

**BYLAWS OF THE  
SOUTH DAKOTA REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

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**SECTION I  
ORGANIZATION OF THE  
SOUTH DAKOTA REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

1. **Legal Basis:** *“Each political party shall adopt bylaws pursuant to Section 12-5-1.1 to determine which members of the county central committee shall represent all the party voters at the meetings of the State Central Committee.” (1995 SDCL 12-5-16).*
2. **Purpose:** The purpose of the State Central Committee shall be to coordinate the activities of the Republican Party in South Dakota, to promote the establishment of Republican principles and policies and to give effective assistance in the conduct of national, state and local elections.
3. **Powers and Duties:** In addition to those duties and functions prescribed by law, the State Central Committee when convened shall have full power and authority in all matters affecting the party organizations and functioning except as to such powers and functions as by law are conferred upon the state party convention. The general management of the affairs of the Republican Party of South Dakota shall be vested in the Republican State Central Committee.
4. **Organization:** The party electors chosen as party state central committeemen and committeewomen and the county chairman and vice chairman shall represent all the party electors of their county in the regular party state organization, and such party state central committeemen, committeewomen and county chairman and vice chairman so elected from each county, and the state party chairman, state party vice chairman, state party secretary, state party treasurer, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall constitute the State Central Committee provided that they are registered Republican voters. However the state party chairman, state party vice chairman, state party secretary, state party treasurer, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall not have a vote at any meeting of the State Central Committee called pursuant to SDCL 12-6-56, 12-6-57, 12-6-58. The State Central Committee shall so organize its operations and designate such officers and other personnel as it may determine necessary to accomplish its purposes and it shall adopt such necessary bylaws as are not in conflict with the laws of the state.
5. **Officers:** The officers of the State Central Committee are the State Party Chairman and the State Party Vice Chairman, who shall be of opposite sex, the State Secretary and the State Treasurer. These officers shall be elected at the January or February meeting of the Republican State Central Committee held every odd numbered calendar year.
6. **Duties of Officers:**
  - A. The State Chairman, as head of the Republican Party in South Dakota, shall have the following duties:
    1. The State Chairman shall have charge of the State Party Headquarters.
    2. The State Chairman shall submit an annual budget by January 1 of each year to be approved by the State Executive Board. (See Section III for

details relative to organization and function of a State Party Executive Board.)

3. The Chairman shall submit an annual plan of party goals and objective to be approved by the State Executive Board.
4. The Chairman shall preside over meetings of the State Central Committee and the State Executive Board.
5. The Chairman shall coordinate and supervise the work of the other officers and of the Republican county organizations.
6. The Chairman shall carry out any instructions given him/her by the State Executive Board and the State Central Committee.
7. The Chairman shall call meetings of the State Executive Board and the State Central Committee as hereinafter provided.
8. Prior to the state convention, the Chairman shall designate the members of the Platform Committee, and such committees shall conduct hearings around the state prior to the state convention. The Chairman shall appoint members to any other committees deemed necessary for the state convention or operation of the Republican Party.
9. The Chairman shall appoint a state Finance Director who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman.

**B. Duties of the State Party Vice-Chairman:**

1. The State Party Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the State Chairman in the absence, or in the case of the inability to serve, of the State Chairman.

**C. Duties of the State Secretary:**

1. The State Secretary shall prepare suitable notices of forthcoming meetings of the State Central Committee.
2. The State Secretary shall keep records of the attendance and of the meetings of each meeting of the State Central Committee and the Executive Board and prepare the minutes of all such meetings and shall cause copies of the unofficial minutes of such meetings to be distributed to the members within 14 days of the meeting.

**D. Duties of the State Treasurer:**

1. The State Treasurer shall maintain adequate financial records and provide reports thereon to the State Central Committee. Receipts shall be given for money received upon policies established by the Executive Board.
2. The State Treasurer shall make all disbursements for Party expenditures according to a procedure approved by the State Executive Board.
3. The State Treasurer shall file financial reports as required by law.
4. The State Treasurer shall post such bonds as are necessary in amount fixed by State Executive Board.

7. **Vacancies:**

1. The Vice Chairman shall automatically become Chairman whenever a vacancy shall occur in that office and shall serve the remainder of the term. With the consent of a majority of the Executive Board, the chairman shall appoint an Assistant Treasurer who shall automatically become Treasurer whenever a vacancy shall occur in that office and who shall serve the remainder of the term.
2. Any vacancy occurring in the position of National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, State Vice Chairman, State Secretary shall be filled in the following manner:
  - a. Upon the vacancy, the State Chairman may appoint a proxy who shall perform the duties of the office until the next meeting of the State Central Committee as provided below.
  - b. At the next regular State Central Committee meeting or special meeting, provided a minimum of 30 days notice from the date of vacancy is given to voting members of the State Central Committee, an election shall be held to fill the vacancy.
  - c. The position shall be filled by majority vote of the State Central Committee members who are present at the meeting and that person shall serve the remainder of the term.

**SECTION II**  
**MEETINGS OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

1. Two regular meetings of the State Central Committee shall be held each year upon the call of the State Chairman. One meeting shall be held during January or February and the second meeting shall be held during June, July, August, or September.
2. Special meetings for specific purposes may be called by either/or (a) the State Chairman; or (b) upon the written request of at least one member of each county delegation of at least 10 different counties.
3. Notices of all meetings shall be sent at least 14 days in advance of the meeting to all members of the State Central Committee unless 30 days notice is required by Section I 7 2 b and shall clearly indicate the agenda, place, date and hour of the meeting. This provision shall not limit any member from presenting any matter at a regular meeting whether or not included in the agenda in the written notice, except for bylaw changes. Unofficial minutes of all meetings shall be distributed to Central Committee members within 14 days of the meeting date.
4. A quorum of the State Central Committee shall consist of at least 45 members, in person or represented by proxy or by telephone teleconference, or other electronic (audio or video) means except for meetings called pursuant to SDCL 12-6-56, 12-6-57 and 12-6-58. The voting at each meeting shall be on the basis of one vote for each member present. However, no member shall be allowed to vote by telephone, teleconference or other electronic means if the meeting has been called pursuant to SDCL 12-6-56 and 12-6-57 to fill a vacancy for presidential elector or candidate for statewide office or called pursuant to SDCL 12-6-58 to select a candidate to be voted on in a special election to fill Congressional vacancies pursuant to SDCL Chapter 12-11.

5. Voting shall be by roll call ballot if requested by one-fifth of the members present.
6. Robert's Rules of Order will determine the procedure for any meeting unless otherwise prescribed by these bylaws.

7. **Proxies:**

Proxies shall be allowed for voting on the State Central Committee under the following circumstances:

- A. All proxies must be in writing and signed by the person granting the proxy.
- B. No person may hold more than one proxy.
- C. No voting member of the State Central Committee can hold the proxy of more than one other voting member of the State Central Committee.
- D. Members serving on the State Central Committee as specific representatives of a geographic area may only assign such proxy to another registered Republican who resides in their county.

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present, if a quorum is present, and provided that the proposed amendment or amendments are in the meeting notice. The proposed amendment or amendments may be proposed in writing to the state secretary by any member and shall be included in the notice of the next regular or special meeting.

8. An amended version of the proposed amendment may be discussed and voted upon, if a motion to this effect is offered prior to discussion and agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the quorum present. Such amendments must be directly relative to the line and section originally proposed for amendment.

**SECTION III**  
**STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

1. **Membership**

A. **Voting Members (54)**

1. State Chairman
2. National Committeeman
3. National Committeewoman
4. State Vice-Chairman
5. State Secretary
6. State Treasurer
- 7-41. 35 Elected Legislative District Directors
- 42-45. Four members appointed at large by the State Chairman
46. State Finance Chairman
47. President, Women's Federation
48. One Constitutional Officer as selected by the Republican elected Constitutional Officers including elected Public Utilities Commissioners. The selection of a Constitutional Officer shall be made after each general election.
- 49-50. Republican Majority or Minority Leader of the House and Senate from

- State Legislature
51. Governor, if Republican
  52. Chairman, Teen-Age Republicans
  53. Chairman, College Republicans
  54. Chairman, Young Republicans

**B. Ex Officio Non-Voting Members**

1. Republican U.S. Senators
2. Republican U.S. Congressman
3. All statewide elected officials who are not voting members
4. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, if Republican
5. Lieutenant Governor, if Republican
6. Any other person appointed by the Chairman with the advice and consent of the Executive Board.

**C. Proxies**

Proxies shall be allowed for voting on the State Executive Board under the following circumstances:

1. All proxies must be in writing, signed by the person giving the proxy and shall be assigned only to another voting member of the executive board.
2. No voting member of the Executive Board can hold the proxy of more than one absent voting member of the Executive Board.

**2. Powers and Duties:**

- A. Prepare written job descriptions for Executive Director and other personnel.
  - B. Employ the Executive Director and other personnel.
  - C. Fix the salary of the State Chairman and the Executive Director.
  - D. Set the bond of the State Secretary-Treasurer, as required.
  - E. Approve the annual budget of the State Chairman.
  - F. Approve the annual plan of Party goals and objectives of the State Chairman, and see that such goals and objectives are carried out.
  - G. Create needed standing committees and shall upon request of a majority of county chairmen create subcommittees to propose recommendations regarding the creation of new standing committees.
  - H. Carry out the bylaws of the State Central Committee subject to the will of the State Central Committee.
  - I. Act for the State Central Committee between meetings of the State Central Committee.
3. Meetings: regular meetings of the State Executive Board shall be held at the call of the state chairman. No less than two meetings shall be held annually. Meetings shall be held at a time and place designated by the state chairman. Special meetings may be called upon

written call of five members of the Executive Board. A quorum consists of one-third (1/3) of the voting members of the State Executive Board, (appearing in person or by proxy or by telephone teleconference, or other electronic (audio or video) means).

4. Procedure for electing Legislative District Directors to the State Executive Board.
  - A. The Legislative districts shall be consistent with Legislative Districts as defined by SDCL 2-2-25.
  - B. At the State Central committee meeting held in January or February each odd numbered year, the county chairman, the state central committeeman, and committeewoman from each Legislative District shall caucus and elect one director and one alternate director who shall be of the opposite sex, except in multi-district counties as hereafter provided.
  - C. A multi-district county is any county containing two or more legislative districts within its boundaries.
    1. Multi-district counties shall within 30 days prior to the Central Committee meeting specified in B above notice and elect a director and alternate director as stated in B above and report the election results at the central committee meeting.
    2. The county chairman in multi-district counties shall hold the position of Legislative Director in the district in which he or she resides. The alternate director, to be elected, shall be of the opposite sex.
  - D. If a county is split between two or more legislative districts, the county chairman, committeeman and woman shall participate and vote for the election of the director and alternate director in all such districts. The county chairman, county vice-chairman, committeeman and woman may only serve as elected directors or alternate directors in the legislative district in which he or she resides. If the county chairman, county vice chairman, committeeman and committeewoman do not reside in the legislative district, then a precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman residing in the legislative district may be elected as director or alternate director.
  - E. The elected alternate director shall automatically serve in the absence of the elected director. In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or otherwise, the elected alternate director shall serve the remainder of the term.
  - F. The voting shall be one vote for each Central Committee member present representing the Legislative District. A simple majority of those present is required to elect.
  - G. Any Legislative District member or alternate on the State Executive Board must be either a county chairman, a county vice-chairman, a state central committeeman or a state central committeewoman, except multi-district counties. If the county chairman, county vice chairman, committeeman and committeewoman do not reside in the legislative district, then a precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman residing in the legislative district may be elected as director or alternate director or may be appointed by the state chairman pursuant to Section III B line 6 and with consent of a majority of the county chairmen from within the district in which the unfilled position exists.

## H. Duties of the Legislative District Director

1. Assist the state Party with candidate recruitment;
2. Hold district fund raisers;
3. Assist the counties in their legislative district with fund raisers;
4. Assist the state Party with fund raisers; and
5. Serve on the state Party executive board.

## SECTION IV STATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. The State Chairman shall appoint a Finance committee composed of such membership as the Chairman in his discretion shall determine to assist in meeting the financial needs of the Republican State Central Committee.

## SECTION V COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

### 1. Formation

- A. The County Central Committee shall consist of registered Republican precinct committeemen and committeewomen, county chairman, county vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, state committeeman, state committeewoman, Republican State legislators residing in the county and Republican elected officials the county limited to county auditor, county treasurer, register of deeds, sheriff, state attorney, county coroner and county commissioners. Those Republican legislators and Republican elected county officials shall be those duly elected in the general election immediately preceding this county organizational meeting or those persons filling vacancies of these positions as prescribed by the South Dakota codified Law or South Dakota Republican Party Bylaws. Each shall be entitled to vote at any County Central Committee meeting except as provided in Section V., Paragraph 2. D.
- B. The County Central Committee shall meet at the county seat in January of each odd numbered year and proceed to form their Party organization by electing a county chairman and county vice-chairman, who shall be of the opposite sex, a secretary and a treasurer, a state committeeman and a state committeewoman, who shall hold their offices until their successors have been elected. The office of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person.
- C. A majority vote of the County Central Committee members present shall constitute an election, which shall be certified to the county auditor, Secretary of State and Republican State Headquarters.

### 2. Vacancies

- A. In the event of a vacancy in the office of county chairman, the vice chairman shall assume that office for the remainder of the term.
- B. The county chairman may appoint an assistant treasurer who would automatically assume the duties of the treasurer in the event of a vacancy and until the County Central Committee could meet to fill the vacancy.
- C. *“Vacancies occurring in any precinct or in any position the election to which is provided for in 12-5-14 by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, and the*

*filling of such vacancies, shall also be certified. The county central committee shall have power to fill vacancies in its membership, or in the office of any other position the election to which is provided for in 12-5-14.” (SDCL 12-5-15).*

- D. With reference to SDCL 12-6-56 replacement of vacancies occurring by reason of death or withdrawal after a primary election, for state legislature or county races shall be filled in the following manners:
1. *12-6-56. Vacancies in party ticket to be filled by party committee. If a vacancy occurs by reason of death or withdrawal after a primary election, a party candidate for public office may be replaced by a new nominee if a meeting of the appropriate party central committee can be held and the results certified to the appropriate officials within the times prescribed by SDCL 12-8-6. Such a vacancy, if for presidential elector or statewide office shall be filled by the state party central committee. Such a vacancy if for other than presidential elector or statewide office, shall be filled by a vote of all interested county party central committee members. If any part of a county lies within the geographic boundaries of such office, the party county central committee shall be deemed interested, and the central committee members from within the county, residing in the affected district, may vote to fill the vacancy. In multi-county districts all county central committee members may vote to fill the vacancy.*
  2. *12-6-57. Meeting of party committee to fill vacancies--Manner of voting. The party State Central Committee chairman shall, upon learning of a vacancy for presidential elector or statewide office nominee, forthwith issue a call by mail for such central committee meeting to fill such vacancy, and designate the hour, date and place where such meeting shall be held. The call for a meeting of county party central committees interested, in multi-county legislative districts, to fill vacancies, shall be issued by the state party chairman, who shall notify all interested central committee members of the hour, date and place where such meeting shall be held. A call for a meeting of a single county district party central committee, to fill vacancies, shall be issued by such county central committee chairman upon learning of such vacancy. Vacancies filled by state central committee shall be by unit representation, each county casting the number of votes cast in that county at the last general election for the party's candidate for Governor; all other vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the party central committee or committees members present.*
  3. SDCL 12-6-56 and 12-8-6 requires vacancies be filled and proper notification be given to the Secretary of State/County Auditor no later than the second Tuesday in August at 5 p.m. or mailed by registered mail by that date and time prior to the election.
3. Precinct committeemen and committeewomen elected by plurality at primary and term of office: Of the people who properly filed a statement with the county auditor for the precinct committeeman and committeewoman, the person receiving the highest number of votes in the Republican primary election shall be declared elected precinct committeeman and committeewoman, respectively, and shall hold such position for two years.

4. County Executive Board: a county Executive Board consists of the county chairman, county vice-chairman, county secretary, county treasurer, State Central Committeeman, State Central Committeewoman, county finance chairman, and at least three (3) others appointed by the county chairman from the registered Republicans in the county. The County Executive Board conducts party business between regular meetings of the County Central Committee. The county chairman calls the meetings of the County Executive Board and presides over such meetings. The county secretary keeps the minutes. Three members of the Executive Board may call a meeting in writing.

5. **Duties of Officers**

- A. The county chairman as head of the Republican Party in the county has the following duties:

1. Directs county Republican Party affairs as well as to conduct the political campaign in the county.
2. Attends and serves as voting member at meetings of the State Central Committee.
3. Carries out the annual plan of party goals and objectives of the State Chairman.
4. Seeks to obtain a full Republican slate for all county and legislative positions, including precinct committeemen and precinct committeewomen, in the primary election.
5. Appoints a county finance chairman who works with the State Finance Director as well as the county chairman.
6. Presides over meetings of the County Central Committee.
7. Directs the activities of the precinct committeemen and precinct committeewomen.
8. Serves on County Executive Board.

B. **Duties of the County Vice Chairman:**

The county vice chairman has the following duties:

1. Discharge all duties of the county chairman in his/her absence or disability.
2. Coordinate all Republican auxiliary activities in the county.
3. Other duties as county chairman may delegate.
4. Serve on County Executive Board.
5. Attends and serves as voting member at meetings of the State Central Committee.
6. Assist the chairman to obtain a full Republican slate for all county and legislative positions, including precinct committeemen and precinct committeewomen, in the primary election.

**C. Duties of County Secretary:**

The county secretary has the following duties:

1. Arrange meeting places.
2. Mail meeting notices stating agenda, time and place for meetings of the County Central Committee and County Executive Board.
3. Keep minutes of the County Central Committee and County Executive Board.
4. Maintain all records of the County Central Committee.
5. Assist the chairman to obtain a full Republican slate for all county and legislative positions, including precinct committeemen and precinct committeewomen, in the primary election.

**D. Duties of County Treasurer:**

The county treasurer has the following duties:

1. Pay all bills and serve as custodian of funds.
2. File financial reports as required by law.
3. Perform other duties as the county chairman may delegate.
4. Certify the names of the county officers to the County Auditor and the names of the county chairman, vice chairman, state central committeeman and state central committeewoman to the Secretary of State following the county organizational meeting.
5. File a list of county officers elected at the county organizational meeting and any vacancies subsequently filled to the Secretary of the Republican State Central Committee.
6. Serve on County Executive Board.
7. Assist the chairman to obtain a full Republican slate for all county and legislative positions, including precinct committeemen and precinct committeewomen, in the primary election.

If the offices of secretary and treasurer are held by the same person as provided in Section VI.B, that person shall perform the duties of both secretary and treasurer as described above.

**E. Duties of the State Central Committeeman and Committeewoman:**

1. Attend and serve as voting members at meetings of the State Central Committee and the County Executive Board.
2. Carry into effect the policies of the State Central Committee in cooperation with the county chairman.

3. Prior to the regular meetings of the State Central Committee, they shall cooperate with the county chairman in arranging a county meeting to review the problems, programs, and prospects of the county, or they shall take other procedures to determine the situation so that they may report thereon at the following meeting of the State Central Committee.
4. Assist the county chairman to assure a full ticket for all the Republican offices in the county including precinct committeemen and precinct committeewomen, in raising funds, in conducting county political campaigns, and general party matters.

**F. Duties of Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen:**

1. Under the supervision of the county chairman, they have the complete responsibility to conduct the political campaign in their precinct, such as compiling and updating voters lists; contacting voters; registering non-voters; and general voter contact activities.
  2. Serve as voting member of the County Central Committee.
6. The County Central Committee shall meet each quarter on call of the county chairman. The county chairman may call a special meeting at any time. If the county chairman fails to call the required quarterly meeting or the required statutory meeting, the State Committeeman or State Committeewoman has the power to call the meeting.

Five days notice must be given for any meeting.

**SECTION VI**  
**SELECTION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES**

1. This bylaw's section is adopted pursuant to a Resolution of the South Dakota Republican Convention, dated July 13, 1974.
2. All delegates and alternates to which South Dakota may be entitled under the National Convention membership formula shall be elected at large.
3. Convention delegates and alternates shall be elected from slates of delegates on the primary election ballot. Each slate shall be designated as uncommitted or committed to a named presidential candidate. Each slate must designate each member as seeking delegate or alternate positions.
4. Any slate of delegates receiving at least 20% of the popular vote in the primary election shall be deemed to have received a significant number of votes indicating candidate support, and each slate shall be entitled to the number of delegates and alternates its augmented proportion of the vote (hereinafter defined in paragraph 6) shall bear to the total number of delegates to be elected.
5. In the event any given slate receives less than 20% of the vote, each such slate shall be deemed not to have received sufficient votes to indicate significant support and shall not be entitled to any delegates. In the event no slate receives at least 20% of the vote, the Republican State Executive Board shall name the full delegation by dividing the allotted positions among the top four vote gathering slates on a proportional basis.

6. The apportionment of delegates among the various slates entitled to representation (as set down in paragraph 4) shall be accomplished by taking the total vote of all such slates entitled to representation as the denominator and the specific vote total of each such slate entitled to representation as the numerator, and multiplying this figure with the total number of delegates to be allocated. A like number of alternates shall be assigned to each slate.
7. In the event of fractional shares the first delegate position shall be awarded to the slate with the larger popular vote. The second delegate position (if any) shall be awarded to the slate with the second largest popular vote, and so forth. In the case of a tie in popular vote the delegate position shall be decided by the toss of a coin.
8. Delegates shall be deemed to have been elected in order. In the event that a slate shall be entitled to some number of delegates less than its full list, the first name of the list shall be chosen, and the remainder of the delegates to which the slate is entitled shall be taken from the list of names consecutively and in the order in which the names appear on the petition as originally presented to the Secretary of State. Alternates shall be designated in a like manner.
9. The Republican county chairmen shall cause to be held at 8:00 p.m. at the county seat a special National Convention Delegate Selection meeting on the first Thursday of March in the year for which a national Convention of the Republican Party is to be held for the purpose of nominating a candidate for President and Vice President. Such county meeting shall be open to all registered Republicans residing in the county; public notice, including publication in the official county newspaper, of such a meeting must be given at least 15 days in advance, and all appropriate means of providing notice of such meeting shall be used. It shall be the responsibility of the Republican county chairman to notify the Secretary of the Republican State Central Committee at least 15 days prior to the meeting. If the County GOP organization fails to hold the required County National Convention Delegate Selection meeting, the State Republican Chairman may authorize some other method of selecting state caucus delegates from that county subject to the approval of the Executive Board of the Republican State Central Committee.
10. At the County National Delegate Selection meeting the county chairman shall, after conducting any general business he deems appropriate, cause to be held individual caucuses to be attended by those supporting the various candidates for president wishing to have a slate entered in their behalf or a caucus of those wishing to form an uncommitted slate. Such caucuses shall be presided over by an individual designated by the candidate's statewide chairman provided such designation is made in writing to the county GOP chairman at least five days before the meeting. In the absence of such designation the county GOP chairman may designate a method of selecting caucus chairmen.
11. Each such caucus may elect up to three persons, except Minnehaha County which may elect up to six persons, to attend a State National Convention Delegation Selection meeting to be held prior to the second to last Saturday in March following the County National Delegate Selection meetings. At the County caucus each registered Republican in attendance may cast up to three votes for persons to be delegates to the State National Convention Delegate Selection meeting provided that not more than one vote may be cast for any one person. Call to the state meeting shall be in writing to the delegates selected at the county meetings.

The reading of such a call at the County National Convention Delegate Selection meetings shall be deemed sufficient notice. The County GOP chairman shall, within 48 hours of the completion of the county meeting, certify to the Secretary of the Republican

State Central Committee a complete list of all delegates selected for the state meetings including their names, full addresses, and the candidate to whom they are pledged.

12. At the State National Convention Delegate Selection meeting the State Republican Chairman shall, after conducting any general business he may deem appropriate, cause to be held individual caucuses for each candidate or uncommitted slate wishing to be represented for the purpose of electing an appropriate number of delegates and alternates to the National Convention to appear on the ballot in support of a said candidate or as an uncommitted slate. An individual designated by the candidate's statewide chairman shall preside over each caucus. In the absence of such designation the State Republican Chairman may designate a method for selecting a caucus chairman. Each caucus shall be attended by the delegates elected in the county caucuses and pledged to that presidential candidate.
13. Delegates at the individual state caucuses shall cast a number of votes equal to the vote received by the Republican candidate for Governor in the last general election in their respective county. The delegates from each county shall divide said vote equally among themselves. In the event that not all delegates are present and voting, the delegate(s) who is/are present shall be entitled to cast the entire vote of that county.
14. The State Chairman of any presidential candidate's campaign seeking to offer a slate of delegates and alternates shall be entitled to the first position on the slate of delegates without being required to submit himself to the election process at the state caucus and without having to be an elected caucus delegate from his county. (Note: The title "State Chairman of a presidential candidate's campaign" as used herein includes other titles that might be used such as, but not limited to, State Executive Director, State Campaign Director, Honorary State Chairman, etc. The recognition of the individual by name, entitled to the first position on the slate of delegates, shall be determined by each presidential campaign and submitted as outlined in paragraph 17, this section, below.) Selection of delegates for the slates shall be on a single ballot for each slate with position determined by the number of votes received by each individual. A like ballot shall be held for alternate positions.

At the State National Delegate Selection meeting the selection of delegates and alternates shall be accomplished by a slated proportional voting procedure. Each participant at the Regional or State caucus for a specific candidate or uncommitted slate shall be allocated the appropriate number of votes as defined in paragraph 13. Additionally, each participant will distribute their apportioned number of votes by allocating a percentage of their vote using the following method: A sum of the number of ballot positions that may be won at that particular caucus election shall serve as the denominator. The ballot position numbers in descending order shall serve as the numerators. Divide the numerator by the denominator for each ballot position to determine the percentage of the participant's vote that will be allocated to any person seeking election as a delegate or alternate. The delegate or alternate with the highest number of votes will be slated in position one. The delegate or alternate with the second highest number of votes will be slated in position two and so on. An example of the slated proportional voting procedure is attached for explanation and is a part of this election procedure.

15. County delegates of each presidential candidate or uncommitted slate will conduct separate regional caucuses. The six regions: 1) Minnehaha, 2) Davison, Douglas, Hutchinson, Turner, Lincoln, Bon Homme, Yankton, Clay and Union 3) Aurora, Grant, Clark, Codington, Hamlin, Deuel, Kingsbury, Brookings, Sanborn, Miner, Moody, Lake, Hanson and McCook, 4) Jerauld, Roberts, Marshall, Day, Brown, Spink, Beadle, Hand, Hyde, Faulk, Edmunds, McPherson, Potter and Walworth, 5) Butte, Harding, Perkins Corson, Ziebach, Dewey, Sully, Hughes, Haakon, Stanley, Jackson, Jones, Lyman,

Mellette, Shannon, Bennett, Todd, Tripp, Gregory, Campbell, Buffalo, Brule and Charles Mix, 6) Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Meade and Pennington.

At the regional caucus, county delegates must determine whether they intend to run as a delegate or as an alternate for the Statewide National Convention Delegate Selection caucus process in order to be nominated and/or elected as a delegate or alternate for a presidential candidate or uncommitted slate. At each regional caucus for each presidential candidate or uncommitted slate, county delegates will elect four delegates and four alternates from each region with the exception of Regions 1 and 6. Region 1 will elect five delegates and one alternate and Region 6 will elect five delegates and five alternates. The regional caucuses will precede the State National Convention Delegate Selection meeting.

Delegates from each county will vote throughout the entire process according to paragraphs 13 and 14.

16. Slates of delegates and alternates must be chosen among those elected as caucus delegates for the state caucus except for the State Chairman of the Presidential campaign who may serve in the first delegate position pursuant to paragraph 14 above.
17. A. It shall be the duty of each caucus chairman to certify in writing to the Secretary of the Republican Party within seven days of close of the statewide caucus a list including the full names and full addresses of each delegate and alternate. This list shall be submitted in order of election and appearance on the primary ballot.  
  
B. All delegates and alternates elected at the statewide caucus shall subscribe to an oath of affirmation that they shall support the candidate to whom they are pledged for one ballot at the National Convention unless the candidate withdraws, or they are released or the candidate becomes disqualified before the first ballot. This oath of affirmation shall be sent to the Secretary of the Republican Party within seven days of such delegate selection.  
  
C. Following the State National Convention Delegate Selection meeting it shall be the duty of the Republican State Chairman to certify to the Secretary of State that all delegates and alternates named on the chosen slates were arrived at in keeping with the bylaws of the Republican State Central Committee, and this certification shall be made in a timely manner to meet the requirements of state law for the inclusion of such delegates and alternates in the primary election where the citizens of South Dakota may cast their votes. The South Dakota Republican State Central Committee recommends that this filing include the name of the candidate's chosen state chairman, as defined in paragraph 14, this section above.  
  
D. The Secretary of State shall accept no certification of a slate of delegates and alternates for any candidate who has not filed his intention to be a candidate in the South Dakota presidential primary in accordance with state law.
18. The Secretary of State shall not accept any certification in behalf of a candidate containing the names of delegates and alternates pledged to a Republican candidate for President of the United States nor accept such certification containing the names of uncommitted delegates unless it is accompanied by a certificate from the Republican State Chairman indicating that such slates were selected in accordance with the bylaws of the Republican State Central Committee.
19. If any vacancy exists in the South Dakota delegation to the National Convention after delegates and alternates are apportioned based on the primary election, the Executive Board of the South Dakota Republican Party may fill candidate and uncommitted

vacancies with individuals committing to that slate to serve as a delegate or alternate with the same authority and restrictions as delegates and alternates in the delegation elected at the National Convention Delegate Selection meeting.

The use of this section shall not result in regional representation of delegates and alternates more than the number allowed in Section 15 of these bylaws.

EXAMPLE

Slated Proportional Voting Procedure:

Statewide Caucus:

numerator/denominator	Ballot Position	Percentage of vote to allocate
21/231	1	9.1%
20/231	2	8.7%
19/231	3	8.2%
18/231	4	7.8%
17/231	5	7.3%
16/231	6	6.9%
15/231	7	6.5%
14/231	8	6.1%
13/231	9	5.6%
12/231	10	5.2%
11/231	11	4.8%
10/231	12	4.8%
9/231	13	3.9%
8/231	14	3.5%
7/231	15	3.0%
6/231	16	2.6%
5/231	17	2.2%
4/231	18	1.7%
3/231	19	1.3%
2/231	20	0.9%
1/231	21	0.4%
		100%
	231 (Sum of the number of ballot positions)	

Regional Caucus (regions 2, 3, 4, 5):

numerator/denominator	Ballot Position	Percentage of vote to allocate
4/10	1	40%
3/10	2	30%
2/10	3	20%
1/10	4	10%
		100%
	10 (sum of the number of ballot positions)	

Regional Caucus (regions 1 & 6):

numerator/denominator	Ballot Position	Percentage of vote to allocate
5/15	1	33.3%
4/15	2	26.7%
3/15	3	20.0%
2/15	4	13.3%
1/15	5	6.7%
		100.00%
	15 (sum of the number of ballot positions)	

**SECTION VII**  
**AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS**

1. Auxiliaries of the Republican State Central Committee shall be such bodies and organizations as are recognized by the State Executive Board and the State Central Committee.
2. By April 1 of each odd numbered year, auxiliaries shall submit their constitution and bylaws to the Executive Board for approval. If any auxiliary fails to submit its constitution and bylaws to the Executive Committee by that date, its representation on the Executive Board shall lapse and it shall no longer be a recognized auxiliary.
3. Any new auxiliary when accepted shall be entitled to a voting member on the State Executive Committee without formal amendment of the bylaws.
4. An auxiliary shall cease to be affiliated if the organization is dissolved, withdraws from affiliation, or is no longer recognized by the State Central Committee and the State Executive Board.
5. The State Executive Board and the State Central Committee shall have general supervisory authority over all auxiliaries.
6. Until further change the recognized auxiliaries of the State Central Committee are as follows:
  - A. South Dakota Republican Women's Federation
  - B. South Dakota Teen Age Republican Federation
  - C. South Dakota College Republican Federation
  - D. South Dakota Young Republican Federation

**SECTION VIII**  
**SELECTION OF STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES**

1. *At each primary election, the members of the respective political parties shall elect the precinct committeemen and precinct committeewomen of their political parties, and pursuant to their constitution or bylaws shall elect or appoint, or both elect and appoint, the number of delegates and alternates set by the constitution or bylaws from each county for each political party to the state convention of the party. In the years when a President of the United States is to be elected, the political parties shall elect delegates and alternates to the national convention of each political party in accordance with the provisions of Sections 12-5-3.6 to 12-5-3.15, inclusive. If delegates and alternates are not elected at large from the entire state the constitution or bylaws must set forth the area boundaries for representation coincident with some geographical division of the state otherwise authorized or provided by law. (SDCL 12-5-2)*

*Each political party shall hold a state convention in each even numbered year in which they are necessary for the purposes of Section 12-5-21. The time and place of holding such convention shall be determined by the State Central Committee of each political party, the chairman of which shall notify the Secretary of State at least thirty days previous to the date so chosen. (SDCL 12-5-17)*

At the state convention of a political party, each delegate shall vote the number of votes equal to his proportionate representation as to all delegates present from that county bears to the number of votes cast in his county at the last gubernatorial election for his party candidate for governor. (SDCL 12-5-18)

2. Pursuant to the procedures of SDCL 12-5-2 (paragraph 1, above) delegates to the state Convention of the Republican Party shall be.
  - A. The County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, State Committeeman and State committeewoman (previously elected at county level.)
  - B. Not to exceed three (3) county-at-large delegates to be elected in the primary election preceding the convention.
  - C. One (1) precinct committeeman and one (1) precinct committeewoman for each county precinct so organized. The precinct committeeman and committeewomen shall hold their positions in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 12-5-2, 12-5-14, and 12-5-15. (See this section, paragraph 1 above and Section V, paragraph 2, C, these Bylaws.)

It is each county chairman's responsibility to canvas all potential delegates in his/her county and report the name, address, telephone number and method of qualification (precinct committeeman/ woman, unopposed at large delegate, chairman, vice-chairman, state committeeman, state committeewoman) for each person planning to attend the state convention. The list shall also include the names of any at-large delegate candidates who will appear on the ballot. The list will be forwarded to the Republican State Central Committee at least forty-five (45) days prior to the opening date of the state convention.

The delegates designated at Section VIII, Paragraph 2 (B) shall be certified to the Republican State Central Committee and Secretary of State as prescribed by law. Certification to the state party shall include name, address and phone number.

3. At-large delegates need not be members of their county central committee but must be registered Republican voters in their county.
4. The Executive Board of the Republican State Central Committee shall adopt a resolution issuing an official call of the convention which will be sent to every county chairman.
5. After their designation, the delegates to the State Convention from each county shall caucus and choose from their membership a chairman and vice chairman of the delegation. The vice chairman shall serve as chairman in the absence of the elected chairman.
6. Roll call votes shall be a call of the counties. Whenever a roll call vote is required at the convention it shall be the responsibility of the delegation chairman to survey his delegation and announce the total vote for the county when said county is called.
7. The state convention shall complete all responsibilities assigned by state law or by the provisions of these bylaws.

### **SECTION IX** **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

1. An audit of the State Party's finances will be completed each year by a certified public accountant. The audit shall be performed in January or February for the previous year. The CPA firm will furnish written and oral reports on the assessment of the Party's finances and transactions.

The Executive Director should not be authorized to sign checks.

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