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AFFIDAVIT OF GERALD R. FORD

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

I, GERALD R. FORD, being first duly sworn upon oath, do depose and say the following:

1. I am presently serving in the House of Representatives from the Fifth District of Michigan and have continuously served in the House of Representatives since I was first elected to the Eighty-First Congress on November 2, 1948. On January 4, 1965, I was elected Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and continued to served in such capacity.

2. I am a licensed attorney admitted to the Michigan Bar and to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

3. I was present during the 1972 Republican National Convention and served as Permanent Chairman of the Convention.

4. I was present during the Convention floor debate on the present Rule 30 and am familiar with the provisions of Rule 30 and the alternative delegate formulas considered by the Rules Committee and the Convention delegates.

5. When determining a delegate formula, many elements and interests should be considered. Among other things, consideration should be given to population, equality of states, and recognition to State which supported Republican candidates. The delegates themselves are best suited to determine the size of the convention, the manageability of the convention, and its membership makeup in order to accomplish Convention objectives.

6. As a matter of policy, the Republican Party has, in recent history, always adopted a delegate formula including bonuses. The primary objective of awarding bonuses, is, of course, to offer an incentive to States to elect Republican

Exhibit M



candidates to office.

7. National Political Conventions are uniquely political in nature, not having been established nor administered by Federal Statute or the United States Constitution. Political conventions are a uniquely American phenomenon based upon our political history. Congress has, in its wisdom, refused to inject any legislative prerogative into the Convention system. The Judicial Branch of Government, in my judgment, should similarly avoid unwarranted intrusion into questions involving Convention decision-making. The legion of issues presented, of problems confronted, of objectives sought to be achieved and of constituency consideration, compressed into a National Political Convention are simply beyond the scope of being a judicially manageable standard. The basic purposes of a convention are to determine Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates and party platform. It seems only fair to me to reward states producing past Republican victories by giving a greater voice in the selection of the Party's National ticket.

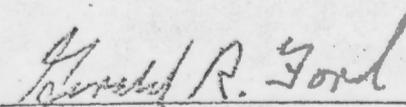
8. My State, Michigan, is permitted fewer delegates under the present Rule 30 formula than it would have had if the new rule had been based solely on population or upon some other formulas considered by the Rules Committee of the Convention. Michigan is one of the Nation's larger states, both in population and geography, yet it is also one of the 50 sovereign States in the Republic. That concept of individual sovereignty must be politically balanced with population and rewards for Republican victories when determining Convention delegate selection. I believe the enacted Rule 30 satisfies all of those criteria.



9. The 1976 Republican Convention, implementing Rule 30 adopted at the 1972 Republican Convention, will be history's largest Republican Convention. Total Convention delegation shall increase approximately 73%. The present Rule 30 contains a "grandfather clause", assuring each State of at least the same number of delegates present at the 1972 Convention. The purpose of the great expansion of the size of the Convention is to assure greater representation for all, including large states, small states and those states in between. The formula also considers population and attempts to provide a minimal bonus incentive for Republican victories. I believe that the formula is both fair and constitutional.

10. As the Republican Minority House Leader, and as both an experienced politician and lawyer with many years of experience relating to Republican National Conventions and the nominations of Presidents and Vice Presidents, it is my best opinion that Rule 30 represents a rational and valid formula serving well the interests and needs of all States as well as encouraging Republican Party growth and success. I believe that delegate apportionment is clearly a political function and that Courts should not substitute their judicial wisdom on matters purely political in nature.

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GERALD R. FORD
Member of Congress

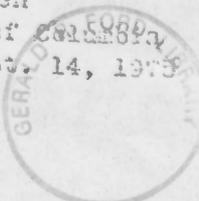
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 18 day of

September, 1973.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Elwyn G. Raiden
Notary Public, Dist. of Columbia
- Commission Expires, Sept. 14, 1975





Republican National Committee

Donald L. Ivers
House Counsel

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Lynn Jim Day
Ben Cotten Jim Mitchell
Benton Becker ✓ Jo Good
Jim Wilder ~~er~~ ✓

FROM: Don Ivers

RE: Eighth Congressional District-North Carolina

DATE: May 1, 1980

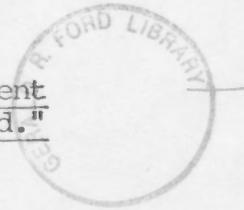
Attached is a memo which came to the Secretary of the National Committee, attached to the Eighth Congressional District's Certification of Delegates to the National Convention. The memo is self-explanatory and should be considered in light of Rule 5(b).

In my opinion, Rule 5(b) permits the districts to do just what the Eighth Congressional District of North Carolina has done. In the past, this type of specific direction has only been requested or granted at the state level. To permit this at the district level, has the potential to create enormous confusion in the calling of the roll. However, again, Rule 5(b) seems to clearly permit just what is being set forth in the attached memo.

The Eighth Congressional District of North Carolina is the only district making such a request, to date. We have not contacted the Eighth Congressional District and have not made any commitment, one way or the other, with respect to the content of this memo. As I see it, our only support for denying the use of the procedure outlined in the memo would be as follows:

1. There is no precedent for such a procedure below the state level.
2. To permit a procedure such as outlined in the memo below the state level could create enormous confusion in the calling of the roll.
3. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, insofar as it discusses delegates and alternates, states, at page 503, as follows:

"In cases where the individual delegates within a units' delegation represent particular areas, groups, etc., it may sometimes be desirable to make exception to the foregoing rule by providing, in the bylaws at the convention level, for the pairing of each alternate with a specific delegate. The disadvantage of such a system arises when both a particular delegate and his only alternate are unable to attend the convention--thus depriving a constituent unit of part of the representation to which it is entitled."
(emphasis supplied)



Page Two

Memo re: 8th Congressional District-N.C.

May 1, 1980

The effect of the procedure outlined on the attached motion is to permit a delegation to "have its cake and eat it too." It permits the delegation to have paired alternates and delegates and still call the roll in a different order in the event both a delegate and an alternate are not present when the roll was called.

As I indicated previously, I am not sure that our rule (Rule 5(b)) prohibits what is being proposed by the Eighth Congressional District of North Carolina. Your thoughts would be appreciated.



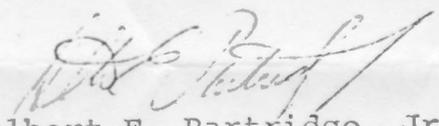
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

At the Eighth Congressional District Meeting held in Albemarle, North Carolina on April 19th, 1980, the following motion of procedure was adopted:

Motion made and approved by majority that Delegates and Alternates be matched as votes were received; i.e., leading Delegate vote-getter matched #1 with leading Alternate vote-getter, etc. Alternates to serve for Delegate matched. In the event both Delegate and Alternate are away from floor, the next-highest designate Alternate available will substitute until either Delegate or matching Alternate returns.

Matched:

| DELEGATE | ALTERNATE |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1.) James Godfrey | 1.) Robert Hill |
| 2.) Albert E. Partridge, Jr. | 2.) Maxine Boger |
| 3.) Edie Perry | 3.) Roger Austin |


Albert E. Partridge, Jr.
Secretary
8th Congressional District



JULY 18, 1980

Balance of Statement for legal services and reimbursed expense of Benton L. Becker, General Counsel, 1980 Convention Rules Committee

1. Past statements submitted and paid:

Statements of June 25, 1980 reflecting \$174.00 expenses and \$2,100.00 legal service has been submitted and paid, leaving a balance due for legal services in the amount of \$2,900.00 (i.e. representative of \$500.00 fee agreement for Convention General Counsels).

2. Legal Services:

Legal Services rendered at 1980 Republican National Convention July 6 through July 18, 1980 as General Counsel to Convention Rules Committee \$2,900.00

3. Expenses:

Miscellaneous long distance telephone calls, taxi, parking and lodging and tips associated with Convention duties prior to July 6, 1980 \$213.00

4. Total amount due (items 2 & 3 above) \$3,313.00

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Elizabeth

Pls prepare (original plus one) &
thank you from a Hall of Farmer.

July 18, 1980

Balance of Statement for
Legal Services and Reimbursed
Expenses of Renton & Johnson, General Counsel,
1980 Convention Rules Committee.

I Past Statements Submitted and Paid:

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tive of \$5000. fee agreement for Convention
General Counsel)

II Legal Services:

Legal services rendered at 1980 ~~Rep~~
Republican National Convention July 6
through 18, 1980 → 2,900.

or General Counsel to Convention Rules Committee

III Expenses:

Misc telephone long distance telephone
calls, taxi, and parking, lodging and
tips associated with Convention
duties prior to July 6, 1980 213.⁰⁰



IV Total amount due 3,113.⁰⁰
(Items II. and III. above)

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June 25, 1980

Statement of Legal Services and Reimbursed Expenses of
Benton L. Becker, General Counsel, 1980 Convention Rules
Committee, from May 12, 1980 through June 25, 1980

1. Out of pocket expenses incurred, not reimbursed to
date:

A. Air travel Miami, Florida to D.C. and return
to Miami (June 16 through June 26, 1980)
attendance at convention counsel meeting of
June 25, 1980 (see attached) \$174.00

2. Legal Services:

A. Research, preparation of legal memorandum
and preparation of proposed Rule changes
relative to Rules 28,21,22,24 (b), 31 (a)
(c) (f) (g) (h) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) (o)
and 32 (b)
13½ hours (billed at \$75.00 per hour) \$1013.00

B. Review and update of "binding provisions of
state law on Convention delegates" memorandum
2 hours \$150.00

C. June 24, 1980 meeting with Lorne Smith, General
Counsel Reagan for President Committee re current
proposed Rule changes
4½ hours \$337.00

D. Attendance at convention council meeting of RNC
on June 25, 1980 4 hours \$300.00

E. Miscellaneous Rules Committee communications and
correspondence, June 18,19,24 and 25
4 hours \$300.00

sub-total (Items 2A through 2E) \$2,100.00

Total due: (Items 1 and 2) \$2,274.00



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1. a. KENTUCKY, SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

b. CONTESTANTS

- Theodore H. Lavit
Lebanon, Kentucky
- Robert E. Taylor
Franklin, Kentucky

c. RESPONDENTS

- Daryl P. Harvey
Glasgow, Kentucky
- Andrew G. Parsley
Brownsville, Kentucky
- Joseph M. Whittle
Leitchfield, Kentucky

d. FINDINGS OF FACTS

-On April 11, 1980, the Second District Convention was held in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

-The Second District Convention adopted as its rules the "Official Rules of the Republican Party of Kentucky, Adopted February 2, 1980," which contained, among others, an amendment to Rule 23, which provided in part:

"After due consideration of the recommendations of the Delegates, the Nominating Committee shall recommend a group of persons for Electors, a group for the National Convention delegation, and a group for State Central Committee membership. Each group shall be voted on separately by the Convention. If the Convention rejects a group, then the Nominating Committee shall submit another group." (emphasis added)

-However, it appears that the Contestants believe they had adopted a rule (former Rule 23) which stated in part:

"If the Convention rejects a group then it shall make its own selection for whichever group has been rejected."

Based on the above changes in language, the Contestants believed they had the right to make nominations for delegate to the Republican National Convention from the floor of their convention. It was not until they attempted to make the nominations of the Contestants that they were advised by the Chair that it was contrary to the adopted Rules and nominations from the floor were out of order.

Mr. Lavit was a member of the Nominating Committee and attempted to have his name placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee, however, the majority of the Nominating Committee voted to recommend the Respondents.

The Second District Convention voted to adopt the recommendation of the Nominating Committee by a vote of 115 to 90.

On the following day, the Kentucky State Convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky, approximately 50 miles from the site of the Second District Convention.

The record before the Contest Committee does not contain any evidence that the Contestants or their representatives protested their purported contest before the Kentucky State Convention. The Committee notes: that the Contestants or their representatives discussed their protest informally with State Party officials; and that it appears another (undetermined) congressional district raised the issue on the floor and was advised that "it was not in order at this time."

e. ISSUES OF LAW

Did the action of the Contestants or their representatives constitute a proper protest to a state convention under Rules No. 35(c) of the Republican National Committee, which states in part:

"All contests arising in any state electing district delegates by district conventions shall be decided by its state convention, or if the state convention shall not meet prior to the national convention, then by its state committee;"

f. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends that the Contestants' protest be denied.

g. NOTE: The recommendation of the Committee is unanimous and Mr. Edwin Middleton of Kentucky did not take part in this contest and abstained from voting.



2. a. MASSACHUSETTS, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS 1-9, 11, 12; At Large

b. CONTESTANTS

A slate consisting of Vahe A. Sarafian of Newton Highlands, Massachusetts, and twenty five other individuals.

c. RESPONDENTS

- 12 Anderson District Delegates and 12 Alternates
- 1 Anderson At-Large Delegate and 1 Alternate

d. FINDINGS OF FACTS

- In August 1979, pursuant to state law, the Massachusetts Republican State Committee submitted written rules and procedures known as "Delegate Selection Procedures" to the Massachusetts State Secretary.
- After the March 4, 1980, Massachusetts Presidential Primary, an Allocation Committee, authorized by the Delegate Selection Procedures and composed of state party officials and representatives of Presidential candidates, allocated delegates by candidate among the 36 district delegates and the 6 at-large delegates in proportion to the results of the primary vote.
- On April 24, 1980, Representative John Anderson withdrew his candidacy for Republican nomination, announced he would pursue "an independent candidacy" and released his Republican delegates to vote their conscience.
- On May 3, 1980, Congressional District Caucuses, as required by Delegate Selection Procedures, met to elect delegates and alternates to the National Convention pledged to vote for the Presidential candidates on the first ballot as allocated to each District by the Allocation Committee; no changes in delegate allocation were made as a result of Anderson's withdrawal.
- The Delegate Selection Procedures required protests regarding district caucuses to be filed at the Office of the State Chairman within 5 business days following the caucuses.
- Contestant Sarafian prepared a protest and delivered it to the 4th District Caucus Chairman for delivery to the office of the State Chairman.
- The protest was received in the office of the State Chairman, but the date of receipt is in doubt; no action was taken on the protest by the State Chairman.
- Except for Messrs. Burton S. Resnic and Robert A. Semonian, no Contestant was the vote getter next highest to any Respondent in the District Caucuses, and at least one-half of the Contestants did not even run at the District Caucuses.



e. ISSUES OF LAW

- In view of Rule 35(c) of the National Convention requiring disputes over district delegates to be settled at the state level in the absence of irregular or unlawful state action, does the National Convention have jurisdiction to determine the contest?
- Should, as Contestant Sarafian urges, the Allocation Committee have reallocated delegates and alternates as a result of Anderson's withdrawal--and, in the absence of such action by the Allocation Committee, should the National Committee replace the elected delegates and alternates with Contestant Sarafian's slate?

f. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Although there is doubt that the Sarafian protest was filed in a timely manner, it will be presumed that it was so filed, and the failure to act on it by the State Committee was an "irregular action" affording National Committee jurisdiction of the contest.
- However, even if any reallocation of delegates and alternates--either by the Allocation Committee or by the National Committee--is warranted (and we have not decided that it is), the result would be to replace the Anderson delegates with delegates and alternates, pledged to other candidates, who received the highest number of votes at the District Caucuses--not the Sarafian slate of delegates and alternates, none of whom, except for Resnic and Semonian, was the next-highest vote getter and at least one-half of whom did not even run at the District Caucuses.
- Accordingly, the Contest Committee unanimously recommends that the Sarafian contest be dismissed.

3. a. MASSACHUSETTS, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS 1 and 8

b. CONTESTANTS

- Burton S. Resnic
Holyoke, Massachusetts (1st District)
- Robert A. Semonian
Watertown, Massachusetts (8th District)

c. RESPONDENTS

- Paul W. Walter, Jr.
Lee, Massachusetts (1st District)
- Leonard Scott
Somerville, Massachusetts (8th District)



d. FINDINGS OF FACT

- The Findings of Fact of Contest 2 as to the Massachusetts Delegate Selection Procedures, the action of the Allocation Committee, the withdrawal of John Anderson and the District Caucus elections are herein incorporated.
- Rule 8 of the Delegate Selection Procedures authorized a representative of each campaign organization to certify delegates and alternates "pledged" to Presidential candidates.
- The failure to certify disqualifies a candidate from serving as a delegate or alternate, and the next-highest vote getter who is certified becomes the delegate or alternate.
- The Anderson campaign representative did not certify Contestants Resnic and Semonian even though both received more District Caucus votes than Respondents Walter and Scott, respectively, who were certified on May 16, 1980.
- The State Committee did not inform Contestants Resnic and Semonian of the action of the Anderson campaign representative.
- One Jacqueline Simpson who received more District Caucus votes than Contestant Semonian was not an eligible candidate because she was not a registered Republican.
- On May 9, 1980, Contestant Semonian filed a protest with the State Chairman concerning Simpson's party registration.

e. ISSUES OF LAW

- In view of Rule 35(c) of the National Convention requiring disputes over district delegates to be settled at the state level in the absence of irregular or unlawful state action, does the National Committee have jurisdiction to determine the contest?
- Did the failure of the Anderson campaign representative to certify Contestants Resnic and Semonian require their replacement with lower vote-getting but certified Respondents Walter and Scott?

f. RECOMMENDATIONS

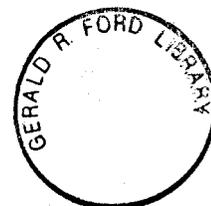
- Because the failure of the State Committee to notify Contestants Resnic and Semonian and because their replacement with Respondents Walter and Scott (as explained below) constituted an "irregular action," the National Committee has jurisdiction under Rule 35(c) to determine the contests.
- In view of Anderson's decision to pursue "an independent candidacy"--presumably in opposition to the nominee of the Republican Convention--and release of his delegates some three weeks prior to the Rule 8 certification action by the Anderson campaign representative, there could not have been at the time of such action either an authorized Anderson campaign organization within the Republican Party or any persons who could



have been "pledged"--as Rule 8 requires--to Anderson.

-Accordingly, the Anderson campaign representative acted without authority and the failure to certify Contestants Resnic and Semonian should not affect their District Caucus elections.

-The Contest Committee unanimously recommends that Contestants Resnic and Semonian be seated at the National Convention in place of Respondents Walter and Scott, respectively.



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General Counsel's "Proposed Changes" Form

Before the introduction of proposed changes to the Rules, during the Convention Rules Committee's hearings on July 12, 13, and 14, 1980, the following form must be completed (items 1-4) for each proposed change and thereafter submitted to the Committee's General Counsel for presentation to the Chair.

1.) Identify the name and State of the proposal's sponsor.

Name

State

2.) Which current RNC Rule(s) does the proposal seek to amend?

Rule No.

3.) Has the language of the proposal been reviewed for form and consistency?

Yes

No

clarifying language
appears to be needed

4.) What, if any, other Rules (other than those reflected at item two above) does the proposal impact upon? i.e. require interdelimitation at other sections of the current Rules.

5.) Vote by Rules Committee on the proposal.

For

Against

Approved

Defeated

6.) General Counsel's authorization to incorporate into final report.

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PROPOSED RULES CHANGES

RULE NO. 21

- 1) State laws providing a method of election for national
- 2) committeemen and committeewomen shall be binding on the
- 3) Republican National Convention.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE NO. 21

- 1) State laws providing a method of election for national
- 2) committeemen and committeewomen shall NOT be binding on the
- 3) Republican National Convention.

RULE NO. 22

- 1) Where state laws do not provide a method for the election
- 2) of national committeemen and committeewomen, a national con-
- 3) vention delegation shall be bound by the state party rules.
- 4) The national convention may enforce these rules if they are
- 5) not obeyed by the state's national convention delegation.
- 6) This rule shall not apply to Republican state chairmen.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE NO. 22

- 1) Where state laws do not provide a method for the election
- 2) of national committeemen and committeewomen, a national con-
- 3) vention delegation shall be bound by the state party rules,
- 4) PROVIDED SAID STATE PARTY RULES DO NOT CONFLICT WITH NATIONAL
- 5) PARTY RULES. The national convention may enforce these rules
- 6) if they are not obeyed by the state's national convention
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RULE NO. 24(b)

- 1) (b) National convention delegates and alternates shall
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- 2) be chosen in a manner consistent with these rules. *unless*
- 3) *otherwise provided by state law. (DELETE ITALICIZED LANGUAGE).*

RULE NO. 28(a)

- 1) (a) The first meeting of the national committee shall
- 2) take place within fifteen (15) days after the convening of
- 3) the national convention, upon the call of the member senior
- 4) in time of service upon the previous national committee; and
- 5) thereafter upon call of the chairman, or, in case of vacancy
- 6) in the chairmanship, upon call of the vice chairman senior
- 7) in time of service on the national committee, but such call
- 8) shall be issued at least ten (10) days in advance of the date
- 9) of the proposed meeting. Provided, however, that if one of
- 10) the purposes of a meeting of the Republican National Committee
- 11) is to fill a vacancy in the office of Republican candidate for
- 12) President or Republican candidate for Vice President, then only
- 13) five (5) days notice of the purpose, date, and place of said
- 14) meeting shall be required. Upon written petition of sixteen
- 15) (16) or more members of the national committee representing not
- 16) less than sixteen (16) states, filed jointly or separately with
- 17) the chairman, asking for a meeting of the national committee,
- 18) it shall be the duty of the chairman within ten (10) days from
- 19) receipt of said petition to issue a call for a meeting of the
- 20) national committee, to be held in a city to be designated by
- 21) the chairman, the date of such called meeting to be not later

22) than twenty (20) days or earlier than ten (10) days from
23) the date of the call.

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23) the date of the call. PROVIDED FURTHER, HOWEVER, THAT EACH
24) STATE AND TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
25) SHALL CAST THEIR VOTES ON ALL QUESTIONS OF FILLING A VACANCY
26) IN THE OFFICE OF REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT AND/OR
27) REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT CONSISTENT WITH THE

28) NUMBER OF DELEGATES REPRESENTING EACH STATE AND TERRITORY
29) AT THE PRIOR NATIONAL PARTY CONVENTION AS REFLECTED IN
30) RULE 30 OF THE RULES OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

RULE NO. 29(b)

1) (b) There shall be a standing committee of the Republican
2) National Committee composed of one representative from each
3) state to review and propose recommendations on changes in
4) these rules. This committee shall receive, review and offer
5) recommendations on rule changes made to the committee. The
6) representatives serving on the Republican National Committee
7) from the several states shall choose from their number the
8) appointees to serve on this committee.

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8) appointees to serve on this committee. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
9) REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE SHALL APPOINT A GENERAL COUNSEL
10) FOR THE COMMITTEE.

RULE NO. 31

1) Delegates at large to the national convention and their
2) alternates and delegates from Congressional districts to the
3) national convention and their alternates shall be elected in
4) the following manner:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE NO. 31

- 1) Delegates at large to the national convention and their
- 2) alternates and delegates from Congressional districts to the
- 3) national convention and their alternates **MAY** be elected in
- 4) **ANY OF** the following manner:

RULE NO. 31(c)

- 1) (c) By the Republican state committee or governing
- 2) committee in any state in which the law of such state specifically
- 3) authorizes the election of delegates or alternates in such
- 4) manner.

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- 2) committee in any state. *in which the law of such state specifically*
- 3) *authorizes the election of delegates or alternates in such*
- 4) *manner.* (DELETE ITALICIZED LANGUAGE)

RULE NO. 31(d)

- 1) (d) In selecting delegates and alternates to the national
- 2) convention, no state law shall be observed which hinders,
- 3) abridges or denies to any citizen of the United States, eligible
- 4) under the Constitution of the United States, to the office of
- 5) President or Vice President, the right or privilege of being
- 6) a candidate under such state law for the nomination for the
- 7) President or Vice President, or which authorizes the election
- 8) of a number of delegates or alternates from any state to the
- 9) national convention different from that fixed in these rules.

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8) DENIES TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS
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10) RIGHTS OR PRIVILEGES GRANTED UNDER THE FIRST AND FOURTEENTH
11) AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO
12) ASSOCIATE IN A MANNER, MODE AND WITH WHOM THE REPUBLICAN
13) NATIONAL COMMITTEE, THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION AND
14) ITS MEMBERS DEEM APPROPRIATE; or which authorizes the election
15) of a number of delegates or alternates from any state to the
16) national convention different from that fixed in these rules.

RULE NO. 31(f)

1) (f) All delegates from any state may be chosen from the
2) state at large in the event that the laws of the state in which
3) the election occurs, so provide.

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2) state at large. *in the event that the laws of the state in which*
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RULE NO. 31(g)

1) (g) Alternate delegates shall be elected to said national
2) convention for each unit of representation equal in number to
3) the number of delegates elected therein and shall be chosen in
4) the same manner, at the same time, and under the same rules
5) the delegates are chosen; provided, however, that if the law
6) of any state shall prescribe the method of choosing alternates

- 7) they shall be chosen in accordance with the provisions of
8) the law of the state in which the election occurs.

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RULE NO. 31(j)

- 1) (j) All delegates and alternates shall be elected not
2) later than thirty-five (35) days before the date of the
3) meeting of said national convention, unless otherwise provided
4) by the laws of the state in which the election occurs.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE NO. 31(j)

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2) later than thirty-five (35) days before the date of the
3) meeting of said national convention, *unless otherwise provided*
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5) THE MANNER OF ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF DELEGATES
6) AND ALTERNATES SELECTED IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW AND
7) THE LAWS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE ELECTION OCCURS PROVIDES
8) OTHERWISE. (DELETE ITALICIZED LANGUAGE)

RULE NO. 31(k)

- 1) (k) Delegates and alternates at large to the national
2) convention when serving as delegates and alternates shall be

- 3) duly qualified voters of their respective states. All
- 4) delegates and alternates allocated as delegates and alternates
- 5) at large shall be elected at large in the several states unless
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- 1) (1) Delegates and alternates to the national convention,
- 2) representing Congressional districts, shall be residents and
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- 4) as delegates and alternates. All delegates and alternates
- 5) allocated to represent Congressional districts shall be elected
- 6) by the Congressional district of the several states unless the
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1) (n) Except where state law otherwise mandates, only
2) legal and qualified voters who are deemed to be Republicans
3) pursuant to state law or by state party rule shall participate
4) in a Republican primary, caucus, mass meeting, or mass convention
5) held for the purpose of selecting delegates to a county, district,
6) or state convention, and only such legal and qualified voters
7) shall be elected as delegates to county, district, and state
8) conventions; provided, however, that in addition to the qualifi-
9) cations provided herein the governing Republican committee of
10) each state, shall have the authority to prescribe additional
11) qualifications not inconsistent with law. Such additional
12) qualifications shall be adopted and published in at least one
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- 1) (b) Unless otherwise provided by the laws of the state
- 2) in which the election occurs, in those states where delegates
- 3) and alternates are elected through the convention system or a
- 4) combination of convention and primary systems, the precinct,
- 5) ward, township or county meetings shall be open meetings and
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PROPOSED RULES



by the
Committee on Rules
and Order of Business
of the
1976 Republican National Convention
August 17, 1976
Kansas City, Missouri



Proposed Rules

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Republican Party is the party of the open door. Ours is the party of equality of opportunity for all and favoritism for none.

It is the intent and purpose of these rules to encourage the broadest possible participation of all voters in the Republican Party activities at all levels and to assure that the Republican Party is open, accessible to all and answerable ultimately to the people in the true American tradition.

It is the further purpose of these rules to make certain that the Republican Party stands for the principle that while we are the party open to all, we are also the party of opportunity for all; opportunity for everyone of every race, religion, color, national origin, age or sex.

These rules provide for full participation with equal opportunity for men and women, for minorities and heritage groups, and for all Americans regardless of age or social or economic status.

These rules mandate that the Republican Party shall be a nationwide party, purposeful and strong in all sections of the country, North, South, East, and West; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following be adopted as the rules of business of this convention, the rules for the election and government of the Republican National Committee, the rules under which delegates and alternate delegates shall be allotted to the respective states in the next convention, and how their election shall be conducted and contests shall be considered.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION

RULE NO. 1

The convention shall proceed in the order of business prepared and printed by the Republican National Committee.

RULE NO. 2

(a) No person, except members of the several delegations, officers of the convention, and members of the Republican National Committee shall be admitted to the section of the convention hall apportioned to delegates.

(b) Press and staff shall be admitted to the section(s) of the hall authorized for them.

RULE NO. 3

When the convention shall have assembled and the Committee on Credentials shall have been appointed, the secretary of the national commit-

tee shall deliver to the said Committee on Credentials all credentials and other papers forwarded under Rule No. 34.

RULE NO. 4

No person on the temporary roll of the convention and whose right to be seated as a delegate or alternate is being contested (except those placed on the temporary roll by affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members of the national committee), shall be entitled to vote in the convention or in any committee thereof until by vote of the convention the contest as to such person has been finally decided and such person has been permanently seated.

RULE NO. 5

(a) Whenever used in the rules, "state" or "states" shall be taken to include the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, unless the context in which the word "state" or "states" is used clearly makes such inclusion inappropriate.

(b) In the absence of any delegate at large, or delegate from any Congressional district, the roll of alternates for the state or district shall be called in the order in which the names are placed upon the roll of the convention, unless the state or district convention, the Republican state committee or governing committee, or the law of the state or district electing the absent delegate shall otherwise direct, in which event the alternates from the state or district shall vote in the order established by the state or district convention, the Republican state committee or governing committee, or the law of the state or district.

RULE NO. 6

Each delegate in the convention shall be entitled to one (1) vote, which may be cast by his or her alternate in the absence of the delegate.

RULE NO. 7

(a) The Rules of the House of Representatives of the United States shall be the rules of this convention, except that "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall be the rules for committees and subcommittees of this convention, so far as they are applicable and not inconsistent with the rules herein set forth, provided, however, the convention may make its own rules concerning the reading of committee reports and resolutions.

(b) Committees and subcommittees may set time limits for speaking on any question by a simple majority vote.

(c) No votes in the committees or subcommittees of the convention shall be taken by secret ballot.

RULE NO. 8

When the previous question shall be demanded by a majority of the delegates from any state, and the demand is likewise seconded by two (2) or more states, and the call is sustained by a majority of the delegates of the convention, the question shall then be proceeded with and disposed of according to the House of Representatives of the United States in similar cases.

RULE NO. 9

A motion to suspend the rules shall be in order only when made by authority of a majority of the delegates from any state and seconded by a majority of the delegates from not less than five (5) other states, severally.

RULE NO. 10

It shall be in order to lay on the table a proposed amendment to a pending measure and such motion, if adopted, shall not carry with it or prejudice such original measure.

RULE NO. 11

No member shall speak more than once upon the same question or longer than five (5) minutes, unless by leave of the convention, except in the presentation of the name of a candidate for nomination for President or Vice President.

RULE NO. 12

Upon all subjects before the convention requiring a roll call, the states shall be called in alphabetical order.

RULE NO. 13

The report of the Committee on Credentials shall be disposed of before the report of the Committee on Resolutions is acted upon, and the report of the Committee on Resolutions shall be disposed of before the convention proceeds to the nomination of candidates for President and Vice President.

RULE NO. 14

(a) The delegates from each state elected to the national convention, immediately after they are elected, shall select from the delegation their members of the Resolutions, Credentials, Rules and Order of Business, and Permanent Organization Committees of the national convention, consisting of one (1) man and one (1) woman for each committee, and shall file notice of such selection with the secretary of the national committee, provided, however, that no delegate may serve on more than one (1) committee of the national convention. Alternates may not serve as members of the convention committees.

(b) All resolutions relating to the platform shall be submitted to the Committee on Resolutions without reading and without debate. No resolution or amendment thereto shall be reported out, or made a part of any report of the Resolutions Committee, or otherwise read or debated before the convention unless the same shall have been submitted to the Resolutions Committee in writing prior to its report to the convention and shall have received the affirmative support of a minimum of twenty-five per cent (25%) of the membership of the committee.

RULE NO. 15

When a majority of the delegates of any six (6) states severally shall demand that a vote be recorded, the same shall be taken by the states in the order hereinbefore established.

RULE NO. 16

(a) Candidates for the Presidency shall demonstrate majority support from each of five (5) state delegations.

(b) In making the nominations for President and Vice President and voting thereon, in no case shall the call of the roll be dispensed with. The total time of the nominating speech and seconding speeches for any candidate for President or Vice President shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes.

RULE NO. 17

When it appears at the close of the roll call that any candidate for the nomination for President or Vice President has received the majority of the votes entitled to be cast in the convention, the chairman of the convention shall announce the question to be: "Shall the nomination of the candidate be made unanimous?" If no candidate shall have received such majority, the chairman shall direct the vote to be taken again and shall repeat the taking of the vote until some candidate shall have received a majority of votes.

RULE NO. 18

(a) In the balloting, the vote of each state shall be announced by the chairman of the respective delegations; and in case the vote of any state shall be divided, the chairman shall announce the number of votes for each candidate, or for or against any proposition; but if exception is taken by any delegate to the correctness of such announcement by the chairman of that delegation, the chairman of the convention shall direct the roll of members of such delegation to be called and the result shall be recorded in accordance with the vote of the several delegates in such delegation; provided, however, that in any event, the vote of each state for the nomination for President shall

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be announced and recorded (or in the absence of an announcement shall be recorded) in accordance with the results of any binding Presidential primary or direct election of delegates bound or pledged pursuant to state law. No delegate or alternate shall be bound by any attempt of any state or Congressional district to impose the unit rule.

(b) In balloting, if any delegation shall pass when its name is called, then at the conclusion of the roll call all delegations which passed shall be called in the order established in Rule No. 12; and no delegation will be allowed to change its votes until all delegations which passed shall have been given a second opportunity to vote.

RULE NO. 19

(a) The Republican National Committee shall have the general management of the Republican Party in the United States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, subject to direction from time to time of the national convention. The members of the national committee shall be elected by the various states and shall consist of one man and one woman from each state.

(b) The duly elected and acting chairman of each state shall be a member of the national committee during his or her tenure in office.

(c) Auxiliaries of the Republican National Committee may be recognized only by the Republican National Convention.

RULE NO. 20

At each Republican National Convention called for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice President, the roll shall be called and the delegation from each state shall report through its chairman the names of the elected national committee members whose election shall be ratified by the convention.

RULE NO. 21

State laws providing a method of election for national committeemen and committeewomen shall be binding on the Republican National Convention.

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RULE NO. 22

Where state laws do not provide a method for the election of national committeemen and committeewomen, a national convention delegation shall be bound by the state party rules. The national convention may enforce these rules if they are not obeyed by the state's national convention delegation. This rule shall not apply to Republican state chairmen.

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RULE NO. 23

Duly elected national committeemen and national committeewomen shall serve from the adjournment of the quadrennial national convention until the adjournment of the following quadrennial national convention.

RULE NO. 24

(a) The national committee shall issue the call for the next national convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice President of the United States prior to January 1 of the year in which the convention is to be held. The national committee shall issue and promulgate the call in a manner consistent with these rules.

* (b) National convention delegates and alternates shall be chosen in a manner consistent with these rules unless otherwise provided by state law.

(c) The chairman of the Republican National Committee shall appoint from among the members of the national committee a Committee on the Call, a Committee on Arrangements, a Committee on Rules, and a Contest Committee. Each committee shall consist of at least seven (7) members. The chairman of the Contest Committee and the chairman of the Committee on Rules shall be members also of the Arrangements Committee. Each member of the Republican National Committee shall be appointed to one of these committees.

(d) Immediately after the Republican National Convention the chairman of the Republican National Committee will designate a seven-member Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Affairs, to be composed of the chairman, the treasurer and five other members of the Republican National Committee, for the purpose of preserving and protecting the integrity of the Presidential election process.

how? This Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Affairs shall coordinate closely with the Republican nominee for President his or her full plan of financial expenditures, shall review and monitor such expenditures made during the Presidential campaign, and shall make its report to the Republican National Committee at its meeting next after the November election. Each Republican candidate for President shall agree in writing to this rule prior to his or her nomination.

(e) The chairman shall appoint a Site Committee no later than two years following the Presidential election.

RULE NO. 25

(a) The officers of the national committee shall consist of:

(1) a chairman and a co-chairman of the oppo-

site sex who shall be elected by the members of the Republican National Committee and who shall be full-time, paid employees. The chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Republican National Committee. The chairman and co-chairman may be removed from office only by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the entire national committee.

(2) Eight (8) vice chairmen, one man and one woman, from each of the following regions:

The Western States Association: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming;

The Midwestern States Association: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, West Virginia, and Wisconsin;

The Northeastern States Association: Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, and the Virgin Islands;

The Southern States Association: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia;

(3) a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as the committee shall deem necessary, all to be elected by the national committee.

(b) The chairman, co-chairman and all other officers except the vice chairmen shall be elected for two-year terms. The terms shall run from the first national committee meeting following the national convention until January of the next even-numbered year and from that January until the termination of the next quadrennial national convention. All officers except the vice chairmen shall be nominated from the floor, and candidates must have at least two (2) votes in three (3) states in order to have their names put in nomination. There shall be no nominating committee.) Kim

(c) The eight (8) vice chairmen shall be elected at regional caucuses by the national committee members of the four (4) regions and shall be residents and national committee members from their respective regions. The election shall take place at the first meeting after the quadrennial national convention. The election of vice chairmen does not need confirmation by the Republican National Committee.

(d) The chairman shall appoint a general counsel for the committee and a chairman of the Republican Finance Committee, both of whom shall be confirmed by the Republican National Committee at its next meeting.

mailed to all members of the Republican National Committee at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

(d) All meetings of the Republican National Committee and all of its committees shall be open meetings except as provided for by "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised."

RULE NO. 29

(a) "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern in all meetings of the national committee insofar as they are applicable and not inconsistent with these rules. At its first meeting, the committee shall make its own rules governing the use of proxies.

(b) There shall be a standing committee of the Republican National Committee composed of one representative from each state to review and propose recommendations on changes in these rules. This committee shall receive, review and offer recommendations on rule changes made to the committee. The representatives serving on the Republican National Committee from the several states shall choose from their number the appointees to serve on this committee.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION

RULE NO. 30

The membership of the next national convention shall consist of:

A. DELEGATES

1. Six (6) delegates at large from each of the fifty (50) states.

2. Three (3) district delegates from the district of each Representative in the United States House of Representatives from each state.

3. Fourteen (14) delegates at large for the District of Columbia, four (4) delegates at large for Guam, fourteen (14) delegates at large for Puerto Rico, and four (4) delegates at large for the Virgin Islands.

4. From each state casting its electoral vote, or a majority thereof for the Republican nominee for President in the last preceding election: Four and one-half (4½) delegates at large plus the number of the delegates at large equal to 60% of the electoral vote from each such state. In addition, one delegate at large shall be awarded to a state for any and each of the following public officials elected by such state in the year of the last preceding Presidential election or at any subsequent election held prior to January 1, 1980:

(a) A Republican United States Senator: Provided, that no such additional delegate at large award to any state shall exceed two;

(b) A Republican governor: Provided, that no such additional delegate at large award to any state shall exceed one; or

(c) A Republican membership of at least half of the state's delegation to the United States House of Representatives: Provided, that no such additional delegate at large award to any state shall exceed one.

In the computation of the number of delegates at large, any sum of the four and one-half (4½) plus the 60% representing a fraction shall be increased to the next whole number.

5. If the District of Columbia cast its electoral vote, or a majority thereof, for the Republican nominee for President in the last preceding Presidential election: Four and one-half (4½) delegates at large, plus the number of delegates at large equal to 30% of the fourteen (14) delegates at large allotted to the District of Columbia. In the computation of the number of delegates at large, any sum of the four and one-half (4½) plus the 30% representing a fraction shall be increased to the next whole number.

6. Any state which would receive fewer delegates under all provisions of this rule than it received to the 1972 Republican National Convention shall have its number of delegates increased to the same number of delegates it received to the 1972 Republican National Convention.

B. ALTERNATE DELEGATES

One (1) alternate delegate to each delegate to the national convention.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

RULE NO. 31

Delegates at large to the national convention and their alternates and delegates from Congressional districts to the national convention and their alternates shall be elected in the following manner:

(a) By primary election in accordance with the applicable laws of such states as required by law, the election of delegates to the national conventions of political parties by direct primary and in the District of Columbia in accordance with its law; provided, that in any of these in which Republican representation upon the Board of Judges or Inspectors of Elections for such primary election is denied by law, delegates and alternates shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

(b) By Congressional district or state conventions, as the case may be, to be called by the Congressional district or state committees, respectively. Notice of the call for any such convention shall be published in a newspaper or newspa-

pers of general circulation in the Congressional district or state, as the case may be, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of said convention.

(c) By the Republican state committee or governing committee in any state in which the law of such state specifically authorizes the election of delegates or alternates in such manner.

(d) In selecting delegates and alternates to the national convention, no state law shall be observed which hinders, abridges or denies to any citizen of the United States, eligible under the Constitution of the United States, to the office of President or Vice President, the right or privilege of being a candidate under such state law for the nomination for the President or Vice President; or which authorizes the election of a number of delegates or alternates from any state to the national convention different from that fixed in these rules.

(e) In a Congressional district where there is no Republican Congressional Committee, the Republican state committee shall issue the call and make said publication.

(f) All delegates from any state may be chosen from the state at large, in the event that the laws of the state in which the election occurs, so provide.

(g) Alternate delegates shall be elected to said national convention for each unit of representation equal in number to the number of delegates elected therein and shall be chosen in the same manner, at the same time, and under the same rules the delegates are chosen; provided, however, that if the law of any state shall prescribe the method of choosing alternates they shall be chosen in accordance with the provisions of the law of the state in which the election occurs.

(h) The election of delegates and alternates from the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands shall be held under the direction of the respective recognized Republican governing committee therein in conformity with the rules of the Republican National Committee or the laws of the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

(i) Election of delegates and alternates shall be certified in every case where they are elected by conventions, by the chairman and secretary of such conventions, respectively, and forwarded to the secretary of the Republican National Committee, and in the case of election by primary, they shall be certified by the proper official and all certificates shall be forwarded by said duly elected delegates and alternates in the manner herein provided.

(j) All delegates and alternates shall be elected

not later than thirty-five (35) days before the date of the meeting of said national convention, unless otherwise provided by the laws of the state in which the election occurs.

(k) Delegates and alternates at large to the national convention when serving as delegates and alternates shall be duly qualified voters of their respective states. All delegates and alternates allocated as delegates and alternates at large shall be elected at large in the several states unless otherwise mandated by state law.

(l) Delegates and alternates to the national convention, representing Congressional districts, shall be residents and qualified voters in said districts respectively when serving as delegates and alternates. All delegates and alternates allocated to represent Congressional districts shall be elected by the Congressional district of the several states unless the laws of the state shall otherwise mandate.

(m) No delegate or alternate delegate shall be required to pay an assessment or fee in excess of that provided by the law of the state in which the election occurs as a condition of serving as a delegate or alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTIONS

Delegates to Congressional district and state conventions shall be elected under the following rules:

(n) Except where state law otherwise mandates, only legal and qualified voters who are deemed to be Republicans pursuant to state law or by state party rule shall participate in a Republican primary, caucus, mass meeting, or mass convention held for the purpose of selecting delegates to a county, district, or state convention, and only such legal and qualified voters shall be elected as delegates to county, district, and state conventions; provided, however, that in addition to the qualifications provided herein the governing Republican committee of each state, shall have the authority to prescribe additional qualifications not inconsistent with law. Such additional qualifications shall be adopted and published in at least one daily newspaper having a general circulation throughout the state, such publication to be at least ninety (90) days before such qualifications shall become effective.

(o) No delegates shall be deemed eligible to participate in any district or state convention, the purpose of which is to elect delegates to the said national convention, who were elected prior to the date of issuance of the call of such national convention unless this rule be inconsistent with the law of the state.

(p) District conventions shall be composed of delegates who are legal and qualified voters therein, and delegates to state conventions shall be qualified voters of the respective districts which they represent in said state conventions. Such delegates shall be apportioned among the counties, parishes, and cities of the state or district having regard to the Republican vote therein.

(q) There shall be no proxies at any district or state convention held for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Republican National Convention. If alternate delegates to such selection convention are selected, the alternate delegate, and no other shall vote in the absence of the delegate.

(r) There shall be no automatic delegates at any level of the delegate selection procedures who serve by virtue of party position or elective office.

(s) The Republican National Committee shall assist the states in their efforts to inform all citizens how they may participate in delegate selection procedures. The states, in cooperation with the Republican National Committee, shall prepare instructive material on delegate selection methods and make it available for distribution.

RULE NO. 32

(a) Participation in a Republican primary, caucus, or any meeting or convention held for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to a county, district, state or national convention shall in no way be abridged for reasons of sex, race, religion, color, age or national origin. The Republican National Committee and the Republican state committee or governing committee of each state shall take positive action to achieve the broadest possible participation by everyone in party affairs, including such participation by women, young people, minority and heritage groups and senior citizens in the delegate selection process.

(b) Unless otherwise provided by the laws of the state in which the election occurs, in those states where delegates and alternates are elected through the convention system or a combination of convention and primary systems, the precinct, ward, township or county meetings shall be open meetings and all citizens who are qualified shall be urged to participate.

(c) Each state shall endeavor to have equal representation of men and women in its delegation to the Republican National Convention.

(d) The provisions of Rule 32 are not intended to be the basis of any kind of quota system.

RULE NO. 33

No state shall elect a greater number of persons to act as delegates and alternates than the actual

number of delegates and alternates respectively to which they are entitled under the call for the national convention, and no unit of representation may elect any delegate or delegates, or their alternates, with permission to cast a fractional vote.

RULE NO. 34

Thirty (30) days before the time set for the meeting of the national convention, the credentials of each delegate and alternate shall be filed with the secretary of the national committee for use by the secretary in making up the temporary roll of the convention, except in the case of delegates or alternates elected at a time or times in accordance with the laws of the state in which the election occurs rendering impossible filing of credentials within the time above specified.

RULE NO. 35

(a) At the time of appointing the Arrangements Committee there shall be appointed by the chairman of the Republican National Committee a Contest Committee, consisting of at least seven (7) members of the Republican National Committee.

(b) Where more than the authorized number of delegates from any state are reported to the secretary of the national committee, a contest shall be deemed to exist and the secretary shall notify the several claimants so reported and shall submit all such credentials and claims to the whole Republican National Committee for decision as to which claimants reported shall be placed upon the temporary roll of the convention; provided, however, that the names of the delegates and alternates, presenting certificates of election from the canvassing board or officer created or designated by the law of the state in which the election occurs, to canvass the returns and issue certificates of election to delegates or alternates to national conventions of political parties in a primary election, shall be placed upon the temporary roll of the convention by the national committee.

(c) All contests arising in any state electing district delegates by district conventions shall be decided by its state convention, or if the state convention shall not meet prior to the national convention, then by its state committee; and only contests affecting delegates elected at large shall be presented to the national committee; provided, however, if the contest regarding a district delegate arises out of the irregular or unlawful action of the state committee or state convention, the national committee may take jurisdiction thereof and hear and determine the same under the procedure provided in Rule 35.

(d) Notices of contests shall be filed thirty (30) days before the time set for the meeting of the

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national convention, with the secretary of the national committee, except in the case of delegates or alternates elected at a time or times in accordance with the laws of the state in which the election occurs rendering impossible the filing of the notice of contest within the time above specified, stating the grounds of the contest.

(e) Not less than twenty-two (22) days before the convening of the Republican National Convention, each of the contesting persons or groups shall file with the secretary of the Republican National Committee at least three (3) printed or typewritten copies of the brief in support of their claim to sit as delegates or alternates in the national convention. The secretary of the Republican National Committee upon receiving the brief of a contesting person or group shall furnish the opposing contesting person or group a copy of said brief.

Each brief shall begin with a summary of not more than one thousand (1,000) words setting forth succinctly a synopsis of the brief and a definite statement of the points relied upon.

(f) The Contest Committee shall make up a report of each contest filed, showing the grounds of contest, the statute and rule, if any, under which the contest is waged, and the contentions of each party thereto. The report shall conclude with a statement of the points of issue in the contest, both of fact and law, and shall be signed by the chairman. When the Contest Committee has prepared such report stating the issues of law and fact, a copy of the statement of such issues shall be forthwith submitted to a person in the convention city, whom the contestants must appoint at the time of filing the contest, to receive such statement; and a copy shall forthwith be served the chairman of the Contest Committee upon the contestants by registered mail.

(g) The contestants shall have eight (8) days to file written objections to the Contest Committee's statement of the issues of fact or law or both unless the Republican National Committee acting as a committee of the whole is called to act upon the contest sooner, in which case such objections shall be made before the meeting of the whole committee. In case the contestants reside in the states of Alaska or Hawaii, or in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands or Guam, they shall be entitled to ten (10) days to file written objections.

The objections shall contain any additional statement of issue of either law or fact or both, claimed by the contestant submitting the same, to be involved in and necessary to be decided in the contest.

(h) The Contest Committee shall hear and decide the statement of law and fact at once and make its decision as to what issues are involved

and submit these issues, either in law or fact, or both, to the national committee sitting as a committee of the whole, and such issues shall be the sole and only issues passed upon and determined by the committee of the whole, unless the national committee shall by a majority vote extend or change the same.

If the Contest Committee for any reason shall fail to state the issues either of law or fact, the national committee shall decide upon what issues the contest shall be tried, and the hearing shall be limited to such issues, unless the national committee by a majority vote shall decide otherwise.

(i) When the national committee is called to pass upon any contest that may arise, the members of the Credentials Committee of each state shall also be notified to the time and place of such meeting and shall have the right to attend all hearings of all contests but without the right to participate in the discussion or to vote.

(j) If an appeal is taken from any ruling of the national committee on any contest, notice of such appeal must be filed with the secretary of the national committee within twenty-four (24) hours after the decision and shall specify the grounds upon which the appeal is taken, and only the grounds so specified shall be heard by the Credentials Committee upon such appeal. No evidence other than that taken before the national committee shall be taken up by the Credentials Committee unless it shall by a majority vote of all of its members so direct.

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WHEREAS, the present process for the nomination of presidential candidates for both major parties extends over a period of at least seven months, and

WHEREAS, including preliminary activities, this early start politicizes and distracts the nation much earlier than is either necessary or good, and

WHEREAS, this process requires the expenditure of great amounts of time and money to contact voters in the respective states, and

WHEREAS, there could be better co-ordination of this process and these expenditures over a shorter period of time, and

WHEREAS, although we recognize the rights of individual states to set the times and the procedures for their elections, we also recognize the need to co-ordinate those times and procedures among the several states,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the delegates to the Republican National Convention, do hereby call upon the Chairmen of the Republican and Democratic National Committees to appoint a joint committee for the purpose of recommending changes in federal and/or state laws to accomplish the desired goal of a shortened, more co-ordinated presidential nominating process.

