

B2023-11 Bylaw 9 – Officers and Delegates

Sponsor: Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Constitution and Bylaws Committee: 5-0 Favorable Recommendation on 3/20/2023 **Favor:** Ben Summerhalder, Craig Frank, Lowell Nelson, Charles Wood, Kent Sumsion **Oppose:** None

Executive Committee: 14-0 on 4/6/2023

Central Committee:

Purpose: To allow Party Officers to officially support and endorse the Convention nominee if that nominee is participating in a primary against other non-Convention nominee Republican candidates. The current bylaw does not allow Party Officers to officially support or endorse a Convention nominee that is participating in a primary where Republican opposition exists.

Legend: Changes to current bylaw in **bold**, insertions in underline, deletions in ~~strikethrough~~.

Bylaw 9. Officers and Delegates

Current Language:

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Proposed Language:

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Pro: Resolves a conflict with the proposed Bylaw 5 amendment.

Con: