

**Report of the Rules Committee
Senatorial District 14 Republican Convention
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Rule No. 1 Seating

A. Delegates to the convention shall sit in the places designated for their respective precincts by the Temporary Convention Chairman. Alternate delegates shall sit in the area designated by the presiding officer of the convention until called to the floor by the delegation chairman to assume the duties of absent delegates.

B. Delegation chairmen shall use reasonable efforts to keep alternate delegates seated to replace absent delegates during the entire convention.

Rule No. 2 Delegation Chairman

A. The delegation chairman of a precinct at any given time shall be determined as follows, in preferential order, if present:

1. The permanent chairman of the Precinct Convention;
2. The incumbent precinct chairman; or
3. The precinct chairman-elect.

B. If none of the persons listed in Rule No. 2.A. is present, the manner and means of electing a delegation chairman is a matter solely to be determined by each delegation; provided, that such person elected shall act as delegation chairman only until arrival of a person described in Rule 2.A.

Rule No. 3 Voting

A. When a roll call of the convention is ordered, the chairman of each precinct delegation shall poll the delegation and record the votes on each side of the question and any abstentions. The Convention Secretary shall then call the roll of the convention by precincts, in numerical order; and the chairman of each precinct delegation shall announce the vote of the precinct. If any delegate questions the accuracy of the announcement by the chairman of their own precinct delegation, the Convention Secretary shall poll the delegation.

B. When a roll call of the convention is ordered, if a precinct does not have a full contingent of delegates, each member of the delegation shall cast a vote equal to the total number of votes allocated to that precinct, divided by the number of delegates present at the time of the vote.

Rule No. 4 Agenda and Order of Business

A. The Agenda and Order of Business shall be that provided by RPT Rule No. 30.

B. The Presiding Officer of the Convention is hereby granted the privilege of amending the Order of Business for the purpose of providing time for candidates, elected officials, or other dignitaries to address the convention.

Rule No. 5 Debate

A. Debate on any motion shall be limited to three (3) separate speakers in favor and three (3) separate speakers against, with each speaker limited to two (2) minutes.

B. The Chairman may require any lengthy motion to be submitted in writing.

C. To be assigned the floor, a delegate shall go to a floor microphone, be recognized by the Chairman, and give his name and precinct number.

Rule No. 6 Resolutions

Resolutions to be considered by the convention shall be either by reports of the Permanent Resolutions Committee, or when demanded in writing by a majority of the delegates, in one-fifth (1/5) of the precincts identified on the approved report of the Credentials Committee.

Rule No. 7 Noise control.

No voice amplifiers or noisemakers, electronic or otherwise, shall be allowed on the floor or gallery, except for those provided and authorized by the Presiding Officer.

Rule No. 8 Supplemental rules: suspension or amendment.

The supplemental rules adopted by the convention may not be suspended or amended by a precinct caucus.

Rule No. 9 Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Republican State Convention by Precinct Caucuses

A. At the time announced by the Permanent Convention Chairman, the chairman of each precinct delegation (except as provided in Supplemental Rule 9.B.) shall conduct a caucus of the precinct delegation on the floor of the convention, or other designated location, for the purpose of electing the person(s) to be delegates and alternate delegates to the State Convention in the number to which the precinct is entitled. Election shall be by majority vote of those present and voting. Precincts shall not caucus for the purpose of electing the person or persons to be delegates and alternate delegates to the State Convention until such time as the Permanent Convention Chairman has called for the precincts to caucus as listed in the convention agenda. Delegates may not hold a joint caucus with delegates from any other precinct(s).

B. Only precincts identified on the approved report of the Credentials Committee as having submitted minutes of the precinct convention before the statutory deadline shall caucus to elect delegates and alternates to the State Convention.

C. Precinct caucuses may elect as delegates and alternates to the state convention only such persons who voted this year in the Republican primary in that precinct or affiliated with the Republican Party at the precinct convention.

D. The Chairman shall announce a time period not to exceed twenty (20) minutes during which the precincts may caucus and submit the election results to the Convention Secretary. This time period may be extended at the Chairman's discretion.

E. All available alternates shall be seated in place of absent delegates before the beginning of each precinct caucus.

F. The right of each precinct to caucus individually, and the corresponding delegate and alternate delegate entitlement to the State Convention, will be determined by reference to the number of votes in each precinct for the Republican nominee for governor in the 2006 gubernatorial election (called here "Rick Perry votes"). All precincts will not caucus, but only those with the following minimum vote counts in each Congressional District. The precinct caucus approach is designed to elect approximately eighty percent (80%) of the delegates in each of the three Congressional Districts represented at this Convention, leaving approximately twenty percent (20%) in each District to be chosen by the Nominations Committee. Because the delegate strength of this Convention is determined separately for each District, the formulas are different for each.

For Congressional District 10, precincts will elect one delegate and one alternate for each 230 Rick Perry votes cast in that precinct.

For Congressional District 21, precincts will elect one delegate and one alternate for each 250 Rick Perry votes cast in that precinct.

For Congressional District 25, precincts will elect one delegate and one alternate for each 180 Rick Perry votes cast in that precinct.

The remaining precincts do not hold precinct caucuses. Any person from one of those precincts who wants to be considered as a delegate or alternate to the State Convention should appear before the Permanent Committee on Nominations to express that desire to pursue at-large nominations.

G. The names of such persons elected by the precincts shall be identified by number and recorded on the delegate election form provided for that purpose, signed by the delegation chairman, and submitted without delay to the Convention Secretary. The Secretary shall not accept delegate election forms that are not submitted in accordance with the time limit established in rule 9.D. If a precinct caucus elects an ineligible person to serve as delegate or alternate, the Permanent Committee on Nominations shall strike that person from the list. If a precinct elects a greater number of delegates or alternates than is allocated, the Permanent Committee on Nominations shall strike from the list submitted by the precinct the necessary number of delegates or alternates beginning with the highest numbered delegate or alternate and continuing until the list contains the proper number of delegates and alternates. Delegates struck in this manner will be placed at the top of the alternate list for that precinct, with the alternate list reduced to the proper number.

H. All alternates elected by the precinct caucuses shall be listed consecutively on the Committee's report beginning with Alternate No. 31 and ordered such that precincts with the highest number of votes cast for the Republican nominee for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election shall be listed first, and in case of a tie between two or more precincts in the number of such votes cast, the precinct with the lowest precinct number shall be listed first. Alternates elected from the same precinct shall be listed in the same order as shown on the precinct's delegate election form.

I. The nomination of delegates and alternates to the state convention, that are not elected by precinct caucus, shall be at large on the report of the Permanent Committee on Nominations. The Permanent Committee on Nominations shall recommend the order and manner of seating at-large alternate delegates. The first thirty at-large alternates will be listed as the first thirty on the alternate order list, taking priority over those elected by caucuses. The remaining at-large alternates will be listed on the report after the alternates elected by precinct caucuses. If an alternate elected by a precinct is also nominated as an at-large delegate by the Permanent Committee on Nominations, the committee may replace such alternate with an at-large alternate.

J. The Permanent Committee on Nominations shall receive oral or written testimony from any delegate related to adding to the at-large or at-large alternate list of delegates. The committee may limit the time allocated for such testimony.

K. The Permanent Committee on Nominations shall include in its report and the convention shall ratify without amendment (except to correct clerical errors) the election of delegates and alternates by the precinct caucuses. The convention shall vote on approval of at-large nominations in the committee's report.