425 Mary Esther Cut-Off, Ft Walton Beach
39	E Wright	Wright Baptist Church, 795 Beal Pkwy NW, Ft Walton Beach
40	South Bluewater	Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church, 1028 White Point Rd, Niceville
41	N Central FWB	Ft Walton Beach Recreation Center, 132 Jet Dr NW, Ft Walton Beach
42	New Heights	Destiny Worship Center, 233 Hill Ave N, Ft Walton Beach
43	S Central NV	Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 1200 Valparaiso Blvd, Niceville
44	Central Destin	Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 307 Beach Drive, Destin
45	South CV	InDyne, 4050 Ferdon Blvd S, Crestview
46	North Bluewater	Bluewater Community Church, 4580 Range Rd, Niceville
47	Wynnehaven Bch	St. Peter Catholic Church, 100 Francis St, Mary Esther
48	Westwood	The Meridian at Westwood, 1001 Mar Walt Dr NW, Ft Walton Beach
49	East Destin	Destin City Hall Annex, 4100 Indian Bayou Trl, Destin
50	South Destin	Destin City Hall Annex, 4100 Indian Bayou Trl, Destin
51	Airport Rd	Airport Road Church of Christ, 2845 Airport Rd, Crestview
52	Live Oak	Live Oak Baptist Church, 4565 Live Oak Church Rd, Crestview

**POLLS OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM**

*14\* Temporary location*

*21\* New permanent location*



## **AN OVERVIEW: THE COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

In Florida, The County Republican Executive Committee is the grassroots of the political party organization. Precinct committee members are elected directly by Republican voters in each precinct every two years and represent these voters on the County Executive Committee. The precinct committee members on the REC in turn elect the County Chairman and other committee officers. The County REC Chairman has the overall responsibility for the Party's day-by-day operation with support and guidance from the State Committeeman and State Committeewoman.

### **DUTIES OF COUNTY REC MEMBERS**

At a minimum, a precinct REC Member should...

- **Attend all REC meetings**, participate in sub-committee meetings as appropriate and perform all statutory and by-law duties (e.g., filling vacancies in elected county offices).

As a leader of the Republican Party, a member of the REC has certain duties. In most counties, the RECs normally meet once a month. The first meeting following the primary election is the organizational meeting when the County REC Chairman and other officers are elected.

- **Maintain a precinct organization** and advise the Chairman of potential projects and concerns of voters in the precinct.
- **Assist, as appropriate, in fundraising activities.** Although a County Finance Committee raises money for the County REC and its candidates, there may be times when a REC Member's assistance is sought. Whether it is attending the Lincoln Day Dinner, summer picnic or fall rally, all the projects planned, and work done by the Finance Committee will be of little value unless events are supported by the "party regulars."
- **Encourage poll workers, precinct captains and all registered Republicans in the precinct to participate in Republican activities...** such as the county organization, local GOP clubs-Florida Federation of Republican Women, Young Republicans, etc. Participate in voter registration events, phone banks, volunteer recruitment efforts, door-to-door, and work with RPOF Regional Field Coordinator on other activities and events.
- **Show support and enthusiasm for the Party and encourage Republicans in precincts to become active on a year-round basis.**



## **ORGANIZING THE PRECINCT-YOU GOTTA KNOW THE TERRITORY**

The most important thing to know in order to "one-up" the loyal opposition is this-you gotta know the territory.

As a precinct leader, you are the identified Republican Party "salesman" in your neighborhood, precinct, and community. So, as you organize your precinct, "knowing the territory" applies as you "sell" our Republican candidates.

Knowing your precinct is simply knowing what's going on in your neighborhood.

- **What issues are important to your neighbors?**
- **How often do they vote?**
- **Can they be persuaded to vote via Absentee Ballot? Early Vote?**

The purpose of this Nuts & Bolts Manual is to provide you with basic information and guidelines you can modify and adapt to the makeup of your individual precinct. This manual is divided into sections, with each section containing "**Must Do**" and "**Take the Extra Step**" suggestions.

If you accomplish the "**Must Do**" guidelines, you will have organized your precinct in a way that you will make a difference for our Victory efforts and on Election Day. If you "**Take the Extra Step**," you will be well on your way toward making your precinct one of the best in the state

## **ORGANIZING THE PRECINCT**

### ***MUST DO***

**GOAL:** Your goal is to increase the share of the vote for GOP candidates through voter registration and voter identification. As you increase the share of the vote for GOP candidates you also need to **maximize the Republican vote**, which could make the margin of difference in the overall election.

## **GETTING THE LAY OF THE LAND**

You already know a lot about your precinct, but it's not hard to learn more. Use your relationship with your RPOF Regional Field Coordinator. Your Field Coordinator should be able to supply you with a list of registered voters by street. Using these tools, take a closer look at your precinct:

- **Geographic Data:** Note where new subdivisions are being developed; identify any retirement communities which might be sources for absentee voters; are there major shopping districts where you might be able to distribute campaign literature?
- **Economic and Social Data:** Analyze who lives in your precinct: What types of occupations and incomes are represented (Snowbirds, white or blue collar workers etc.)? Are the residents in your precinct primarily homeowners or renters? Do a majority of your constituents live on farms, in subdivisions, apartments, or single family homes? Are any ethnic groups represented? Is there a mix of any or all of these?
- **Political Data:** After you become familiar with the geographic and social makeup of your precinct, try to ascertain its political demography from voter lists you obtained from your County Chair or RPOF Field Coordinator.
  - Do particular streets, housing developments or apartments have a high, low or average percentage of registered voters?
  - Do any of these neighborhoods within your precinct have a majority of registered Republicans or Democrats, or are most people "Independents"?
  - How did your precinct break down in 2004 and 2006, and 2008?
- **Voter Lists/Phone Numbers:** Once you have familiarized yourself with your voter list, obtain a walk list and phone list of RPOF GOTV voters in your precinct. Put together a list of volunteer prospects to help with Victory Programs in 2010. This job will be work well done for use during All-Star Saturdays, Super Saturday, M\*A\*S\*H Attacks and other activities and events throughout the election process.

**THE RESULT:** Having analyzed the geographic, economic, social and political demography of your precinct you should now have a good feel for it. If you have questions or difficulty in establishing this information and need help, contact your County Chair or your RPOF Regional Field Coordinator. Your Field Coordinator can help you determine how many Republican votes you will need in your precinct on Election Day.



## **MAKE YOUR JOB EASIER: GET SOME HELP**

### **MUST DO**

**GOAL:** Now that you have a general picture of whom the people in your precinct are and how they are likely to vote, it's time to set a real goal:

- To locate Republican-leaning residents and ensure that they are registered to vote.
- To guarantee all Republicans vote on Election Day.

### **RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS**

To make your job easier, you need to get some help. While it may seem difficult at first to recruit good workers, you will find a few die-hard Republicans who will be happy to lend a hand.

Call your County Chair or RPOF Regional Field Coordinator to gain access to volunteer lists. Other sources include people who have worked for individual candidates in their campaigns. And don't overlook your personal friends - and their children. Look for people who have been registered Republicans for a long time; young people who are new to the political process and want to become involved in it; retired people who are looking for a way to fill their time and to stay active in the community.

One of the best ways to organize your precinct is to recruit one or more "neighborhood" leaders whose responsibilities should include:

- Keep an eye out for new neighbors who lean Republican and get them registered to vote.
- Talk to their neighbors to find out what they think about the candidates and to determine if the Democrats are organizing any activities in the precinct.
- Make sure people who travel for their jobs get absentee ballots.
- Help find phone bank and yard sign locations.
- Go door-to-door and distribute literature for RPOF Victory Programs.
- Notify you of important events such as church suppers, neighborhood street parties, important ball games, etc.
- Telephone registered Republicans and the GOTV Universe urging them to vote for your candidates. People who might not be physically able to go door-to-door may be happy to telephone their neighbors.

None of these activities involve a great deal of time - they are basically "over the back fence gossip" - but if accomplished, they can make a difference between winning and losing.

## TYPES OF VOTER CONTACT ACTIVITY

Lit Drop	Low	Some	Low	People, Time
Yard Signs	Low	None	Moderate	People, Time, Money
Newsletters	High	Great	Moderate	People, Time, Money
Billboards	Medium	Little	High	Money
Door to Door	High	Great	Low	People, Time
Coffees	Medium	Great	Moderate	Time, Money
Town Halls	High	Great	Moderate	People, Time, Money
Shopping Center	Low	Little	Moderate	People, Time
Street Tours	Low	Little	Moderate	People, Time
Events/Booth	Medium	Some	Moderate	People, Time, Money
Rallies	High	Great	High	People, Time, Money
Precinct Walk	High	Great	Low	People, Time, Money
Phones	High	Great	Low	People, Time, Money
TV	High	Great	High	Money
Radio	High	Great	High	Money
Direct Mail	High	Great	High	Money

### SUMMARY

- **Recruit volunteers from registered Republicans, friends, neighbors, workers from candidates' campaigns, county volunteer files**
- **Tell your volunteers in advance what you want them to do**
- **Engage volunteers in Voter Registration, Voter Identification, Volunteer Recruitment, Phone Banks, and Door to Door. Sign them up to be a Poll Watcher, volunteer for Absentee Ballot and Early Vote work, become a GOTV Volunteer, and work for the 72 Hour Program.**

### NOTES:

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## **TAKE THE EXTRA STEP...**

### **VOTER IDENTIFICATION & VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE**

It is always a good idea to conduct Voter Identification and Voter Registration Drives in your precinct. While we have discussed the steps in identifying potential Republican voters, an Identification Survey will allow you to "micro target" and identify those voters who are staunch Republicans or who might be persuaded to vote for Republican candidates. A survey will also help you identify people who may have special needs (absentee ballots, transportation difficulties, etc.).

#### **HERE'S HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL:**

To begin, contact your County Chair or RPOF Field Coordinator for assistance in obtaining an up-to-date printout of the precinct's "voter walking list" and a supply of the materials you will need to register voters. Assemble kits for each volunteer.

Volunteers: The most important ingredient to a successful door-to-door survey is having enough people to do the job and do it right. To be successful, you will need to hold a short training session to explain the canvass and hand out the individual kits. During the training session:

- Explain what is to be accomplished and how to fill out the cards, voter registration applications, bubble sheets, etc.
- Go over the Survey/Script so that people become familiar with it enough that they will not need to read it.
- Send your walkers out in groups of 2 or 3-Driver and Walkers.

A few helpful tips for callers and walkers:

- Call at homes between 10:00 AM and 9:00 PM.
- Conduct the interview at the door, not inside the house.
- Be brief and be a good listener. Be prepared to answer questions (Where do I vote? When is the election?)
- NEVER get into arguments or make derogatory remarks about Democrat candidates. Don't make statements you can't prove.



## VOTER IDENTIFICATION SURVEY SCRIPT

All volunteers should be briefed on their "pitch" prior to getting involved with grassroots activities. Here is a sample script, which can be adapted to your own precinct.

"Hello, is - - available? My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm a local volunteer for the McCain campaign. Do you generally consider yourself a Republican or a Democrat? (If the respondent is a Democrat, thank them pleasantly and then terminate the interview. If the respondent is a Republican, continue):

1. "Are you registered to vote?" (If the person is not registered, offer to register them right now).
2. "Are there any other residents in your home of voting age?"
3. "Will anyone in your residence require an absentee or military ballot or assistance in voting?"
4. "Would you be willing to assist the Republican Party of Florida as a volunteer?"

Thank the person for their time.

## POST-SURVEY FOLLOW THROUGH

After the precinct survey is complete, and volunteers have returned, note any special information. If there are completed Voter Registration Forms, be sure to get them to the Supervisor of Elections within 10 days, as it is your legal responsibility to do so.

## **KEEPING IN TOUCH...HAVE SOME FUN!**

A chance meeting in the grocer, at church or a ballgame, or an occasional phone call will usually be sufficient. Or you might want to have a get-together or house party for the Republican National Convention in Minneapolis, just to let your volunteers know they are part of an important, organization of like-minded people. Now that you have a precinct structure in place, you may wish to capitalize on it by doing a couple of things during the summer and fall to increase Republican identity and activity in your precinct and solidify the base GOP vote. Make it FUN to be a Republican in your precinct. For example, **Plan A Party!** Most people are friendly and enjoy meeting new neighbors. They also like to know the people they vote for, whether candidates or officeholders.

You need not plan an elaborate or expensive function...a late afternoon ice cream social or early evening beer-and-brats supper with a specific time limit will appeal to most people.



## **GOTV- GET OUT THE VOTE ACTIVITIES**

### **MUST DO**

If you have done the basic "must do" work in your precinct during the spring and summer, you should now be in excellent shape for the most important part of your job as a precinct committee member: Getting the Republican vote out!

### **DOOR-TO-DOOR & LITERATURE DROPS**

One of the most universal campaign techniques is "door-to-door." Candidates count on volunteers to help them get their message to voters. While many counties mail candidate information and slate cards to voters in their GOTV universe, door knocking is without a doubt an extremely effective reinforcement of the GOP slate card. Door knocking has extra the advantage of providing additional information on the candidates' experience and programs. Therefore, getting this job done is probably the most important single thing you can do.

#### **Volunteers:**

If you have not asked anyone to help you in your precinct up to this point, now is the time to get some help in two major areas:

- **Preparing the literature for distribution**
- **Taking it Door-To-Door.** This can be accomplished by your cadre of precinct volunteers. If you cannot get the help you need, consider enlisting TARs, Boy or Girl Scouts or other young people.

**Stuffing Party:** After you have gathered all the campaign material from the county and candidates, call on your booth workers and precinct volunteers and ask them to help you stuff the bags. This is best done at a central location in one session, if at all possible.

**Maps:** Working with your RPOF Regional Field Coordinator, be sure you have the most recent map of your precinct showing all the streets in it. A week or so before the day of the literature distribution, make copies of smaller sections of the maps and mark them with highlighter so your door-to-door volunteers will know exactly the territory they are supposed to cover. Make enough copies so each volunteer has one.

### **LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION**

On the day of the literature drop have the volunteers meet in a central location for their supplies: the map of the area they are to cover and enough stuffed plastic bags or door-hangers, so they don't run out.



EXTRA NOTES:









## **ONE VOTE DOES COUNT!**

The enormous power of just one single vote has often been demonstrated throughout history. The course of nations has been changed because one important vote was cast...or not cast.

You may think that one vote, cast among thousands or millions in a county, state or federal election, cannot possibly count.

But one vote may swing an entire precinct into a candidate's column. And it is often at the precinct level where elections are won or lost.

One Vote...decided that Americans would speak English rather than German.

One Vote...made Texas part of the U.S.

One Vote...saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.

One Vote...elected Rutherford B. Hayes President, and the man in the Electoral College who cast that vote was an Indiana Congressman elected by one vote.

One Vote...made Adolph Hitler head of the Nazi Party.

**One Vote...Does it count?**

- County Model Constitution
- Constitution of the RPOF
- RPOF Party Rules of Procedure



Republican Party of Florida

## COUNTY MODEL CONSTITUTION

As approved by the State Executive Committee on March 26, 2022

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**CONSTITUTION OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE I: NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization will be the \_\_\_\_\_ County Republican Executive Committee. It shall be constituted as the Republican Executive Committee of the Republican Party within \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida, in accordance with the applicable statutes in Florida and the Party Rules of the Florida Republican State Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE II: Objectives**

General purposes of this organization as a "political party" are to achieve the following objectives and aims:

- (a) Election to office of qualified Republican persons.
- (b) Foster loyalty to the Republican Party.
- (c) Promote an informed electorate through political education.
- (d) Increase Republican Registration.
- (e) Seek qualified Republicans to become candidates for local, county, state and federal offices.
- (f) Promote the election of all Republican candidates in the General Election.
- (g) In general, to uphold the principles of freedom, equality and justice on which the Republican Party and the government of this nation is founded, as set forth in the Constitution of the United States and the state of Florida.

**ARTICLE III: Membership**

**Section 1** - The County Executive Committee shall consist of one man and one woman, each being a registered Republican residing within each precinct. However, any precinct with more the 1000 registered voters shall have additional members in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Republican Party of Florida.

Pursuant to the State Party Constitution, the state committeeman and state committeewoman shall be voting members at large of the County Executive Committee for all purposes including the election of officers at the organizational meeting. In addition, pursuant to F.S. 103.091(6)(a)1, each county executive committee shall include all members of the State Legislature who are residents of the county and members of their respective political party and who shall be known as at-large committeemen and committeewomen. Each member of the committee shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

**Section 2** - DISTRICT UNITS - In Counties divided into 40 or more continuous precincts, the State Executive Committee may adopt a district unit of representation for such County Executive Committees. Upon adoption of a district unit of representation, the State Executive Committee shall request the supervisor of elections of the county, with approval of the Board of Commissioners, to provide for an appropriate number of election districts as nearly equal in number to registered voters as possible. Where the district unit of representation has been adopted, district representatives shall be elected in the same manner as precinct committeeman and committeewoman and shall serve in place of precinct men and women.

Section 3 - VACANCIES - In the event no county committeeman or committeewoman is elected, or a vacancy occurs for any other cause in the County Executive Committee, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of those present at a regular or special meeting of the County Executive Committee at which due notice of the meeting has been given to all members and at which a quorum is present. Such vacancy shall be filled by a qualified member of the political party residing in the precinct where the vacancy occurred and for the unexpired portion of the term and shall not be deemed a member until the name has been duly recorded with the supervisor of elections by the Chairman of the County Executive Committee or his designee and the candidate oath has been filed as required under Article III Section 5 of this Model Constitution.

No candidate for a vacancy on the committee who meets the registration and residence requirements and follows the rules of procedure prescribed for filling a vacancy can be rejected for consideration by a membership committee, board, or officer of the County Executive Committee. All such candidates must be voted upon by the County Executive Committee.

If a county committeeman or committeewoman moves from one precinct or district to another within the same county, and the new precinct or district has a vacancy, then the committeeman or committeewoman may be administratively moved to the new precinct or district without the requirement of an election as set forth above.

Section 4 - In the event of no election of a county committeeman or committeewoman, or where such vacancy is not filled by the County Executive Committee as herein provided, the Chairman of the State Executive Committee of the party may fill such vacancy by appointment, after giving sixty {60} days' notice of his intention to do so to the County Chairman by registered mail.

Section 5 - the Chairman of the County Executive Committee, or his or her designee, shall file with the State Executive Committee and the Supervisor of Elections, the names and addresses of its officers and member within thirty {30} days of their election. A County Executive Committee member shall not be deemed a member until the candidate oath {pursuant to F.S. 99.021} has been signed and filed in the office of the Supervisor of Elections and the Republican Party loyalty oath {pursuant to Rule 9} has been filed with the Chairman of the County Executive Committee, who shall cause the original Party loyalty oath to be forwarded to the Republican Party of Florida within thirty {30} days. After the organizational meeting required under Article IV of this Model Constitution, the list maintained by the State Executive Committee, as supplemented monthly, shall constitute the official County Executive Committee membership roster.

Section 6 - Members elected by the County Executive Committee shall file their Party loyalty oath with the Chairman of the County Executive Committee, and the County Chairman, or his or her designee shall forward the original signed oath to the Republican Party of Florida as required under Section 5 above. The oath or affirmation may be witnessed rather than notarized.

Section 7 - Each elected precinct committee person may have a likewise elected alternate county committee member. Alternate members shall have no vote, except in the absence of the member they duly represent. Each alternate member shall possess the qualification required of the member represented and shall be elected by the county committee. Alternate county committee members are not eligible to serve as elected officers on the County Executive Board except in counties with less than 750 registered Republicans, unless this rule is waived by the State Executive Board.

Section 8 - COUNTY EXECUTIVE BOARD - Each county Executive Committee shall establish an Executive Board, whose membership shall include, but not be limited to, the elected officers of the County Executive Committee, the State Committeeman and the State Committeewoman. The County Chairman may appoint a General Counsel to serve as a nonvoting member of the County Executive Board.

The Executive Board shall have general Supervision of the affairs of the County Executive Committee between its meetings, make recommendations to the County Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as may be specified by Party Rules. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the County Executive Committee, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the County Executive Committee.

Meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the Chairman. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chairman or upon the written request by a majority of the members of the Board.

**ARTICLE IV: Organizational Meeting and Election of Officers**

Section 1 - The outgoing chairman of the Republican County Executive Committee shall, within thirty (30) days after the committee members take office (December 1), call an organizational meeting for the purpose of electing officers. It shall be the responsibility of the outgoing chairman to open the meeting, and the first order of business shall be the election of the chairman and vice-chairman as set forth in the rules and bylaws as promulgated by the State Executive Committee. Thereafter, the new chairman shall preside, and the agenda shall include, but not limited to, the election of a secretary and a treasurer, the filing of any vacancies on the committee, and any other business which may appropriately come before the committee.

The above officers shall be members of the County Executive Committee, and all county party officers shall be elected for a two year term until the next organizational meeting. At the conclusion of each two year term officers shall be elected in the same manner as is required at the organizational meeting. Officer elections held at the organizational meetings are final and are not subject to recall.

Section 2 - The Chairman shall appoint, with the approval of the full committee at a meeting at which a quorum is present, such standing sub-committees, their chairmen and such other officers as may be required in the administration of the county committee's business, as long as their functions do not violate any of the provisions of the constitution, bylaws or the applicable Florida laws. The Chairman shall be considered an ex-officio member of all standing committees

appointed. Other ad hoc committees and their chairmen may be appointed by the Chairman without approval of the County Executive Committee.

Section 3 - The election of officers and filling of vacancies shall be by ballot. In the event there is but one nomination for any officer or office, the ballot may be dispensed with by unanimous vote of the membership present and eligible to vote. All nominations shall be from the floor. No ballot shall be preprinted with the name of any candidate.

Section 4 - The presiding officer at all meetings shall be the county chairman, and in the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman, secretary or treasurer, in that order, shall preside. If none of the said officers are present, the membership, by a majority vote, shall name the presiding officer.

Section 5 - In the event the county chairman is unable to continue his duties the vice chairman, secretary or treasurer, in that order, temporarily assumes the duties of the chairman and must within 60 days hold an election for the purpose of filling the vacancy. All vacancies shall be filled by the majority vote of a quorum present at the duly called meeting of the County Executive Committee.

Section 6 - A person may hold only one position as a county chairman or a state committeeman or state committeewoman, except in counties with less than 750 registered Republicans, unless this rule is waived by the State Executive Board.

#### **ARTICLE V: Removal From Office**

Section 1 - Any member or officer of the County Executive Committee may be removed from office upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the County Executive Committee present at any regular or special meeting after ten (10) days notice to the membership of the County Executive Committee that a motion for the purpose of removal of a member or officer will be considered at a said meeting, provided that such two-thirds vote constitutes at least a majority of the full County Executive Committee. The removal may be for any cause, including, but not limited to, an alleged violation of oath of office. However, any person wrongfully removed for violation of oath of office may qualify for reinstatement and reimbursement, including attorney fees as provided under Florida Statute 103.141. Removal shall be valid through the end of the respective member's term of office.

Section 2 - The member and/or officer cited with removal charges shall be served by certified mail at least ten (10) days prior to said regular or special meeting at which time the removal motion is to be heard with a complaint which shall set forth in particular the reasons for the removal charge.

Section 3 - Every political party office of the county committee shall be deemed vacant in the following cases:

- (a) by the death of the incumbent.
- (b) by his or her resignation.

- (c) by his or her removal as set forth above in section 1;
- (d) by his or her ceasing to be a resident of the county, district or precinct for which he shall have been elected or appointed.
- (e) by his or her refusal to accept the office.
- (f) the conviction of the incumbent of any felony.
- (g) by his or her failure to attend, without good and sufficient reason, three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the County Executive Committee of which he or she is a member.

**Section 4 - Removal for Non-Attendance at County Executive Committee Meetings**

- (a) A county executive committee member who is absent for three (3) consecutive regular meetings without a valid excused absence shall be removed from the County Executive Committee as of the date of the third consecutive missed meeting.
- (b) Prior to missing such third consecutive meeting, any member may request, in writing, that an absence be excused indicating the reason for such absence. A vote on excused absence requests shall occur at every REC meeting for those members making requests for that meeting. Excused absences may be granted by the membership of the County Executive Committee by a majority vote of the County Executive Committee at which a quorum is present. Once granted the excused absence, that committee member shall be treated as present only for the purpose of meeting the committee member's individual attendance requirements. Authorization to grant such excused absences may not be delegated by the County Executive Committee; except upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the County Executive Committee present and voting at a regularly called meeting thereof; Provided always, that such delegation of authority may be rescinded at any time upon the majority vote of the County Executive Committee or by the action of the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida.

**ARTICLE VI: Quorum**

**Section 1** - Forty percent of the members of the County Executive Committee shall be present to constitute a quorum including those members deemed present under section 3. At no time shall less than 40 percent of the members constitute a quorum.

**Section 2 - Use of proxies** - There shall be no use of proxies at county executive committees.

**Section 3 - Attendance by Video Conference** - Elected officials unable to attend a County Executive Committee meeting due to the conduct of official business in connection with public office may attend by video conference, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The Chairman must be notified at least 3 days before the meeting of the intent to attend by video conference.
- (b) The video conference technology to be used is within the discretion of the Chairman.
- (c) If bandwidth or other technological limitations do not permit video conferencing, non-video conferencing may be used in the discretion of the Chairman.

When attendance by conference is authorized, any member so appearing shall be deemed present for all purposes and shall be entitled to participate and vote on all matters coming before the County Executive Committee.



**ARTICLE VII: Powers and Duties of the Executive Committee**

1. To adopt a constitution by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full committee. County constitutions shall be reviewed and adopted at the beginning of each four year term. If a County Executive Committee fails to adopt and file with the Republican Party of Florida a County Constitution that is not in conflict with (a) Florida Statutes, or (b) the Constitution of the Republican Party of Florida, or (c) the Rules of Procedure of the Republican Party of Florida or (d) this County Model Constitution, the County Model Constitution herein presented shall prevail. The adopted Constitution shall be in effect for the members' four year term of office unless revised.

2. To adopt such bylaws as they may deem necessary by majority vote of the full committee. Such By-laws may not be in conflict with Florida Statutes, the RPOF Constitution, the RPOF Rules of Procedure, or the Model County Constitution.

0. To conduct regularly scheduled meetings as required under this constitution. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman, Vice Chairman or upon signed petition of 20% of the membership of the County Executive Committee, provided there is written notice of ten (10) days given to all members of the County Executive Committee and the subject of the special meeting is announced in the notice. Any petition to call a special meeting must identify the date and subject of the proposed special meeting, and the subject of the proposed special meeting must be within the authority of the Executive Committee. A copy of the signed petition shall be submitted to all members of the County Executive Committee in conjunction with the notice for the meeting. A quorum for such meeting is required.

3. To make party nominations when required by law.

4. To conduct campaigns for Republican state or local candidates selected by the party at the final primary election.

5. To raise and expend party funds for the maintenance and administration of the county party organization. However, that no funds may be spent by a committee except for bona fide services or material rendered to and received by the committee for the advancement of the party organization.

6. To approve the necessary subcommittees.

7. The chairman and treasurer of a County Executive Committee shall be accountable for the funds of such committee and jointly liable for their proper expenditure of authorized purposes only. All financial transactions shall require two authorized signatures. They shall furnish adequate bond, but not less than Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars, conditioned in effect upon the faithful performance by such party officer of this duty and for this faithful accounting for party funds. Bonds for chairman and treasurer of the County Executive committee shall be filed with the county supervisor of elections. The treasurer of the county executive committee shall maintain accurate records evidencing receipt and disbursement of all party funds received by the party, and such records shall be publicly audited at the end of each calendar year and a copy

of such audit filed with the supervisor of elections and the State Executive Committee prior to April 1st of the ensuing year.

9. The chairman of each county Executive Committee shall, within thirty {30} days following each regular or special meeting of the committee, furnish the State Executive Committee of the Republican Party a copy of the minutes of such meeting, along with a report showing the record of attendance of the meeting and any action taken by the committee to excuse the absences of its membership.

0. The chairman of the County Executive Committee shall furnish the State Executive Committee, within thirty {30} days of filing, a copy of the coversheet report of contributions and expenditures required by F.S. 106.29.

10. Each County Executive Committee shall annually appoint an audit committee from among its members. The Audit committee shall perform an audit of the financial affairs of such County Executive Committee and cause the same to be made public.

11. To adopt resolutions of the Republican Executive Committee in the manner prescribed by this Section:

A. Resolutions with Prior Notice

Any proposed resolution shall be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee at least 15 days before the meeting of the Republican Executive Committee at which the resolution is to be considered. The proposed resolution shall be referred to the County Executive Board for a review of its form based on its clarity, understandability, use of plain language, content and subject matter. Upon a two-thirds vote of the County Executive Board, the proposed resolution shall be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Republican Executive Committee.

B. Untimely Resolutions

Any proposed resolution not timely submitted under paragraph (A) may only be considered under emergency or extraordinary circumstances and if it is received at least 24 hours before the Republican Executive Committee meeting. The determination of emergency or extraordinary circumstances shall be in discretion of the Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee or a two-thirds vote of the County Executive Board. If approved for consideration by the County Executive Board, it shall be subject to the same process described in paragraph (A) for Resolutions with Prior Notice.

C. Required Vote for Passage

Passage of any proposed resolution by the Republican Executive Committee shall require a two-thirds vote of a quorum present.

**ARTICLE VIII: NOTICE**

Unless otherwise indicated in this Constitution, the bylaws of this County Executive Committee, the Rules of Procedure of the Republican Party of Florida, or the Constitution of the Republican Party of Florida, all required notices may be provided by e-mail, unless a member has indicated in writing to the Chairman and/or Secretary that they would prefer to receive notice by U.S. mail. Once a member has made such an indication it is good until such time as the member indicates otherwise. Notice sent by U.S. mail shall be deemed provided on the date postmarked. To the extent such notice applies to a special meeting all required documentation pursuant to Article VII shall be attached to the e-mail notification. If a member challenges the sufficiency of an e-mail notification, the Secretary shall provide proof to the member that the notice was timely provided.

**ARTICLE IX: Amendments**

Any amendments to this constitution shall be adopted by no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the full committee, upon 10 days notice of the purpose of the meeting.

**ARTICLE X: Parliamentary Authority**

The latest revision of "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall be constituted as the authority governing the rules of procedure, except as otherwise limited by the laws of the State of Florida, the Rules of Procedure of the Republican Party of Florida, and the Constitution of The Republican Party of Florida and the constitution and the bylaws duly adopted by this organization.

**ARTICLE XI: Rules of Procedure**

Rules of procedure as to the establishment of an Executive Board, number of committee meetings, not less than six each calendar year including one each quarter, and any other activities of the committee not in conflict with the State Executive Committee's rules, this model constitution and applicable state statutes shall be adopted by a majority vote of the full committee.

**ARTICLE XII: Party Authority**

Final authority in all Republican Party matters and in the Party organization and/or government not specifically otherwise delegated by Florida Statutes shall vest in the Republican State Executive Committee but may be delegated by the Republican State Executive Committee to the county committee in such manner and to such boards and/or committees as it shall from time to time determine by State Party Rule.

This Constitution of the \_\_\_\_\_ County Republican Executive

Committee was duly adopted by the membership of the said committee this \_\_\_\_ day of  
, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at which a quorum of the membership was present.

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Chairman, County Republican Executive Committee

Attest:

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Secretary





CONSTITUTION  
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REPUBLICAN STATE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE OF FLORIDA

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**CONSTITUTION  
of the  
REPUBLICAN STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FLORIDA**

The Republican State Executive Committee of Florida, duly elected by the Republican voters of Florida, does with the authority vested in it by the Florida Statutes, hereby make, ordain, and establish this as its Constitution.

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of the organization shall be the Republican Party of Florida and shall hereinafter be referred to as the "State Committee."

**ARTICLE II  
OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of this State Committee shall be:

- A. To develop a strong, effective, and informed Republican Party in Florida.
- B. To support the principles, objectives, and platforms of the Republican Party and to secure the election of all duly nominated Republican candidates.
- C. To encourage able and qualified Republicans to seek office at all levels of government.
- D. To regulate the use of party name and symbols. In order to use the name Republican, all clubs or organizations shall apply for and be granted a charter with each incoming State Chairman of the State Committee according to the Rules of Procedure as adopted as provided herein. This provision shall not apply to clubs associated with the Florida Federation of Young Republicans or the Florida Federation of Republican Women.

**ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES**

Section 1 - Membership - The State Committee shall consist of the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman of Florida, a State Committeeman and State Committeewoman elected from each county, and the County Chairman elected from each county, as provided by Party rule. In addition to the foregoing, the State Executive Committee shall include those members as provided by state law.

The State Committee shall organize itself in accordance with Party rule and shall have all of the privileges and rights and shall perform all of the duties and obligations afforded by or required by Florida Statutes.

Section 2 - County Membership - All State Committeemen and State Committeewomen shall serve as voting members at large of their respective county executive committees and shall be seated at the same time as other precinct committeemen and committeewomen.



Section 3 - State Chairman's Alternate State Committee Member -The State Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida who is a State Committeeman or State Committeewoman, may appoint from his county a Republican to perform the duties of that office at the county level. If the State Chairman is a County Chairman, the county executive committee may elect an "Acting County Chairman" to serve as County Chairman at the county level.

Section 4 - Ex Officio Members - The Executive Committee shall have as Ex Officio members, without vote, the Young Republican National Committeeman and National Committeewoman from Florida, the Chairman of the Florida Federation of Teenage Republicans, the Chairman of the Florida Federation of Young Republicans, and the President of the Florida Federation of Republican Women.

## **ARTICLE IV** **OFFICERS**

Section 1 - Officers - The officers of the State Committee shall be members of the State Committee and shall consist of a State Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Secretary, and an Assistant Treasurer.

### Section 2 - Duties

- A. The State Chairman shall preside at all organizational, annual, or special meetings of the State Committee and of the Executive Board; he shall have general supervision over the affairs of the State Committee and over the other officers; he shall perform all such other duties and shall have all such other rights as are conferred or imposed upon him from time to time by Florida Statutes.
- B. The Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the State Chairman in the absence or disability of the State Chairman. In the event the State Chairman is no longer able to perform his duties, either through death, disability, or through resignation, the Vice Chairman shall temporarily assume the duties of the State Chairman. An election shall be called by the Vice Chairman for the purpose of electing a new State Chairman and said election shall be held within sixty days of the date the vacancy occurs. In the event there be no Vice Chairman, then the Secretary shall assume the duties of State Chairman and shall have the responsibility to call an election within the time frames specified herein. If the Vice Chairman and the Secretary are unable to perform the duties described herein then the Treasurer, and if he is unable, then the Assistant Secretary, and if he is unable, then the Assistant Treasurer shall call a meeting of the Executive Board within the time frames specified herein for the purpose of electing a new State Chairman and for filling any other vacancies that might exist.
- C. The Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings of the State Committee and the Executive Board and shall attend and keep minutes of the same; and shall have charge of the State Committee's books, records, and papers, and shall perform all such duties as are incident to his office or imposed or conferred upon him by Florida Statutes. The Assistant Secretary shall assist or assume duties as required.
- D. The Treasurer shall have custody of all monies and securities of the State Committee and shall give bond in such amount and with such sureties as the Executive Board may from time to time require, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office. He shall keep

regular books of account and shall submit them together with all his vouchers, receipts, records, and other papers to the Executive Board and State Committee for their examination and approval as often as they may require. He shall perform all such other duties as are incident to his office or imposed or conferred upon him by Florida Statutes. The Assistant Treasurer shall assist or assume duties as required.

Section 3 - Term of Office - All officers of the State Committee and Congressional District Chairmen shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successors are elected. Elections of officers shall take place at the organizational meeting as provided in Party rule on a biennial basis.

## **ARTICLE V** **VACANCIES**

Section 1 - State Committee Officers - Vacancies in the offices of the State Committee, other than the Chairman, shall be filled by the Executive Board until the next annual meeting of the State Committee at which annual meeting an election shall be held to fill such vacancy.

Section 2 - State Committee Members - Vacancies in membership of the State Committee shall, where possible, be filled by the County Executive Committee of the county wherein the vacancy occurred in the manner as provided from time to time by Party rule. In the event a vacancy in membership shall occur from a county where no County Executive Committee is organized, or if a County Executive Committee be organized but refuse to elect a person to fill the vacancy, then, and in either event, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy after giving sixty days notice to Chairman of the County Executive Committee if such a committee exists.

Section 3 - Congressional District Chairman - In the event the Congressional District Chairman is no longer able to perform his duties, either through death, disability, or through resignation, the alternate Congressional District Chairman shall temporarily assume the duties of the Congressional District Chairman. The State Chairman shall within twenty (20) days call a caucus which shall be held within ninety (90) days for the purpose of electing a new Congressional District Chairman.

## **ARTICLE VI** **MEMBERSHIP - EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Section 1 - Members - The Executive Board of the Republican Party of Florida shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Executive Board" and its members shall consist of the State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, State Finance Chairman, all Congressional District Chairmen, the National Committeeman and the National Committeewoman from Florida, Chairman of the County Chairman's Caucus, Chairman of the State Committeemen and Committeewomen's Caucus, Chairman of the Appointee Caucus, and the immediate past State Chairman of the Party, if said person remains in good standing.

Section 2 - Congressional District Chairman - The members of the State Committee representing counties in each Congressional District shall caucus at the organizational meeting of the State Committee and select a State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, or Chairman as the candidate for Congressional District Chairman from their Congressional District. The candidate thus selected shall be the caucus nominee for election of the Congressional District Chairman

from that Congressional District by the State Committee.

Wherever possible, a candidate must reside within the boundaries of the Congressional District represented as Congressional District Chairman. If no state committee member resides within a district, the State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, or Chairman from the intersected county residing nearest the district will serve as the Congressional District Chairman. The district caucus shall also select a candidate for an Alternate Congressional District Chairman to serve and vote for the Congressional District Chairman in his or her absence.

In any county where more than one entire congressional district lies within the geographical boundaries of that county, the Congressional District Chairman's alternate need not be a member of the State Committee but must be a member of the County Executive Committee. In a congressional district where there is no alternate available, the Congressional District Chairman's Alternate is elected from a caucus consisting of the State Committeeman and State Committeewoman and County Chairman from each county within the congressional district.

A Congressional District Chairman's Alternate who is not a member of the State Committee may assume the responsibilities of the Congressional District Chairman for a time not to exceed the time set forth under Vacancies in Article V.

Except as provided above, the Congressional District Chairman must be a member of the State Committee.

Section 3 - Authority - The Executive Board is vested with all rights of the State Committee and is authorized to act fully and completely in its stead and on its behalf in all matters that may be brought before it between meetings of the State Committee. Furthermore, the Executive Board shall be considered a competent tribunal as specified in Section 103.131(7), Florida Statutes, for the express purpose of considering any member or officer for removal by declaring void his or her election or appointment. The Executive Board is fully empowered to take any actions appropriate for censure or discipline of any officer or member for cause, including removal from office or expulsion from the party, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, for a necessary finding of cause and determination of accountability while in session as a competent tribunal. The Executive Board shall keep minutes of its proceedings and such minutes shall be available to every member of the State Committee.

Section 4 - Meetings - The Executive Board shall hold at least four meetings each year upon call of the State Chairman by ten days written notice. A quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of the members of the Board, but a minority of those present at any regular or special meeting, though less than a quorum, shall have the power to adjourn the meeting to a future time. The vote required on any question coming before the Executive Board shall be a majority of the quorum present. Proxy voting is not permissible at meetings of the Executive Board.

Section 5 - Party Rules - The Executive Board shall be responsible for adopting all Party Rules that affect the operations of the Republican Party of Florida. All such rules shall be announced to the State Committee at the next regular or special meeting of the State Committee and shall be subject to change or deletion by the full Committee.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**PARTY AUTHORITY**

Final authority in all Republican Party matters and in Party organization and/or government not specified or otherwise delegated by Florida Statutes shall be vested in the State Committee.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - STATE COMMITTEE**

The organizational meeting of the State Committee shall be called as required by Florida Statutes and party rules and the first order of business of such meeting shall be the adoption of the Rules of Procedure for such meeting. The preceding State Chairman shall chair such meeting.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**MEETINGS OF THE STATE COMMITTEE**

**Section 1 - Annual Meeting** - There shall be an annual meeting of the State Committee held at such time and at such place as the State Chairman may determine.

**Section 2 - Special Meeting** - A special meeting of the State Committee may be called at any time by the State Chairman or shall be called upon written request of thirty (30) members of the State Committee, which request shall state the purpose of the call for a special meeting. The State Chairman shall issue a call for a special meeting detailing the specific purpose for such meeting to each member of the State Committee to be held within thirty (30) days. Fifteen (15) days notice shall be given to each member of the State Committee by the Secretary for special meetings of the State Committee.

**Section 3 - Notice** - Notice of the time and place of all annual or special meetings of the State Committee shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member at least twenty (20) days before the date thereof.

**Section 4 - Vote** - At each organizational, annual, or special meeting of the State Committee subsequent to the 1997 Annual Meeting, proxy voting is not permitted except for purposes of amending the Constitution of the Republican Party of Florida. When proxy voting is permitted, each member shall be entitled to cast one vote in person or by proxy. A member may also hold and vote a proxy for other members of the State Committee. A proxy shall be in writing, dated, and witnessed and shall specify the meeting for which the proxy is given. All proxies shall be filed with the Secretary and entered in the minutes of the meeting for which they are granted.

**Section 5 - Quorum** - A quorum for the transaction of business at any organizational, annual, or special meeting of the State Committee shall consist of a majority of the total members of the State Committee, but the members present at any meeting, though less than a quorum, may adjourn the meeting to a future time. The vote required on any question coming before the State Committee shall be a majority of the quorum present except where otherwise provided in this Constitution.

**ARTICLE X**  
**FINANCE AND REVENUES**

Section 1 - Account Signatures - The State Chairman or Vice Chairman and Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, signing jointly, shall be the authorized signatures on the bank account of the State Committee. A copy of a resolution authorizing such account, certified to by the Secretary of the State Committee, shall be sufficient authority to any such bank or savings institution for the establishment of such account and for the authority of the above-named officers to sign thereon.

Section 2 - Committees - Any committees or subcommittees of the State Committee desiring to establish a special account or accounts shall do so only upon its recommendation to and approval by the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall, by resolution, authorize the establishment of such account or accounts and determine therein the officers or other persons authorized to sign on such accounts.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern the State Committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution of the State Committee.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**COMMITTEES**

The State Chairman shall appoint such standing Committees as he shall deem necessary with the approval of the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the State Committee by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the full membership thereof. Any proposed amendment shall be furnished in writing to the State Chairman and General Counsel of the State Committee and circulated to all members at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting at which such proposed amendments are to be considered.

**ARTICLE XIV**  
**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Constitution shall take effect at the time of adoption and continue until it is amended in accordance with Article XIII.





PARTY RULES OF PROCEDURE  
REPUBLICAN STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As revised by the State Executive Board on March 26, 2022

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With respect to this document, whenever the singular or plural number or masculine or feminine or neutral gender is used herein it shall equally include the others as the context may require.



# PARTY RULES OF PROCEDURE

## **RULE 1- Chartering Process for Republican Clubs**

### *A. Restrictions on Use of the Name, Abbreviations, and Symbols of the Republican Party*

No person or group of persons may use the name, abbreviations, or symbols of the Republican Party in connection with any club, group, association, or organization of any kind unless approval and permission have been given by the Republican Party of Florida in the form of a written charter issued under this Rule. This Rule does not apply to county Republican Executive Committees, to Republican Affiliated Party Committees, to organizations that are chartered by the Republican National Committee, or to organizations using the name, abbreviations, or symbols of the Republican Party that have been in existence and organized on a statewide basis for a period of ten years.

### *B. Conditional Chartering Process for New Republican Clubs*

Any non-chartered club, group, association, or organization seeking a charter under this Rule may submit a conditional charter application including the written approval of a majority of the following Republican Party officials from the county or counties in which it is organized (including at least one such official in each county in which it is organized): County Chairman, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman. Applicants organized on a statewide basis need not obtain the written approval of the Republican Party officials in each county but will instead require the approval of the Executive Board of the Republican Party of Florida. Upon the approval of the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, a conditional charter will be issued to the applicant. Each conditional charter expires on March 31 of the calendar year after the year in which it is issued. A conditional charter may be revoked at any time, without notice, and for any reason in the sole discretion of the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida. An organization that has received a conditional charter may apply for a general charter through the general charter renewal process provided in this Rule. A conditional charter may be renewed for an additional one-year period or converted to a general charter in the sole discretion of the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida in consultation with the applicable County Republican Executive Committee officials.

### *C. Renewal and Revocation of General Charters for Existing Republican Clubs*

(1) All general charters issued by the Republican Party of Florida expire on March 31 of each odd-numbered year unless renewed as provided in this Rule. On or before February 1 in each odd-numbered year, the Republican Party of Florida will send charter renewal information, requirements, and instructions to each chartered club, group, association, or organization with a copy to the applicable Republican State Executive Committee Members. On or before March 15, any club wishing to renew its charter must submit a general charter renewal application including the written approval of a majority of the following Republican Party officials from the county or counties in which it is organized (Including at least one such official in each county in which it is organized): County Chairman,

State Committeeman, State Committeewoman. Upon the approval of the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, a new general charter will be issued to the applicant.

(2) Any club, group, association, or organization that has been chartered and in good standing for a period of ten continuous years is exempt from the renewal application process provided in subsection (C)(l) and may receive an expedited renewal of its charter upon the approval of the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida and one State Executive Committee member from each county in which it is organized.

(3) The Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, in consultation with the applicable County Republican Executive Committee officials, may revoke any general charter for good cause shown. Failure to comply with the requirements of this Rule constitutes good cause for revocation of a general charter.

(4) The decision to revoke or not to renew a general charter may be appealed to the Republican Party of Florida as prescribed in this Rule. Any chartered club, group, association, or organization wishing to appeal a revocation or non-renewal of its general charter must submit a Notice identifying in detail the basis of its appeal within 90 days after it receives the decision to revoke or not to renew the charter. The Grievance Committee shall review all Notices of Appeal and may call for a response from any State Executive Committee members who supported the revocation of non-renewal of the general charter.

After considering the appeal, the Grievance Committee shall either: a) affirm the revocation or non-renewal (in which case there shall be no further appeal); or b) recommend to the Executive Board of the Republican Party that the revocation or non-renewal be overturned. After considering the Grievance Committee's recommendation and the merits of the appeal, the Executive Board of the Republican Party of Florida may restore and renew a general charter or revert the general charter to a conditional charter. The decision of the Executive Board is final and is not subject to further appeal in any forum.

D. *Restrictions on Activities by Chartered Republican Clubs*

Chartered Republican clubs must conduct their affairs in compliance with applicable state and federal election and campaign finance laws. No chartered club, group, association, or organization may adopt by-laws that are inconsistent with state or federal law, the Constitution or Party Rules of Procedure of the Republican State Executive Committee, or the Republican Party of Florida County Model Constitution. No chartered club, group, association, or organization may participate in intra-party differences, nor may it, in its official capacity as a chartered organization, support the nomination of one Republican candidate over another unless the Republican Party has voted to endorse that candidate under Rule 8. No chartered club, group, association, or organization may invite a non-Republican to be a guest speaker at an official meeting or function without the approval of the Chairman of the County Republican Executive Committee.

## **RULE 2 - National Committee Members**

A. (1) There shall be elected by the State Executive Committee a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman to be designated the nominees from the state of Florida to serve on the Republican National Committee. The election shall be held at the Annual meeting of the State Executive Committee in each year of a presidential general election, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the presidential nominating convention of the Republican Party.

(2) The State Chairman shall conduct the election. Candidates shall be registered Republicans in the state of Florida and shall be nominated from the floor at the time of the election. Voting shall be by written secret ballot.

B. In the event of a vacancy in the office of National Committeeman or National Committeewoman, such vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the members of the State Executive Board at a duly called meeting, and the person so elected shall serve until the next annual meeting of the State RPOF Executive Committee, and provided that the term of that office shall not have expired, such vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the State RPOF Executive committee as provided in this Rule, and the person so elected shall serve the remainder of the term of that office.

C. The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall be reimbursed for party-related reimbursable travel expenses incurred up to the budgetary authority set by the State Executive Board, including transportation, mileage, lodging, and meals. Requests for reimbursement shall be submitted, reviewed, and approved in the same manner as requests for reimbursement by the RPOF Chairman under Rule 20.

## **RULE 3 - Use of Proxies**

A. Proxy voting is not permissible at any meeting held under the authority of the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Florida, County Republican Committees, or Clubs chartered under Rule 1 above, except for purposes of amending the Constitution of the Republican Party of Florida as authorized in Article IX, Section 4 of that document. A proxy form approved by the General Counsel to the Republican Party of Florida shall be circulated to all State Committee members at the time proposed amendments to the Constitution of the RPOF are circulated pursuant to Art. XIII of the Constitution of the RPOF.

B. When the use of proxies is permitted, the holder of a valid proxy shall be in writing and held by a person who shall be a member of the Republican Executive Committee of Florida. The State RPOF Executive Committee member who attends by proxy is counted as present for purposes of determining whether or not there is a quorum.

**RULE 4 - Vacancies - Nomination for Public Office**

The following procedure shall be used to fill vacancies in nominations as provided by this section.

A. County Office: Vacancy in nomination in a county office shall be filled by majority vote of a quorum present at the duly called meeting of the County Executive Committee as per Florida Statutes, Section 100.111.

B. District Office (Any office which crosses county lines and includes parts of more than one county): Vacancy in nomination in a state or federal district office shall be filled by a majority vote of a quorum present (proxies shall not be allowed) at the duly called meeting of the members of the State Executive Committee and County Chairmen from the counties comprising the area involving the district office, which vote shall be cast proportionately to each county's percentage of the total Republican party registration within the election district and allocated equally to each voting member present, providing that no county's total vote shall exceed the allocated percentage for that county. For the purpose of this rule, party registration shall be based on the data available at the date of the last closing of the books of the Florida Secretary of State. District vice-chairmen from the districts involved may attend and act in an ex-officio capacity without vote.

C. Statewide Office: Vacancy in nomination in a statewide office shall be filled by a majority vote of a quorum present at the duly called meeting of the members of the State Executive Board of the Republican Party of Florida.

**RULE 5 - Election of Precinct Committeemen and Women**

A. (1) Each precinct within each county shall, except as otherwise provided in this rule, the party constitution, or state law, elect one man, who is a registered Republican, and one woman, who is a registered Republican, to serve as Precinct Committeeman and Precinct Committeewoman. However, any precinct with a total registration equal to or greater than 1000 registered voters shall be entitled to an additional Precinct Committeeman and Precinct Committeewoman for every increment of 1000 registered voters in the precinct, who shall serve for the full term of the office regardless of change in precinct population.

(2) The number of registered voters shall be determined at or just prior to the commencement of the qualifying period for such office as shown by the most recent voter registration records of the Supervisor of Elections in such County. At any time thereafter, should the number of registered voters increase so as to exceed 1000 voters, the County Executive Committee shall elect one additional Precinct Committeeman and Precinct Committeewoman in accordance with the procedures set forth below for the filling of vacancies and who shall serve until the commencement of the term of his or her successor, if any.

B. In counties divided into 40 or more precincts, the State Executive Committee may adopt a district unit of representation for such county Executive Committees. Upon adoption of a

district unit of representation, the State Executive Committee shall request the supervisor of elections of that county, with approval of the Board of County Commissioners, to provide for an appropriate number of election districts as nearly equal in number of registered voters as possible. Where the district unit of representation has been adopted, district representatives shall be elected in the same manner as Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen and shall serve in place of precinct men and women.

C. The Precinct Committeemen and women or the district men and women elected in accordance with this rule shall constitute the County Executive Committee. Pursuant to the party constitution, and Florida Statutes, the State Committeeman and State Committeewoman, and all members of the Florida legislature who are residents of the county and members of the Republican Party, shall be voting members of the County Executive Committee. County Executive Committees shall not extend voting membership status to any other individuals. Each member of the committee shall be entitled to one vote.

D. Pursuant to Florida Statutes 103.091(5), in the event no county committeeman or committeewoman is elected or a vacancy occurs from any other cause in the County Executive Committee, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of those present at a regular meeting at which a quorum is present. Such vacancy shall be filled by a qualified member of the political party residing in the district where the vacancy occurred and for the unexpired portion of the term and shall not be deemed a member until the name has been duly recorded with the Supervisor of Elections by the secretary of the County Executive Committee.

E. In accordance with Section 103.091, Florida Statutes, Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen shall be elected for four-year terms which shall commence on the first day of the month following each general election (December 1). Within thirty days of the primary election, Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen shall sign and file a loyalty oath as prescribed in Rule 9. Failure to file a completed loyalty oath is cause for immediate removal from office.

F. Candidates for Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen shall qualify for office in accordance with Section 103.091, Florida Statutes.

G. The outgoing chairman of each County Executive Committee shall hold an organizational meeting of all newly elected precinct committee members and for the purpose of electing officers and said meeting shall take place within 30 days of the date the new members take office.

## **RULE 6 - Officers of County Committees**

A. All officers of a County Executive Committee including but not limited to, the County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be members of such committee and this rule shall be included as a provision in the county committee's constitution and/or bylaws. All county party executive committee officers shall be elected for a two year term and may hold only one office in the County Executive Committee. Alternate county executive committee

members are not eligible to serve as elected officers of the County Executive Committee, unless this rule is waived by the Executive Board of RPOF.

B. Florida Statutes and the Rules of the Republican Party of Florida require that certain items be filed with the Republican Party of Florida by the County Executive Committee. In the event that such filings are not timely made, the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida shall notify the chairman of the County Executive Committee by registered mail of the delinquency. The chairman shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of such notification to file the appropriate materials. If the filing is not completed within thirty (30) days, the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida may remove from office the chairman of the County Executive Committee, and that office will devolve to the person in succession as defined by the constitution and/or by-laws of the County Executive Committee. Such person shall, within thirty (30) days, call a meeting for purposes of electing a new Chairman in accordance with the election procedures set forth in the constitution and/or bylaws of the County Executive Committee. If the acting chairman fails to timely call such an election, the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida may remove the acting Chairman from office. That office will then devolve to the next person in succession as defined by the constitution and/or bylaws of the County Executive Committee.

C. Each County Executive Committee shall meet at least six (6) times during the calendar year, one meeting within each quarter with at least twenty-eight days between each meeting. The meeting shall be called by the Chairman, with notice of the meeting to be sent provided to each member of the executive committee at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. This shall specifically be the duty of the County Chairman, and in the event that the County Chairman does not call such meetings when due, the State Chairman may remove the County Chairman from office. In such event, the office of county chairman shall devolve to the next person in succession as defined by the constitution and/or bylaws of the County Executive Committee. If the acting Chairman fails to timely call such an election, the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida may remove the acting chairman from office. The office will then devolve to the next person in succession as defined by the constitution and/or bylaws of the County Executive Committee.

## **RULE 7 -Alternate County Executive Committee Members**

A. All county executive committees may include in their constitutions and/or bylaws a provision allowing alternate county committee members. The following is recommended for such use:

There may be as many alternate county executive committee members as there are duly elected members in each precinct. Alternate members shall have no vote, except in the absence of the member they represent. Each alternate member shall possess the qualifications required of the members represented, shall file the same oath and shall be duly voted upon for membership by the members of the county committee.

## **RULE 8 - Endorsements**

A. The State Executive Committee may endorse, certify, screen, or recommend candidates in contested Republican primaries only upon unanimous approval of the Executive Board and the approval of 60% of the State Executive Committee at a meeting called for that purpose and at which a quorum is present.

B. County Executive Committee may endorse, certify, screen, or recommend a Republican candidate in a contested Republican primary, or a registered Republican in a nonpartisan election {including judicial races where it is legally permissible), or a local Unitary Special/General Election, by either of the two following methods: (1) Upon the affirmative vote of not less than 60% of the County Executive Committee present and voting at a duly called meeting complying with notice requirements set forth below, provided that the number voting to endorse represents a majority of the full committee, or (2) upon the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds {2/3} of those present and voting at such meeting, provided that a quorum is present at the time the vote is taken. Each announced candidate shall be likewise notified that a vote on endorsement is to be taken and that he or she will be allowed to speak at such meeting in support of or opposition to any proposed endorsement, certification, or recommendation for an office for which he or she is a candidate.

C. There shall be no less than ten days written notice to each member of the Executive Committee of any meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The written notice shall inform each member of the time, date, place of meeting, and that a vote will be taken to endorse, certify, screen or otherwise recommend one or more Republican candidates for nomination for election. A copy of the notice of the meeting shall be mailed by the County Chairman or other appropriate officer to: Republican Party of Florida, P.O. Box 311, Tallahassee, Florida, 32302.

D. A County Republican Executive Committee may not endorse, certify, screen, or recommend a candidate in a contested election for a publicly elected position on a Republican Executive Committee. This provision does not preclude any Republican Executive Committee member from supporting in any manner his or her personal candidate of choice in a contested election for a publicly elected position on a Republican Executive Committee, provided he or she does not express that support with public reference to his or her title or office within the Republican Party of Florida.

## **RULE 9 - Oath of Party Loyalty**

A. *Form of Party Loyalty Oath*

As a condition of membership on a Republican Executive Committee, each County Republican Executive Committee and State Republican Executive Committee member must sign and file an oath of party loyalty in the following form:

*I swear or affirm that during my term of party office I will not actively, publicly, or financially support the election of any candidate:*

*(1) Seeking election against the Republican Party's nominee in a partisan unitary, general, or special election that includes a Republican nominee; or*

*(2) Who is not a registered Republican and is seeking election against a registered Republican in a non-partisan election, except that this provision does not apply to judicial races under Chapter 105, Florida Statutes.*

*I further swear or affirm that, in my capacity as a Republican Executive Committee member I will not support, in a contested Republican primary election, the nomination of one Republican candidate over another, or in a nonpartisan election, the election of one registered Republican over another, unless the Executive Committee has voted to endorse that candidate in accordance with RPOF Rule 8. This provision does not preclude me from supporting in any manner my personal Republican candidate of choice in a contested Republican primary election or my personal candidate of choice in a nonpartisan election not seeking election against a registered Republican, provided I do not express such support with public reference to my title or office within the Republican Party of Florida.*

**B. *Filing Instructions for Party Loyalty Oath***

Each Republican Executive Committee member required by this Rule to sign a party loyalty oath must file the oath with the Chairman of his or her respective State or County Republican Executive Committee (or the Chairman's designee) no later than 30 days after election to party office. The party loyalty oath shall be witnessed, verified, or notarized.

**RULE 10- Selection of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention**

**A. *Exclusive Method for Selection of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to Republican National Convention***

All delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention shall be elected as prescribed by this Rule following the Florida Presidential Preference Primary.

**B. *All Delegates and Alternate Delegates Awarded to Statewide Winner of Florida Presidential Preference Primary***



The Republican presidential candidate receiving the highest number of statewide votes at the Florida Presidential Preference Primary shall be awarded all delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention. The delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected as prescribed by Rule 10(D). The Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, or his or her designee, shall be bound to count and cast all delegate votes for that presidential candidate during the first three convention ballots unless the convention rules state that delegates are bound for more than three ballots. If the candidate to whom the delegate votes are bound releases the delegates or withdraws his or her candidacy, then the delegate votes will not be bound to any candidate. No delegate, other than the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, or his or her designee, shall be entitled to cast any vote on his or her own behalf until the fourth convention ballot.

C. *Submission of Proposed Delegates and Alternate Delegates*

No later than one week after the Florida Presidential Preference Primary, each Republican presidential candidate whose name appeared on the ballot shall submit to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida a list of proposed delegates and alternate delegates from among that candidate's supporters to be considered as candidates for election as delegates and alternate delegates. The lists of proposed delegates and alternate delegates shall be distributed by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida to Executive Board of the Republican Party of Florida and to the Chairman of each Congressional District Caucus before the election of delegates and alternate delegates.

D. *Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates*

Under the Rules of the Republican Party (as amended), the Republican Party of Florida is entitled to a certain number of delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention. The Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, the National Committeeman, and the National Committeewoman shall serve as delegates without alternates. The remaining delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected at a meeting duly called by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida no sooner than one week after the Presidential Preference Primary and no later than 45 days before the time set for the meeting of the Republican National Convention. The delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected as follows:

(1) Three delegates and three alternate delegates shall be elected by each of the Congressional District Caucuses (composed of the State Committeemen, State Committeewomen, and County Chairmen representing any county in each Congressional District). Proxy voting is not permitted.

(2) The remaining delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected as Delegates at Large by the Executive Board of the Republican Party of Florida in accordance with the Rules of the Republican Party (as amended).

(3) Each candidate for election as a delegate or alternate delegate must be a legal resident and registered Republican voter of the State of Florida. Each candidate for election as a

delegate or alternate delegate from a Congressional District Caucus must additionally be a legal resident of that Congressional District. Before the election of delegates and alternate delegates, each candidate for election as a delegate or alternate delegate shall certify that he or she is duly qualified to serve under this Rule by filing a qualifying oath or affirmation in a form approved by the General Counsel to the Republican Party of Florida.

(4) No more than seven days after the election of delegates and alternate delegates, the Chairman of each Congressional District Caucus shall certify to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida the names of each delegate and alternate delegate elected from that Congressional District Caucus. The Chairman and Secretary of the Republican Party of Florida shall certify all delegates and alternate delegates of the Republican Party of Florida and shall file their names and credentials with the Secretary of the Republican National Convention no later than thirty-five days before the time set for the meeting of the national convention.

(5) No candidate for delegate or alternate delegate shall be required to pay an assessment or fee to become a candidate or to serve as the elected delegate or alternate delegate. No candidate for delegate or alternate delegate shall be discriminated against for reasons of sex, race, religion, color, age, national origin or physical disability. As required by the Rules of the Republican Party, the Republican Party of Florida shall endeavor to have equal representation of men and women in its delegation to the Republican National Convention.

E. *Vacancies in the National Convention Delegation*

If an elected delegate or an alternate delegate is unable to attend the Republican National Convention, the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, or his or her designee, shall select his or her replacement. If for any reason the Republican National Convention refuses to seat Florida's elected delegates, all remaining delegates shall be Delegates at Large and shall be selected by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida from the original delegation. At least one delegate shall be selected from each Congressional District, with the advice and consent of each Congressional District Caucus Chairman.

F. *Notice of Delegate Election Procedures*

A copy of this Rule, as adopted, shall be filed with the Department of State within seven days after its adoption and shall become a public record. The Republican Party of Florida shall also publish notice on its website of these delegate election procedures and of the time, place, and manner of the election of delegates and alternate delegates.

**RULE 11 - Election of State Committeemen and Women; Role and Responsibilities**

A. Each county shall elect one man and one woman to serve as State Committeeman and State Committeewoman from that county. Candidates for State Committeeman and State Committeewoman shall qualify for office in accordance with Section 103.091 Florida Statutes. State Committeemen and State Committeewomen shall be elected for four-year terms which

shall commence on the first day of the month following each Presidential general election (December 1). Within thirty days of the primary election, State Committeemen and State Committeewomen shall sign and file a loyalty oath as prescribed in Rule 9. Failure to file a completed loyalty oath is cause for immediate removal from office. There shall be no limit on the number of terms in which a State Committeeman or State Committee woman may serve.

For the purpose of defining "good standing" under Florida Statutes, any person elected as a State Committeeman or State Committeewoman shall during their term of office:

- (1) Maintain voter registration as a Republican.
- (2) Maintain their personal residency in the county from which their election occurred.
- (3) Sign and abide by the loyalty oath that is prescribed in Rule 9;
- (4) Adhere to the duties, responsibilities, and attendance requirements of the Office of State Committeeman or Committeewoman.
- (5) Comply with and uphold the State Party Constitution and Rules of Procedure.

B. Electors seeking to qualify for such office of state committeeman or state committeewoman shall do so with the Supervisor of Elections no earlier than noon of the 71<sup>st</sup> day or later than noon of the 67th day preceding the first primary of the Presidential election year.

C. The outgoing chairman of each State Executive Committee shall hold an organizational meeting of all newly elected State Committee members for the purpose of electing officers and said meeting shall take place within 60 days of the date the new members take office.

D. The role and responsibilities of State Committeemen and State Committeewomen include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Act as a liaison between the State Executive Committee and the County Executive Committee.
- (2) Elect a Congressional District Chairman who is entitled to vote on the State Executive Board.
- (3) Serve as at-large members of the County Executive Committee.
- (4) Assist and cooperate with District Chairmen, County Chairmen, and Party Field Directors in promoting seminars, caucuses, and fund-raising events.
- (5) Share all correspondence, newsletters, information bulletins, etc., from RPOF or other relevant sources, and directing them to officers and members of the County Executive Committee.
- (6) Fulfill such additional duties and responsibilities as may be requested by the RPOF Chairman.

## **RULE 12 - Liabilities**

A. The members, officers, agents and members of the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Florida shall not be personally liable for any debt, liability, or obligation of the Party.

B. All persons, corporations, or other entities extending credit to, contracting with, or having any claim against, the Republican Party of Florida may look only to the funds and property of any such contract or claim, or for the payment of any debt, damages, judgment, or decree, or any money that may otherwise become due or payable to them from the Republican Party of Florida.

## **RULE 13 - Indemnification**

A. The State Committee of the Republican Party of Florida (the "committee") may, upon the affirmative vote of the majority of the Executive Board, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify each person serving or who has served as a member of the Committee or of the Executive Board against all liabilities and expenses, including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments, in compromise or as fines and penalties, and counsel fees reasonably incurred by him or her, in connection with the defense or disposition of any action, suit, or other proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, in which he or she may be involved or with which he or she may be threatened, while in office or thereafter, by reason of his or her being or having been such a member or by reason of his or her serving or having served the Committee in any capacity referred to in the next paragraph.

B. "County Executive Committees Each County Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Florida may provide indemnification to the same extent and on the same terms as is provided by the State Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Florida to its members, pursuant to paragraph A above."

C: That indemnification of other persons serving or who have served as officers, employees, or other agents of the Committee, or, at its request, as members, directors, trustees, officers, employees, fiduciaries, or other agents of a corporation, trust, or other organization in which the Committee has an interest may be provided by the Committee whenever and to the extent authorized by a disinterested majority of the members of the Executive Board. Any such indemnification may include payment of the Committee of expenses incurred in defending any such action, suit, or other proceeding in advance of the final disposition thereof, upon receipt of an undertaking by the person indemnified to employ counsel satisfactory to the Committee and to repay such payment if it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is not entitled to indemnification under this rule.

D. Further, that notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Rule, no indemnification shall be provided for any person with respect to any matter: (a) as to which he or she shall have been adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the best interests of the Committee; or (b) disposed of by a compromise

payment, pursuant to consent decree or otherwise, unless he or she shall have been determined to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the best interest of the Committee, such determination to be made by a disinterested two-thirds (2/3) majority of all members of the Executive Board.

E. Further that the Committee may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a member of the Committee, a member of the Executive Board or an officer, employee, or other agent of the Committee, or who is or was serving at the request of the Committee as a member, director, trustee, officer, employee, fiduciary, or other agent of the corporation, trust, or other organization in which the committee has an interest, against any liability incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Committee would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liability.

F. This rule shall not limit any right of indemnification existing independently of this rule.

G. Definition: As used in this rule, the terms "member", "director", "trustee", "officer", "employee", and "agent" shall include their respective heirs, executors, and administrators, and a "disinterested" person is one against whom the proceedings in question, or another proceeding of the same or similar grounds, are not then and had not been pending or threatened.

#### **RULE 14 - Borrowing or Lending of Funds**

The Republican Party of Florida, without the expressed approval of the RPOF Executive Board, is prohibited from borrowing or lending money for any purpose. It may, however, use an asset as collateral during the course of its normal business.

#### **RULE 15 - More Than One County Position**

A person can hold only one position as a County Chairman, County Officer or a State Committeeman or State Committeewoman, except in counties with less than 750 registered Republicans, unless this rule is waived by the RPOF Executive Board.

#### **RULE 16 - County Constitution**

A constitution may be adopted by each County Executive Committee. In the event that no such constitution is adopted, the model constitution developed by the Republican Party of Florida will prevail. If a County Constitution is adopted which is not in conflict with the Florida Statutes, the Constitution of the Republican State Executive Committee, the Rules of Procedure for the Republican Party of Florida or the Model Constitution is adopted, and it shall be filed with the Republican Party of Florida.

## **RULE 17 - Republican Party of Florida Chairman and Employees' Salaries**

The Chairman's salary will be fixed by the RPOF Board and employees' salary will be fixed by the Chairman, subject to budget limitations.

## **RULE 18 - Committees and Caucuses of the Republican Party of Florida**

### *A. Establishment of Standing Committees*

- (1) The following permanent standing committees of the Republican Party of Florida are established:
  - (a) Audit
  - (b) Budget
  - (c) Constitution and Rules
  - (d) Credentials
  - (e) Grievance
  - (f) Legislative Affairs
  - (g) Rural County
  - (h) Veterans Engagement
- (2) At any time, the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida may also establish such select or ad hoc committees as he or she deems necessary.
- (3) The Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida may appoint the Chairman and all members of each committee. All committee Chairmen and members serve at the pleasure of the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida. The Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida may also appoint any Republican to serve as a member of any committee in an *ex officio* capacity.
- (4) Only members of the Republican State Executive Committee are eligible to serve on a standing committee of the Republican Party of Florida. Any member of a county Republican Executive Committee is eligible to serve on a select or ad hoc committee of the Republican Party of Florida. To the maximum extent possible, committee members should be equally divided between men and women.

### *B. Organization and Responsibilities of the Audit Committee*

- (1) The Audit Committee shall consist of at least seven members of the State Executive Committee, six of whom shall be appointed based on the recommendation of, respectively, the Republican Party of Florida's Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, National Committeewoman, National Committeeman, and Immediate Past Chairman (if he or she remains in good standing). The Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida shall appoint as

members of the Audit Committee the persons recommended as described in this Rule. The Audit Committee shall elect its own Chairman.

- (2) The Audit Committee shall interview and select an accounting firm to conduct the annual audit required by law. After the annual audit has been completed, the accounting firm shall present the annual audit to the Audit Committee, which shall have authority to review, approve, and file a copy of the audit with the Florida Department of State prior to the statutory filing deadline. The Audit Committee shall provide a report on the results of the annual audit to the Executive Board of the Republican Party of Florida, along with any recommendations of the Audit Committee concerning the annual audit. The Audit Committee shall have the authority to inspect and audit, but not to change, destroy, deface, or remove any of the financial records of the Republican Party of Florida. The term of the Audit Committee members shall expire with that of the Officers of the State Executive Committee.

C. *Establishment of Caucuses*

In addition to the committees established under this Rule, there shall be a Caucus of County Chairmen, a Caucus of State Committeemen and State Committeewomen, and a Caucus of Appointees that shall be made up of the 10 Governor's Appointees, the 10 Senate President Appointees, and the 10 Speaker Appointees. Each Caucus shall elect its own Chairman and Vice Chairman before the Annual Meeting of the State Executive Committee in each odd-numbered year. Each Caucus shall meet at least four times each year in conjunction with the meetings of the Executive Board of the Republican Party of Florida and shall provide a report on the activities of the Caucus to the Executive Board. Each Caucus has the authority to adopt Bylaws consistent with these Rules and shall file a copy of its Bylaws with the Republican Party of Florida. The first chair of the Caucus of Appointees shall be a current member of the Executive Board.

**RULE 19 - Budget Committee Presentation**

A. *Content and Form of Presentation*

The Budget Committee shall present a proposed budget for approval by the Executive Board of the Republican Party of Florida. The presentation shall take place in a closed Executive Session and shall be in the same format approved by the Budget Committee. The Chairman of the Budget Committee, assisted by RPOF accounting staff, shall conduct a concise summary briefing of the budget itemization and shall respond to any questions by the Executive Board. All budget information shall be confidential and copies for retention shall not be distributed.

B. *Timing of Presentation*

The annual budget for each even-numbered calendar year shall be presented and approved at the final quarterly Executive Board meeting of the previous year. The annual

budget for each odd-numbered calendar year shall be presented and approved at an Executive Board meeting held after the biennial election of officers of the Republican State Executive Committee, but no later than the second quarterly meeting of each odd-numbered calendar year. Additional meetings of the Budget Committee and the Executive Board shall be held as necessary to ensure the timely adoption of an annual budget as required by this Rule.

## **RULE 20 - Chairman's Paid Expenses**

A. The RPOF Chairman shall be reimbursed for all party-related expenses incurred, including transportation, mileage, lodging, and meals. The Chairman's request for reimbursement shall be submitted to the Audit Committee within 30 days of the end of the quarter the expenses were incurred, unless an extension is granted by the Audit Committee, and shall include complete documentation of all expenses submitted for reimbursement. Before any expense is reimbursed to the RPOF Chairman, the Audit Committee must make a timely determination of the appropriateness of the reimbursement request. If the Audit Committee declines to approve the reimbursement request, the RPOF Chairman may submit the matter to the RPOF Executive Board for final resolution.

B. The definition of "party-related expenses" shall be based on the rules of the Internal Revenue Service regarding business-related expenses eligible for deduction.

## **RULE 21 - Executive Committee and Executive Board Meetings**

There shall be an annual meeting of the State RPOF Executive Committee held at such time and place as the RPOF Executive Board may determine. Only members of the State RPOF Executive Committee in good standing shall be eligible to vote at such meetings. Any challenges as to the membership status of an individual must be made in writing to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee so as to be received by that Chairman by 9:00 a.m. at least three (3) working days prior to the date of the meeting to allow the Committee to investigate that challenge.

Challenges not received in this timely manner shall not be heard except upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Credentials Committee. At this meeting in the odd number years, new officers will be elected. Nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall be made from the floor at the Annual meeting in odd number years. In the event of more than one (1) nomination for any officer position, the vote shall be conducted by secret paper ballot. No pre-printed ballot may be used for this process. There shall be a minimum of four quarterly spaced meetings of the RPOF Executive Board each year. The date, location and time will be proposed by the Chairman and approved by the RPOF Board at the preceding quarterly Board meeting. With the exception of the Annual Meeting, Executive Committee and Executive Board Meetings may be held by electronic means with the consent of a majority of the Board, and in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised."



## **RULE 22 - Settlement of Grievances**

A. The Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida shall appoint as a standing Committee, a Grievance Committee, consisting of seven members, including the Chairman. The Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida shall also appoint alternate members to serve if necessary. The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman of the Committee.

B. If a dispute arises among the members of any county Republican Party Executive Committee, Republican Club, Republican group, or group subject to the rules and regulations of the Republican Party of Florida, or between such parties, and such a dispute cannot be resolved by the members of said committee, club or group, then the resolution of the dispute may be referred in writing, by a member in good standing of the State or County Executive Committee, to the Executive Director of the Republican Party of Florida. The Executive Director shall refer the dispute to the Grievance Committee if determined along with the Legal Counsel to the Republican Party of Florida that the dispute raises issues that are subject to the rules and regulations of the Republican Party of Florida.

C. The dispute shall be referred to the Chairman of the Grievance Committee to be resolved. If the Committee Chairman determines that a hearing is necessary, the Grievance Committee shall hold hearings with respect to the dispute, inviting all parties to the dispute or others, who may be of help to be heard, meet before the Grievance Committee. Other parties who may be of help to settle the dispute may also be given the opportunity to be heard. The Committee shall conduct the hearing in accordance with the Committee's adopted rules of procedure. The notice of written grievance setting forth the conduct of the hearing shall be provided to the parties not less than 10 days in advance of the hearing.

D. Hearings will be held within (90) ninety days of such referral in Tallahassee, Florida, at the discretion of the Chairman of the Grievance Committee. Hearings shall be held with at least five members of the Committee present. The Committee shall within (30) thirty days after the hearing make a written report to the RPOF Chairman, setting forth its findings and recommendations as to settling the dispute.

E. If the Chairman of the RPOF approves the recommendations, they are adopted and become final. If the Chairman does not approve the recommendations, he may (a) refer the matter back to the Grievance Committee for further consideration or (b) refer the Committee recommendations to a Grievance Review Committee consisting of the Chairman of the RPOF, the Vice Chairman, RPOF, the Secretary, RPOF, Treasurer, RPOF, and the Legal Counsel to the Republican Party of Florida. The Review Committee shall make a final determination as to a course of action within (30) thirty days. Adoption by the RPOF Chairman as well as any final determination by the Review Committee shall be made in writing and provided to all parties concerned.

As final authority in all Republican matters as granted under Article VII of the Constitution of the Republican Party of Florida, the action of the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida or the Review Committee may include, but not be limited to the following: Removal or suspension

of a Club Charter; removal or suspension of an officer or member of any authorized or chartered Club, Executive Committee or other committee from office or membership; revocation of a prior action or election by a Club, Executive Committee or other Committee; or ordering new elections by such clubs or committees. All actions by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida shall be final, unless modified by the State Executive Committee.

### **RULE 23 - Participation in Non-Republican Party Organizations**

No Republican County Executive Committee, as defined by Florida Statute, or any Club or Organization chartered under Rule 1 of these Rules of Procedure shall, as an organization, endorse, monetarily support or join any non-partisan or bi-partisan private group, committee or organization established for the purpose of monitoring or regulating political campaigns.

### **RULE 24 - Resolutions**

#### *A. Resolutions with Prior Notice*

Any proposed resolution shall be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida at least 15 days before the meeting of the Executive Board or State Executive Committee at which the resolution is to be considered. The proposed resolution shall be referred to the Constitution and Rules Committee for a review of its form based on its clarity, understandability, and use of plain language. Upon a two-thirds vote of the Constitution and Rules Committee, the proposed resolution shall be referred to the Legislative Affairs Committee for a review of its content and subject matter. Upon a two-thirds vote of the Legislative Affairs Committee, the proposed resolution shall be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Executive Board or State Executive Committee, as appropriate.

#### *B. Untimely Resolutions*

Any proposed resolution not timely submitted under paragraph (A) may only be considered under emergency or extraordinary circumstances and if it is received at least 24 hours before the Executive Board or State Committee meeting. The determination of emergency or extraordinary circumstances shall be in discretion of the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida or a two-thirds vote of the Constitution and Rules Committee. If approved for consideration by the Constitution and Rules Committee, it shall be subject to the same process described in paragraph (A) for Resolutions with Prior Notice.

#### *C. Required Vote for Passage*

Passage of any proposed resolution by the Executive Board or State Executive Committee shall require a two-thirds vote of a quorum present.

#### *D. Committee Consideration of Proposed Resolutions*

Meetings of the Constitution and Rules Committee and Legislative Affairs Committee at which proposed resolutions are to be considered shall be scheduled to convene after the regularly scheduled meeting of the Caucus of County Chairmen, the Caucus of State Committeemen and State Committeewomen, and the Caucus of Appointees but before the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Board or State Executive Committee.

#### **RULE 25 - Attendance**

A. The Office of County Chairman, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, Club President, Precinct Committeeman, Precinct Committeewoman, or any office of the Republican Party may be deemed vacant by the Grievance Committee and affirmed by the RPOF Chairman due to excessive absences from office or failure to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of said office. Upon determining that the office is vacant, provisions of Chapter 103, Florida Statutes may apply.

B. County Chairmen, State Committeemen and State Committeewomen shall attend a minimum of three (3) of any four (4) of the annual and quarterly RPOF meetings in each calendar year as documented by the RPOF meeting registration.

C. County Chairmen, State Committeemen and State Committeewomen shall attend all county REC meetings and cannot miss three (3) consecutive meetings in a calendar year without a valid excuse. Attendance shall be documented by the REC meeting attendance record to be reported by the REC secretary to the RPOF.

D. Excessive absences in the case of County Chairmen, State Committeemen and State Committeewomen shall be defined as failure to be reported as present at two (2) or more of the annual and quarterly meetings of the RPOF in each calendar year.

E. Removal from the office of County Chairman, State Committeeman or State Committeewoman for excessive absences under paragraph C or D shall be considered automatic upon written notice by the RPOF Chairman or his/her designee to the County Chairman, State Committeeman or State Committeewoman. No appeal or review shall be deemed permissible or acceptable unless the RPOF Executive Board by a 2/3 vote determines that the removal shall be reversed.

#### **RULE 26 - Republican Party of Florida Whistleblower Policy**

A. The Republican Party of Florida shall have and enforce a Whistleblower Policy as set forth in Appendix A to the RPOF Rules of Procedure.

B. The Whistleblower Policy may be amended by the RPOF Executive Board only in accordance with the procedures for amending the RPOF Rules of Procedure.

## **RULE 27 - Contractual Expenditures**

The Chairman, Executive Director, and General Counsel shall each review and approve in advance any proposed contractual expenditures that in the aggregate exceed \$10,000 in a calendar year. Proposed expenditures by Party Senate and House Campaigns are excluded from such review and approval process.

## **RULE 28 - RPOF Accounting Staff**

RPOF accounting staff shall report to the Chairman on day-to-day matters of the Party, but shall be accountable and report to the Executive Board when it is in session.

## **RULE 29 - At-Large Members of the State Executive Committee**

[Disapproved by vote of the RPOF State Executive Committee, January 14, 2017]

## **RULE 30 - Disclosure of Affiliated Business Interests**

No member of the State Executive Committee may enter or renew a contractual relationship with or receive compensation from the Republican Party of Florida or any County Republican Executive Committee without first disclosing the nature of the relationship in a memorandum filed with the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Republican Party of Florida. The memorandum shall be shared with the members of the Audit Committee, and the Chairman of the Audit Committee shall present a report to the Executive Board at the next quarterly Board meeting. The disclosure requirements of this Rule apply to any business entity that, in whole or in part, is operated, maintained, or controlled by a member of the State Executive Committee or that employs or provides any other financial benefit to a member of the State Executive Committee.

## **RULE 31 - Candidate Qualifying for Presidential Preference Primary**

### *A. Purpose of Candidate Qualifying Requirements*

The Republican Party of Florida finds it necessary for Republican presidential candidates to make a preliminary showing of substantial support in order to qualify for a place on the presidential preference primary ballot. The provisions of this rule are intended to accomplish the party's legitimate objectives through reasonable and non-discriminatory restrictions on ballot access.

### *B. Form of Republican Presidential Candidate Oath*

Each Republican presidential candidate, in order to have his or her name submitted to the Secretary of State for placement on the presidential preference primary ballot under section 103.101(2) of the Florida Statutes, shall take or subscribe to an oath or affirmation in

writing. A copy of the oath or affirmation shall be made available to the candidate upon request to the Republican Party of Florida and shall be substantially in the following form:

■ , — — — — — — — — — — am a candidate for the Republican Party's nomination for the office of President of the United States of America. I hereby request that the Republican Party of Florida include my name on the list of presidential candidates to be placed on Florida's Republican presidential preference primary ballot.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF

Sworn to (or affirm) and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public

Personally Known: \_\_\_\_\_ or

Produced Identification:

Type of Identification Produced:

C. *Methods of Qualifying for Presidential Preference Primary Ballot*

Each Republican presidential candidate seeking to appear on the presidential preference primary ballot shall:

(1) *Sunshine Summit Option*- In an election without an incumbent Republican President seeking to appear on the presidential preference primary ballot, any candidate invited to attend the Republican Party of Florida's Sunshine Summit, may qualify through personal appearance at the Sunshine Summit to execute and file the Candidate Oath prescribed by this rule, which shall be witnessed by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida or the Chairman's designee; or

(2) *Qualifying Fee Option*- No later than 5 p.m. on November 22, qualify by filing with the Republican Party of Florida the Candidate Oath prescribed by this rule and a candidate qualifying fee made payable to the Republican Party of Florida in the amount of \$25,000. Any qualifying fees collected under this Rule will be devoted entirely to grassroots engagement activities in support of the Republican Party's candidates in the General Election; or

(3) *Petition Option*-No later than 5 p.m. on November 22, qualify by filing with the Republican Party of Florida the Candidate Oath prescribed by this rule and RPOF Candidate Petitions, collected by volunteers, containing the signatures of 3,375 registered Republican voters including at least 125 registered Republican voters from each of Florida's 27 Congressional Districts. The Republican Party of Florida will: 1) check the signatures on the petitions to verify the signatories' status as registered Republican voters in the stated Congressional Districts; and 2) determine whether the required number of signatures has been obtained; or

(4) *Presidential Option*-No later than 5 p.m. on November 22, an incumbent Republican President of the United States may qualify by submitting a letter to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida indicating a desire to have their name submitted for placement on the presidential preference primary ballot. A letter submitted pursuant to this Option fulfills the requirement for the Candidate Oath prescribed by this rule.

No other proxy or alternative qualifying method for the presidential preference primary shall be available. The Republican Party of Florida retains the sole and exclusive authority to adjudicate compliance with all requirements of this party rule.

D. *Submission of List of Presidential Candidates*

By November 30 of the year preceding the presidential preference primary, the Republican Party of Florida shall submit to the Secretary of State a list of its presidential candidates who have qualified for the Republican presidential preference primary ballot in accordance with this rule.

## **RULE 32 - Meetings via Electronic Means during Declared State of Emergency**

### **A. *County Executive Committee***

A meeting of a county executive committee or executive board, or any other meeting of county executive committee members may be held via electronic means, when such county is under a declared state of emergency issued by the Governor. Regardless of the electronic means used, members must be able to access and participate in the meeting via telephone. The deliberative nature of the meeting must be preserved, and all members must be able to hear the meeting in progress and speak when recognized by the chair.

An electronic meeting must be held in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised", except as otherwise limited by the laws of the State of Florida, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Florida, the Rules of Procedure of the Republican Party of Florida, the County Model Constitution, or any constitution or bylaws duly adopted by the county executive committee. A county executive committee may adopt specific rules for conducting an electronic meeting and voting via electronic means.

### **B. *Congressional District Caucus***

A meeting of a congressional district caucus to elect delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention may be held via electronic means, when any county located in the congressional district is under a declared state of emergency issued by the Governor. Such a meeting must comply in all aspects with RPOF Rule 10 and the notice requirements therein and be conducted according to specific rules adopted by the congressional district caucus and approved by the RPOF Chairman.