

District Caucus Election Special Rules of Order

(Recommended by the Executive Committee on 9/7/23)

- 1) Order of Business. Legislative House District Officer elections shall be held prior to any other business the Caucus may consider.
- 2) Candidate Eligibility *Any registered Republican living in the district is eligible to file as a candidate. Bylaw 6 B 4*
- 3) Voter Eligibility. *Legislative District Chair, Vice-Chair, Education Officer, all Voting Precinct Chairs and Vice-Chairs, and all Republican elected officials residing in their respective Legislative Districts. (**Constitution Article III.C**) **Those not listed are ineligible to vote in these elections** but may participate in any other business the caucus may consider.*
- 4) Order of Officer Elections. Elections shall be held in the order listed in the County Party Constitution; Chair, Vice Chair, and Education Officer. Election of each officer shall be completed and announced before proceeding to the next office election.
- 5) Candidates for office should not conduct the election for that office.
- 6) Nominations from the Floor. ***Nominations from the floor may be recognized immediately preceding the election of the respective office election and only if less than two candidates have filed for the respective office.*** (Per bylaws)
 - A) How to conduct: Open nominations from the floor. Any voting member of the caucus may nominate one eligible person per office.
 - No second is required for nominations.
 - A motion to close nominations is not normally needed (and requires a 2/3 vote). Instead, take nominations until there are no further nominations, and then simply announce, "hearing no further nominations, nominations are now closed".
 - B) Elected by Acclamation. *If, after adequate opportunity for nominations from the floor, there remains only one nominee, the chair declares the candidate "elected by acclamation". Per bylaw 6 B 5 b*
- 7) Speaking Candidates will be allowed to speak for 3 minutes
- 8) Election Procedures by Ballot
 - A) Multiple Balloting. If three or more candidates seek the same office, multiple ballots will be used. In each round, the candidate receiving the least amount of votes will be removed from the ballot. Any candidate receiving more than 50% of the vote in any round of balloting will be declared the winner.
 - B) Ballot Counting. Ballots shall be counted by 3 people (not candidates) and shall be in view of the caucus participants.
 - C) Ballot Counting, Tallying and Recording.
 - 1) Eligible Ballots. Only ballots by eligible caucus voters indicating a preference will be counted toward determining the number of votes cast needed to compute a majority. Each such ballot is credited to the voter's preferred choice, if intent is clear and the choice is valid.
 - 2) Illegal Ballots. An unintelligible ballot (an unidentifiable, ineligible candidate, or more than one candidate) will be treated as an illegal vote—

that is, it will be counted as a vote cast in determining a majority but are not credited to any candidate.

- 3) Blank Ballot. Blank ballots and other ballots that indicate no preference, will be treated as abstentions and ignored in all counts.
- 4) Tally and Record. The results of each round of balloting shall be recorded and retained in the minutes of the Central Committee.

D) Election Results Announcement. Announce the results, including the number of votes cast for each candidate. If no candidate has a majority of all votes cast (including spoiled and illegal ballots), begin a new round of balloting.

E) Tie Breaker. Any vote total tie that cannot be decided in another round of the balloting process will be determined by a coin toss of the chair. Results of a coin toss should be noted on the Teller Report and will be final.

- 9) Term. Elected officers take office and assume all duties immediately after all elections are concluded and the vote is announced.
- 10) Election Certification. The incoming District Chair shall certify the election results on the form provided by the Executive Committee, including the names and contact information of the elected officers, to be returned to the County Party Secretary immediately following the District Caucus.

Changes from the italicized section of these rules is not permitted. Other variations from these rules approved by the 2/3 vote of the District Caucus shall not be grounds for challenges of the election results.