

Proposal #1
Amendment to Bylaw 5C
Updated 1/2/18

Amendment (Changes are in **bold**, text to be removed is ~~struck-out~~, text to be added is underlined):

Bylaw 5 – Republican Party Accountability

C. County Party Officers - ~~All county level Party officers including~~ **The County Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary; and the five Appointed Officers;** must show pre-convention and primary neutrality toward Republican candidates for public office where Republican opposition exists, **but may fully support the convention nominee through the primary for any partisan office.** Such things as, but not limited to, written endorsements or criticism, the use of officers' names in campaign literature (with or without their Party titles), and written or verbal public statements, letters to the editor favoring or disfavoring one Republican candidate over another, are prohibited for these officers until the Party has chosen a **convention** nominee for the office in question, **or in the event of no convention nominee, a primary election has selected the Republican nominee for the general election. During the neutrality period, all other County** Party Officers ~~at~~ **(including** the Legislative District and Precinct levels), must likewise be neutral, but only when using their party office titles either verbally or in writing.

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After Amendment:

C. County Party Officers - The County Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary must publicly show pre-convention and primary neutrality toward Republican candidates for public office where Republican opposition exists, but may fully support any convention nominee through the primary for any partisan office. Such things as, but not limited to, written endorsements or criticism, the use of officers' names in campaign literature (with or without their Party titles), and written or verbal public statements, letters to the editor favoring or disfavoring one Republican candidate over another, are prohibited for these officers until the Party has chosen a convention nominee for the office in question, or in the event of no convention nominee, a primary election has selected the Republican nominee for the general election. During the neutrality period, all other County Party Officers (including the Legislative District and Precinct levels) must likewise be neutral, but only when using their party office titles either verbally or in writing.

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Support for Convention Nominee

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Purpose: Allow party officers to support the candidate nominated by the delegates at a convention.

Bylaw 5(C) requires party officers to be neutral toward all Republican party candidates for public office until one candidate is nominated. Previously, this was not a problem because a primary was only held if no candidate was nominated at convention. Under current State law, however, a primary election may be held even after a candidate is nominated at convention.

This proposal will allow party officers to give effect to the voice of the delegates by allowing them to support Republican candidates for public office when a candidate is nominated at the convention even when a primary election will be held later.

Description of changes:

The existing bylaw requires neutrality until one candidate is chosen. This change allows the party and its officers to give support to a candidate when the delegates have spoken by choosing one candidate as the party nominee at a convention. In the event that the delegates are split and do not choose one candidate but instead send two candidates from the convention to the primary, then the party and its officers must remain neutral until after the primary. This change does not allow the party or its officers to disparage any candidate at any time.

This also moves five of the nine steering committee to the class of officers consisting of the legislative and precinct officers. The existing bylaw has two class of officers. The first is every member of the steering committee and the second is all other officers. The first group has tighter neutrality restrictions than the others. Specifically, most officers may support a candidate so long as they don't use their party office or title while members of the steering committee must remain neutral regardless of use of party office or title. The original reason for this distinction was that it was felt that some party officers were so well known that if they supported a candidate, regardless of their use of their office or title, the public would perceive that the party was officially supporting that candidate. This proposal moves five of the nine steering committee members out of the more restrictive group. Those five are the five appointed members of the committee. The four elected members of the steering committee remain in the more restricted group. The reason for this change is that the five appointed members of the steering committee are appointed because they have special skills and are willing to donate those skills to the party. These five people are not as well known to the public and are not seen by the public as speaking for or representing the entire party. For these reasons they ought to be treated more like legislative chairs and precinct chairs than the party chair or the party vice chair.

Proposal # 1 Committee Recommendations:

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee gave an Unfavorable Recommendation on 01-03-18:

Votes in Favor: 5 Opposed: 1

The Executive Committee gave a Favorable Recommendation on 01-04-18:

Votes in Favor: 19 Opposed: 2