# CALL FOR THE 2008 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION 



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## TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

In compliance with The Rules of the Republican Party adopted by the 2004 Republican National Convention on August 30, 2004, in New York, New York, the Republican National Committee hereby directs that a national convention of delegated representatives of the Republican Party be convened in Minneapolis - Saint Paul, Minnesota, no earlier than 9:00 a.m. and no later than 7:00 p.m., Central Daylight Savings Time, on Monday, September 1, 2008, and to continue thereafter from day to day for so long as may be necessary, for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice President, to be voted for at the presidential election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, and for transaction of such other business as may properly come before it. Said convention membership and procedures will be governed by The Rules of the Republican Party as set forth herein.

The voters of the several states, American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policies, and are in sympathy with its aims and purposes, are invited to unite under this call in the selection of delegates to said convention.

## CONVENING OF THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION

## Rule No. 13

## Membership in Convention

Subject to the provisions of Rule No. 16, the membership of the next national convention shall consist of:
(a) Delegates.
(1) Ten (10) delegates at large from each of the fifty (50) states.
(2) The national committeeman, the national committeewoman and the chairman of the state Republican Party of, each state and American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.
(3) Three (3) district delegates for each Representative in the United States House of Representatives from each state.
(4) Six (6) delegates at large from American Samoa, sixteen (16) delegates at large from the District of Columbia, six (6) delegates at large from Guam, six (6) delegates at large from the Northern Mariana Islands, twenty (20) delegates at large from Puerto Rico, and six (6) delegates at large from the Virgin Islands; provided, however, that if Puerto Rico shall become a state prior to the next national convention, the number of delegates from Puerto Rico shall be calculated in accordance with the same formula used for the other states.
(5) From each state having cast its electoral votes, or a majority thereof, for the Republican nominee for President of the United States in the last preceding election: four and one-half ( $41 / 2$ ) delegates at large plus a number of the delegates at large equal to sixty percent $(60 \%)$ of the number of electoral votes of that state; provided, however, that if Puerto Rico shall become a state prior to the next national convention, it shall be presumed that it would have cast its electoral votes, or a majority thereof, for the Republican nominee in the last preceding election. (In the computation of the number of delegates at large, any sum of the four and one half ( $41 / 2$ ) plus the sixty percent ( $60 \%$ ) representing a fraction shall be increased to the next whole number.) In addition, one (1) 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
of the year in which the next national convention is held:
(i) A Republican governor, provided that no such additional delegate at large award to any state shall exceed one (1);
(ii) Membership in the Republican Party of at least one-half (1/2) of the Representatives representing a state in the United States House of Representatives; provided that no such additional delegate at large award to any state shall exceed one (1);
(iii) Membership in the Republican Party of a majority of the members of any chamber of a state legislature, if such chamber has been organized, and is presided over (if the presiding officer is elected by the chamber), by Republicans; provided that no such additional delegate at large award to any state shall exceed one (1).
(iv) Membership in the Republican Party of a majority of all chambers of a state legislature, if all such chambers are presided over (if the presiding officer is elected by the chamber), by a Republican; provided that no such additional delegate at large award to any state shall exceed one (1).
(6) In addition, one (1) delegate at large shall be awarded to a state for any and each Republican United States Senator elected by such state in the six (6) year period prior to January 1 of the year in which the next national convention is held; provided that no such additional delegate at large award to any state shall exceed two (2).
(7) In addition, if the District of Columbia shall have cast its electoral votes, or a majority thereof, for the Republican nominee for President of the United States in the last preceding presidential election: four and one half ( $41 / 2$ ) delegates at large plus the number of delegates at large equal to thirty percent (30\%) of the sixteen (16) 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 (4 1/2) plus the thirty percent (30\%) representing a
fraction shall be increased to the next whole number.
(b) Alternate Delegates.

One (1) alternate delegate for each delegate to the national convention, except that no alternates shall be selected for Republican National Committee members.
(c) Any state party may set the date for any primary, caucus, convention, or meeting for the purpose of voting for a presidential candidate and/or selecting delegates to the national convention. To the extent a state party's rules are in conflict with its state's laws with respect to this rule, the provisions of this rule and the state party's rules shall control. To the extent the provisions of the rule are inconsistent with the provisions of Rule No. 15, the provisions of this rule shall be controlling for all purposes.

## Rule No. 14

## Participation

(a) The Republican National Committee shall assist the states in their efforts to inform all citizens as to 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.
(b) Participation in a Republican primary, caucus, or any meeting or convention held for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternate delegates 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 men and women, young people, minority and heritage groups, senior citizens, and all other citizens in the delegate selection process.
(c) Unless otherwise provided by the laws of the state in which the election occurs, in those states where delegates and alternate delegates 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.
(d) Each state shall endeavor to have equal representation of men and women in its delegation to the Republican National Convention.
(e) The provisions of these rules are not intended to be the basis of any kind of quota system.

## Rule No. 15

## Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates

(a) Order of Precedence.

Delegates at large and their alternate delegates and delegates from congressional districts and their alternate delegates to the national convention shall be elected in the following manner:
(1) In accordance with any applicable Republican Party rules of a state, insofar as the same are not inconsistent with these rules; or,
(2) To the extent not provided for in the applicable Republican Party rules of a state, in accordance with any applicable laws of a state, insofar as the same are not inconsistent with these rules; or,
(3) By a combination of the methods set forth in paragraphs (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this rule; or,
(4) To the extent not provided by state law or party rules, as set forth in
paragraph (c) of this rule.
(b) Timing
(1) Except with respect to delegates and alternate delegates elected under paragraph (c)(1)(ii) of this rule and if consistent with paragraph (d)(4) of this rule:
(i) No presidential primary, caucus, convention, or other meeting may be held for the purpose of voting for a presidential candidate and/or selecting delegates or alternate delegates to the national convention, prior to the first Tuesday of February in the year in which the national convention is held; and,
(ii) The selection process of choosing those who will select the delegates or alternate delegates shall not begin before September 1 of the year before the year in which the national convention is to be held.
(c) General.

In all elections of delegates or alternate delegates to the national convention, the following rules shall apply:
(1) Delegates and alternates to the national convention maybe elected only in one of the following manners:
(i) by primary election;
(ii) by the Republican state committee, where specifically provided by state law;
(iii) by state and congressional district conventions;
(iv) by any method consistent with these rules by which delegates and alternate delegates were selected to the most recent Republican National Convention from that state;
(v) by Rule No. 13 (a)(2) of these rules.
(2) Only persons eligible to vote who are deemed as a matter of public record to be Republicans pursuant to state law or, if voters are not enrolled by party, by Republican party rules of a state, shall participate in any primary election held for the purpose of electing delegates or alternate delegates to the national convention or in any Republican caucus, mass meeting, or mass convention held for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county, district, or state conventions, 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 applicable Republican party rules of a state may prescribe additional qualifications not inconsistent with law, which additional qualifications shall be adopted before the first Tuesday in September in the year before the year in which the national convention is to be held and published in at least one (1) newspaper having a general circulation throughout the state, such publication to be at least ninety (90) days before such qualifications become effective.
(3) No state law shall be observed which permits any person to participate in a primary delegate and alternate delegate selection process that also permits that person at the same primary to participate in the choosing of nominees of any other party for other elective office. Delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention shall in that event be selected pursuant to state party rules that are not inconsistent with the Rules of the Republican Party; provided, however, that the selection process established by the state party rules shall provide that only persons eligible to vote who are deemed to be Republicans pursuant to state law or state party rules shall participate in such delegate selection process.
(4) In any jurisdiction in which Republican representation upon the board of judges or inspectors of elections for primary elections is denied by law, delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected as provided in paragraph (a)(1) or (a)(4) of this rule.
(5) In selecting delegates and alternate delegates 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 hold the office of President of the United States or Vice President of the United States, the right or privilege of being a candidate under such state law for the nomination for President of the United States or Vice President of the United States or which authorizes the election of a number of delegates or alternate delegates from any state to the national convention different from that fixed in these rules.
(6) Alternate delegates shall be elected to the 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 and at the same time as the delegates and under the same rules; provided, however, that if the law of any state shall prescribe another method of choosing alternate delegates, they may be chosen in accordance with the provisions of the law of the state in which the election occurs, except that no alternates shall be selected for Republican National Committee members.
(7) Delegates and alternate delegates at large to the national convention when serving as delegates and alternate delegates shall be residents of and duly qualified voters in their respective states. All delegates and alternate delegates allocated as delegates and alternate delegates at large shall be elected at large in the several states; provided, however, that such allocation and method of election may be varied in any state to the extent, and only to the extent, necessary to avoid conflict with state law applicable to the selection of national convention delegates if such varying allocation and method of election were those pursuant to which delegates at large and alternate delegates at large were elected to the 1988 Republican National Convention from that state.
(8) Delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention representing congressional districts shall be residents of and qualified voters in said districts respectively when elected and when serving as delegates and alternate delegates. There shall be three (3) delegates and three (3) alternate delegates allocated to represent each congressional district of the several states, who shall be elected by each such congressional district; provided, however, that such number of delegates and alternate delegates allocated to represent, and elected by, any congressional district of a state may be reduced or increased to the extent, and only to the extent, necessary to avoid conflict with state law applicable to the selection of national convention delegates if such varying allocation was that pursuant to which district delegates and alternate district delegates were elected to the 1988 Republican National Convention from the state.
(9) No delegate or alternate delegate to the national convention shall be required to pay an assessment or fee in excess of that provided by the law of the state in which his or her election occurs as a condition of serving as a delegate or alternate delegate to the national convention.
(10) There shall be no automatic delegates to the national convention who serve by virtue of party position or elective office, except as provided for in Rule No. 13 (a)(2).
(11) No delegates or alternate delegates shall be selected pursuant to any Republican Party rule of a state or state law which materially changes the manner of selecting delegates or alternate delegates or the date upon which such state party holds a presidential primary, caucus, convention, or meeting for the purpose of voting for a presidential candidate and/or selecting delegates to the national convention if such changes were adopted or made effective after the first Tuesday in September of the year before the
year in which the national convention is to be held. Where it is not possible for a state party to certify the manner and the date upon which it holds a presidential primary, caucus, convention, or meeting for the purpose of voting for a presidential candidate and/or selecting delegates to the national convention in effect in that state on the date and in the manner provided in paragraph (e) of this rule, the process for holding the presidential primary, caucus, convention, or meeting for the purpose of voting for a presidential candidate and/or selecting delegates to the national convention shall be conducted in the same manner and held upon the same date as was used for the immediately preceding national convention. If it is not possible to hold a presidential primary, caucus, convention, or meeting for the purpose of voting for a presidential candidate and/or selecting delegates to the national convention upon the same date as was used for the immediately preceding national convention, then delegates or alternate delegates shall be selected by congressional district or state conventions pursuant to paragraph (d) of this rule.
(d) Conventions.

Wherever state law permits or the Republican Party rules of a state require the election of delegates and alternate delegates by convention or there is no applicable state law or Republican Party rule, delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention shall be elected by congressional district or state conventions pursuant to the following rules:
(1) Congressional district or state conventions shall be called by the Republican state committee.
(2) Delegates to congressional district conventions may be elected in precinct caucuses, mass meetings, mass conventions, or county conventions in which only eligible voters in such precinct, county, or district, as the case may be, shall vote.
(3) Notices of the call for any such caucus, meeting, or convention shall be
published in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the county, district, or state, as the case may be, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such caucus, meeting, or convention.
(4) No delegates shall be deemed eligible to participate in any congressional district or state convention the purpose of which is to elect delegates to the national convention who are elected prior to the date of the issuance of the call of such national convention.
(5) Congressional district conventions shall be composed of delegates who are persons eligible to vote and who are deemed to be Republicans pursuant to state law or party rules. State conventions shall be composed of delegates who are persons eligible to vote and who are deemed to be Republicans pursuant to state law or party rules in the respective districts which they represent in said state conventions. Such delegates shall be apportioned by the state Republican Party among counties, parishes, and cities of the state or district having regard to the Republican vote or the population therein.
(6) There shall be no proxies at any district or state convention (which shall not include meetings of a Republican state committee) held for the purpose of selecting delegates to the 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.
(e) Certification and filing by the state committees.
(1) On or before the first Tuesday in September of the year before the year in which the national convention is to be held, each Republican state committee shall adopt rules, procedures, policies, and instructive materials (prepared pursuant to Rule No. 14(a)) governing the selection of delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention to convene during the following year and shall certify and file with the secretary of the

Republican National Committee true copies of the same and of all statutes governing the selection of such delegates and alternate delegates.
(2) The Republican National Committee may grant a waiver to a state party from certain provisions of this rule in the following instance:
(i) Where it is not possible for a state party to comply with the first Tuesday in September deadline delineated in paragraph (e)(1) of this rule and not possible for a state party to hold its presidential primary, caucus, convention, or meeting for the purpose of voting for a presidential candidate and/or selecting delegates to the national convention as was used for the immediately preceding national convention or to select delegates or alternate delegates by congressional district or state conventions pursuant to paragraph (d) of this rule, and the Republican National Committee determines that granting such waiver is in the best interests of the Republican Party.

## Rule No. 16

## Enforcement of Rules

(a) If any state or state party violates the Rules of the Republican Party relating to the timing of the selection process resulting in the election of the delegates or alternate delegates to the next national convention, such state shall suffer a loss of its delegates and alternate delegates to that national convention as follows:
(1) If a state or state party violates the Rules of the Republican Party relating to the timing of the selection process resulting in the election of delegates or alternate delegates to the national convention before the call to the national convention is issued, then the number of delegates to the national convention from that state shall be reduced by fifty percent (50\%), and the corresponding alternated delegates shall also be reduced.
(2) If a state or state party violates the Rules of the Republican Party relating to the timing of the selection process resulting in the election of delegates or alternate delegates to the national convention after the call to the national convention is issued, then the number of delegates to the national convention from that state shall be reduced by ninety percent ( $90 \%$ ), and the corresponding alternate delegates shall also be reduced.
(3) Any sum representing a fraction shall be increased to the nearest whole number, so long as such rounding does not prevent a state from having at least one (1) delegate or alternate delegate to the national convention.
(b) If a violation has occurred before the issuance of the call to the national convention, the chairman of the Republican National Committee shall notify the offending state of the violation and shall inform the state of the number of delegates and alternate delegates it will lose. This reduced number of delegates and alternate delegates will be reflected in the call to the national convention, and will be reported to the secretary of state or responsible election official of the offending state and to the chairman of every state party. Said reduced number will be the only number recognized as the official delegation of the state to the national convention.
(c) If a violation has occurred after the issuance of the call to the national convention, the chairman of the Republican National Committee shall notify the state of the violation and shall inform the state of the number of delegates and alternate delegates it will lose. This reduced number of delegates and alternate delegates will be reported to the secretary of state or responsible election official of the offending state and to the chairman of every state party, and such reduced number will be the only number recognized as the official delegation of the state to the national convention.
(d) If the chairman of the Republican National Committee does not act upon a
violation of the Rules of the Republican Party relating to the selection and/or allocation of delegates or alternate delegates to the national convention, then a statement may be filed against a state or state party by any three (3) members of the Republican National Committee Standing Committee on Rules who feel that a violation has occurred.
(1) A statement filed against a state or state party by any three (3) members of the Standing Committee on Rules shall be written and shall specify the reasons why the members believe the state or state party is in violation. The statement shall be signed and dated by each Rules member filing the statement, and shall be filed with the secretary of the Republican National Committee. The secretary of the Republican National Committee shall, within twenty (20) days of receipt, distribute such statement to all members of the Republican National Committee.
(2) The Standing Committee on Rules shall meet upon the call of the chairman of the Rules Committee, and shall vote upon whether a state or state party is in violation. If by majority vote the Standing Committee on Rules finds a violation, then such state or state party shall suffer the penalties described in paragraph (a) of this rule.
(e) If a state or state party is determined to be in violation:
(1) No member of the Republican National Committee from the offending state shall be permitted to serve as a delegate or alternate delegate to the national convention.
(2) After the Republican National Committee members are excluded from being part of the offending state's delegation to the national convention, the state party shall determine which of the state's remaining delegates (and corresponding alternate delegates) are entitled to serve as part of the state's reduced delegation to the national convention.
(3) In addition to the penalties provided for in paragraphs (e)(1) and (2) of this rule, the Republican National Committee Standing Committee on Rules may impose
additional sanctions relating to the offending state's hotel location at the national convention, guest privileges and VIP passes at the national convention, and seating location in the national convention hall.
(f) A state or state party shall have no appeal from either a finding of a violation against it or a penalty imposed upon it under this rule.

## Rule No. 17

## Vacancies in a State Delegation

(a) Where the rules adopted by a state Republican Party provide a method for filling vacancies in its national convention delegation, they shall be filled pursuant to such method.
(b) Where the rules adopted by a state Republican Party do not provide a method for filling vacancies in its national convention delegation, and where the state laws do provide such a method of replacement, they shall be filled pursuant to such method provided by state laws.
(c) Where neither the rules adopted by a state Republican Party nor state laws provide a method for filling vacancies in its national convention delegation, the state party should make every effort to elect those individuals filling the vacancies in the delegation in the same manner as the delegates were originally elected or by vote of the state Republican Party executive committee or if the state executive committee has not filled the vacancy by ten (10) days prior to the convention, by vote of the state delegation. This section shall not apply to the delegates allocated to the state in Rule 13(a)(2).

## Rule No. 18

## Excess Delegates and Alternate Delegates

(a) No state shall elect a greater number of persons to act as delegates and alternate delegates than the actual number of delegates and alternate delegates respectively to which it is entitled under the call for the national convention. Provided, however, that if a state is found in violation of the delegate selection rules under Rule No. 16, then that state shall not elect a greater number of persons to act as delegates and alternate delegates than the actual number of delegates and alternate delegates respectively to which it is entitled under Rule No. 16. No unit of representation may elect any delegate or alternate delegate with permission to cast a fractional vote.
(b) Where more than the authorized number of delegates from any state is certified and forwarded to the secretary of the Republican National Committee in the manner provided in Rule No. 19, 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 national convention.

## Rule No. 19

## Certification of Election

(a) All delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected not later than thirty-five (35) days before the date of the meeting of the national convention, unless otherwise provided by the laws of the state in which the election occurs.
(b) Election of delegates and alternate delegates shall be certified:
(1) In every case where they are elected by convention, by the chairman and
secretary of such convention or by the chairman and secretary of the Republican state committee, and forwarded to the secretary of the Republican National Committee;
(2) In every case where they are elected by primary, by 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 alternate delegates to national conventions of political parties, and all certificates shall be forwarded by said duly elected delegates and alternate delegates in the manner herein provided; and,
(3) In every case where they are elected by the Republican state committee, by the chairman and secretary of the Republican state committee, and forwarded to the secretary of the Republican National Committee.
(c) No later than thirty (30) days before the time set for the meeting of the national convention, the credentials of each delegate and alternate delegate shall be filed with the secretary of the Republican National Committee for use by the secretary in making up the temporary roll of the national convention, except in the case of delegates or alternate delegates elected at a time or times in accordance with the laws of the state in which the election occurs rendering impossible the filing of credentials within the time above specified.

## Rule No. 20

## Contests: Resolution by States

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. Only contests affecting delegates elected at large shall be presented to the Republican 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 Republican National Committee may take jurisdiction thereof and hear and determine the same under the procedures provided in Rules No. 22 and No. 23.

## Rule No. 21

## Temporary Roll

(a) The names of the delegates and alternate delegates presenting certificates of election from the officials designated in Rule No. 19 shall be placed upon the temporary roll of the national convention by the Republican National Committee.
(b) No person on the temporary roll of the national convention and whose right to be seated as a delegate or alternate delegate is being contested shall be entitled to vote in the national convention or in any committee thereof until by vote of the national convention the contest as to such person has been finally decided and such person has been permanently seated, except that any such person may be accorded the right to so vote, except in matters involving the credentials of that person, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Republican National Committee or the Committee on Credentials.

## Rule No. 22

## Contest Filing

(a) Notices of contests shall state the grounds of the contest and shall be filed, no later than thirty (30) days before the time set for the meeting of the national convention, with the secretary of the Republican National Committee and shall be sent, simultaneously, by registered mail to the person or persons being contested, except in the case of delegates or alternate delegates elected at a time or times in accordance with applicable state law
rendering impossible the filing of the notice of contest within the time above specified.
(b) Notices of contests may be filed only by a resident of the state whose delegation is challenged who was eligible to participate at any level in the delegate selection process of that state.
(c) Only contests that are timely filed under these rules shall be considered.
(d) For purposes of the rules relating to contests and credentials, the term "party" shall mean a person or persons who shall have filed a notice of contest pursuant to this Rule No. 22, and the person or persons whose right to be seated as a delegate or alternate delegate is the subject of such notice of contest.

## Rule No. 23

## Contest Procedure

(a) The Committee on Contests shall have the power to adopt procedural rules, not inconsistent with these rules, which shall govern the expeditious resolution of contests before the Committee on Contests. When any deadline set out in this rule falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, such deadline shall be extended to the following day.
(b) No later than twenty-two (22) days before the convening of the national convention (or, in the case of delegates or alternate delegates elected at a time or times in accordance with applicable state law rendering impossible compliance with this requirement, within five (5) days after such election), each of the parties shall file with the secretary of the Republican National Committee at least three (3) printed or typewritten copies of the statement of position in support of the party's claim to sit as delegates or alternate delegates to the national convention together with such affidavits or other evidence as desired. The secretary of the Republican National Committee, upon receiving the statement of position of
a party, shall furnish the opposing party a copy of said statement of position. Each statement of position shall begin with a summary of not more than one thousand $(1,000)$ words setting forth succinctly a synopsis of the statement of position and a specific statement of the points relied upon.
(c) The Committee on Contests shall promptly hear the matter; decide which issues are involved, either of law or fact, or both; decide upon its recommendation for resolution of such issues; and submit such issues and its recommendations for resolution to the Republican National Committee. The issues so submitted by the Committee on Contests shall be the sole issues passed upon and determined by the Republican National Committee unless the Republican National Committee shall, by a majority vote, extend or change the same. If the Committee on Contests for any reason shall fail to state the issues either of law or fact, the Republican National Committee shall decide upon what issues the contest shall be tried, and the hearing shall be limited to such issues unless the Republican National Committee, by a majority vote, shall decide otherwise.
(d) The Committee on Contests 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 a statement of the recommendation of the Committee on Contests as to resolution of such points of issue, and shall be signed by the chairman or his designee. When the Committee on Contests has prepared such report stating the issues of law and fact, a copy of the statement of such issues shall be submitted forthwith to a person in the convention city, whom the parties must appoint at the time of filing the contest to receive such statement, and a copy shall be served forthwith by the chairman of the Committee on Contests upon the parties by the most expeditious method available, providing
for written evidence of receipt including, but not limited to, overnight delivery service.
(e) The parties shall have eight (8) days to file written objections to the Committee on Contests' statement of the issues of fact or law, or both, unless the Republican National Committee is called to act upon the contest sooner, in which case such objections shall be made before the meeting of the whole committee. If the parties reside in American Samoa, Guam, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands, they shall be entitled to ten (10) days to file written objections. The objections shall contain any additional statement of issues of either law or fact, or both, claimed by the party submitting the same to be involved in and necessary to be decided in the contest.
(f) When the Republican National Committee is called to pass upon any contest that may arise, the members of the Committee on Credentials shall also be notified of 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 the vote.

## Rule No. 24

## Convention Committee on Credentials

(a) When the national convention shall have assembled, the secretary of the Republican National Committee shall deliver to the Committee on Credentials all credentials and other papers forwarded under Rule No. 19(c).
(b) An appeal may be taken to the Committee on Credentials from any ruling of the Republican National Committee on any contest, by and only by a party to such contest in the proceedings conducted pursuant to Rules No. 22 and No. 23; provided, however, that notice of such appeal must be filed with the secretary of the Republican National Committee within twenty-four (24) hours after the decision, that such notice shall specify the grounds upon
which the appeal is taken, and that only the grounds so specified shall be heard by the Committee on Credentials upon such appeal. No evidence other than that taken before the Republican National Committee shall be taken up by the Committee on Credentials unless it shall, by a majority vote of its members present and voting, so direct.
(c) No issue involving the status of one or more delegates or alternate delegates or any contest relating thereto may originate before the Committee on Credentials of the national convention. All contests must first be presented to the Committee on Contests of the Republican National Committee or to the whole Republican National Committee in the manner provided in Rule 18(b).
(d) No motion with respect to delegates or alternate delegates from more than one (1) state or territory shall be in order before the Committee on Credentials.

## PROCEEDINGS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION

Temporary Rules

Rule No. 25

## Order of Business

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

## Rule No. 26

## Committee Reports

(a) The report of the Committee on Credentials shall be disposed of before the report of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business is acted upon; the report of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business 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 of the United States and Vice President of the United States.
(b) The report of any such committee listed in Rule No. 26(a) shall be considered as read if made available to the delegates prior to its consideration.

## Rule No. 27

Definition of "States"
Whenever used in these rules, "state" or "states" shall be taken to include American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, except in Rule No. 13 and unless the context in which the word "state" or "states" is used clearly makes such inclusion inappropriate.

## Rule No. 28

## Admission to Convention Hall

(a) No person except members of the several delegations, officers of the convention, members of the Republican National Committee and incumbent Republican governors, incumbent Republican United States Senators, and incumbent Republican members of the United States House of Representatives, shall be admitted to the section of the convention hall restricted to delegates.
(b) Press and staff shall be admitted to the section(s) of the hall authorized for them.
(c) The chairman of the Republican National Committee shall insure that guest passes to the convention are distributed in an equitable fashion. Each delegate and alternate delegate to the convention shall receive at least one guest pass to each session of the
convention.
(d) Each state, through its Republican National Committee members, shall be allocated full sets of additional guest passes equal to thirty-three percent (33\%) of the total number of delegate and alternate delegate membership for that state, rounded to the next whole number.

## Rule No. 29

## Voting

(a) Each delegate to the convention shall be entitled to one (1) vote, which may be cast by an alternate delegate in the absence of the delegate, and an individual holding more than one (1) of the following positions: national committeeman; national committeewoman; or state chairman of any state, shall not be entitled to more than one (1) delegate seat and shall not be entitled to more than one (1) vote.
(b) In the absence of any delegate at large or any delegate from any congressional district, the roll of alternate delegates 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 law governing the state or district electing the absent delegate, the state or district convention, or the Republican state committee or governing committee shall otherwise provide, or the delegation shall otherwise direct at the time of certification, in which event the alternate delegates from the state or district shall vote in the order established pursuant to the foregoing, as set forth in the delegation's certification. The form of certificate provided by the Republican National Committee shall provide a means by which an order for voting by alternate delegates may be specified.

## Rule No. 30

## Rules of Order

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

## Rule No. 31

## Length of Debate

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

## Rule No. 32

## Suspension of Rules

A motion to suspend the rules shall always be in order, but only when made by authority of a majority of the delegates from any state and seconded by a majority of the delegates from each of five (5) or more other states severally.

## Rule No. 33

## Platform Resolutions

All proposed resolutions relating to the platform shall be submitted in writing to the Committee on Resolutions without reading and without debate.

## Rule No. 34

## Minority Reports; Amendments

(a) No resolution or amendment pertaining to the report of the Committee on Resolutions or the Committee on Rules and Order of Business shall be reported out or made a part of any report of such committee or otherwise read or debated before the convention, unless the same shall have been submitted to the chairman, vice chairman, or secretary of such committee or to the secretary of the convention in writing not later than one hour after the time at which such committee votes on its report to the convention and shall have been accompanied by a petition evidencing the affirmative written support of a minimum of twenty-five percent ( $25 \%$ ) of the membership of such committee.
(b) No amendment pertaining to the report of the Committee on Credentials affecting delegates or alternate delegates from more than one (1) state shall be in order.

## Rule No. 35

## Motion to Table

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. 36

## Previous Question

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

## Rule No. 37

## Roll Call

(a) Upon all subjects before the convention requiring a roll call, the states shall be called in alphabetical order.
(b) In the balloting, the vote of each state shall be announced by the chairman of such state's delegation, or his or her designee; 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 from that state 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.
(c) 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 herein before established. No delegation shall be allowed to change its vote until all delegations which passed shall have been given a second opportunity to vote.
(d) Except in a roll call for nomination for President of the United States and Vice

President of the United States, or where the majority of delegates of fifteen (15) or more states severally have requested that a roll call be conducted by voice call of the roll, the chairman of the convention may order that the balloting on any subject placed before the convention requiring a roll call be conducted by electronic, telephonic or computer device which will display votes to the convention simultaneously. Each delegation chairman shall record and tally any such votes of the delegation on official roll call tally sheets provided by the secretary of the convention, showing the individual vote of the delegates, and file such tally sheets with the secretary of the convention not more than thirty (30) minutes after the completion of the roll call vote.

## Rule No. 38

## Unit Rule

No delegate or alternate delegate shall be bound by any attempt of any state or congressional district to impose the unit rule.

## Rule No. 39

Record Vote
If a majority of the delegates of any six (6) states severally shall demand a roll call vote, the same shall be taken of the states in the order hereinbefore established.

## Rule No. 40

## Nominations

(a) In making the nominations for President of the United States and Vice President of the United States and voting thereon, the roll of the states shall be called separately in
each case; provided, however, that if there is only one candidate for nomination for Vice President of the United States who has demonstrated the support required by paragraph (b) of this rule, a motion to nominate for such office by acclamation shall be in order and no calling of the roll with respect to such office shall be required.
(b) Each candidate for nomination for President of the United States and Vice President of the United States shall demonstrate the support of a majority of the delegates from each of five (5) or more states, severally, prior to the presentation of the name of that candidate for nomination.
(c) The total time of the nominating speech and seconding speeches for any candidate for nomination for President of the United States or Vice President of the United States shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes.
(d) When at the close of a roll call any candidate for nomination for President of the United States or Vice President of the United States has received a majority of the votes entitled to be cast in the convention, the chairman of the convention shall declare that the candidate has been nominated.
(e) If no candidate shall have received such majority, the chairman of the convention shall direct the roll of the states be called again and shall repeat the calling of the roll until a candidate shall have received a majority of the votes entitled to be cast in the convention.
(f) For the 2004 Republican National Convention, notwithstanding any other provision of these rules or any Rule of the House of Representatives, it shall be in the discretion of the Chair to suspend the roll call conducted to nominate the candidate for President of the United States at any time in order to conduct other Convention business under the established order of business.

## Rule No. 41

## Convention Committees

(a) The delegates elected to the convention from each state, promptly once all such delegates are elected, shall elect from the delegation a delegation chairman and their members of the Committees on Resolutions, Credentials, Rules and Order of Business, and Permanent Organization of the 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 Republican National Committee; provided, however, that no delegate may serve on more than one (1) committee of the convention. Alternate delegates may not serve as delegation chairmen or as members of the convention committees, except when the number of delegates attending the convention is less than the number of committee positions to be filled, then an alternate delegate can serve, except as noted above.
(b) Committees and subcommittees may set time limits for speaking on any question by a simple majority vote; provided, however, that not less than twenty (20) minutes, equally divided between proponents and opponents on any question, shall be allowed in any case on any debatable motion, order, or appeal.
(c) Upon request of twenty percent ( $20 \%$ ) of the members of a committee or subcommittee of the convention, a vote shall be recorded in the manner provided by these rules, and no votes in the committees or subcommittees of the convention shall be taken by secret ballot.
(d) No later than twenty-five (25) days prior to the national convention, members of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business and members of the Republican National Committee shall be provided a copy of the existing Rules of the Republican Party along with all recommended changes to those rules approved as of that date by the Standing Committee
on Rules of the Republican National Committee since the previous national convention. Any changes shall be prominently noted. A letter shall be attached to the document stating that all proposed rules are still subject to change prior to the meeting of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business. After this information is provided, any additional recommendations regarding changes in the Rules of the Republican Party approved by the Republican National Committee shall be provided to the members of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business as soon as practicable.
(e) No later than 25 days prior to the National Convention, all members of each of the various convention committees shall be provided the most current listing of their fellow committee members, with complete contact information.

## Rule No. 42

## Temporary Rules

Rules No. 25 through No. 42 shall be the temporary rules of the next national convention and its committees and subcommittees.

## PROMULGATION OF CALL

The Secretary of the Republican National Committee is hereby directed to promulgate this Call by sending a copy thereof to the Republican National Committeeman, Republican National Committeewoman, Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee or Governing Committee of the Republican Party in each state, and by sending to the Republican National Committee member senior in point of service for each state an additional copy of this Call, which copy shall be forwarded by said member to the secretary
of the Republican State Central Committee or Governing Committee of the Republican Party in said member's state. The effective date of issuance of this call shall be November 9, 2007.

## APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES

The apportionment of delegates to the Republican National Convention is made in accordance with Rule No. 13, Rule No. 15, and Rule No. 16 of The Rules of the Republican Party as adopted by the Republican National Convention at New York, New York on August 30, 2004.

Rule No. 13 establishes the Membership of the national convention stipulating the formula to determine the number of delegates and alternates to be allocated to each state subject to the provisions of Rule No. 16.

Rule No. 15(b) and Rule No. 19(a) establish the window during which delegates and alternates to the national convention must be elected/allocated as no earlier than the first Tuesday of February in the year in which the national convention is held and no later than thirty-five (35) days before the beginning of the national convention (February 5, 2008 - July 28, 2008).

Rule No. 16(b) establishes the penalty for any State that violates the timing window for the selection and/or allocation of national convention delegates, which is a $50 \%$ reduction in the total number of delegates and alternates otherwise allocated to that state under Rule No. 13 if that process is certified to the Republican National Committee prior to the issuance of the Call. Any reduction in the number of delegates and alternates allocated to a state based on assessing a Rule No. 16 penalty is reflected in this Call.

After the Republican National Committee members are excluded from being part of the offending State's delegation to the national convention as required by Rule No. 16(e)(1), the State Party of any penalized State shall determine which delegates and alternate delegates are
entitled to serve as part of the State's reduced delegation to the national convention, per Rule No. 16(e)(2).

If a State attempts to credential more delegates and alternate delegates than authorized under this Call, an automatic contest shall be deemed to exist under Rule No. 18(b). At such time, the Republican National Committee has the authority to decide, per Rule No. 18(b), which of those delegates and alternate delegates reported by the State shall be placed upon the temporary roll of the national convention. In order to fairly and equitably implement this authority, if necessary, the Republican National Committee shall eliminate one delegate and one alternate delegate from each of the State's Congressional Districts and the remainder from the State's At-Large total in order to ensure compliance with that State's delegate/alternate delegate totals as authorized in this Call. This determination shall be in addition to eliminating the three National Committee members from that State, as required under Rule No. 16.

Based upon the delegate allocation formula listed in Rule No. 13, along with the enforcement provisions of Rule Nos. 15 and 16, the apportionment of delegates to the 2008 Republican National Convention is as follows:

Alabama | 3 RNC Delegates; 24 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each |
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| Congressional District (21) |
| Total Delegates: 48 |

Total Alternate Delegates: 45

Alaska 3 RNC Delegates; 23 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (3)

Total Delegates: 29
Total Alternate Delegates: 26

Delegates
Total Delegates: 9
Total Alternate Delegates: 6

Arizona
3 RNC Delegates; 26 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (24)

Total Delegates: 53
Total Alternate Delegates: 50

Arkansas

California

Colorado
3 RNC Delegates; 22 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each
Congressional District (21)
Total Delegates: 46
Total Alternate Delegates: 43

| Connecticut | 3 RNC Delegates; 12 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each |
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|  | Congressional District (15) |

Total Delegates: 30
Total Alternate Delegates: 27

Delaware 3 RNC Delegates; 12 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (3)

Total Delegates: 18
Total Alternate Delegates: 15

District of Columbia
3 RNC Delegates; 16 Delegates at Large; 0 Congressional District
Delegates
Total Delegates: 19
Total Alternate Delegates: 16

Florida 3 RNC Delegates; 36 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (75)

Rule No. 13 Delegate Allocation: 114
Deduct RNC Members As Delegates - 3
Deduct Rule No. 16 Penalty of $50 \%$ : -54
Total Delegates: 57
Total Alternate Delegates: 57

Georgia

Guam

Hawaii

Idaho

Illinois

3 RNC Delegates; 30 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (39)

Total Delegates: 72
Total Alternate Delegates: 69

3 RNC Delegates; 6 Delegates at Large; 0 Congressional District Delegates

Total Delegates: 9
Total Alternate Delegates: 6

3 RNC Delegates; 11 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (6)

Total Delegates: 20
Total Alternate Delegates: 17

3 RNC Delegates; 23 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (6)

Total Delegates: 32
Total Alternate Delegates: 29

3 RNC Delegates; 10 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each
Congressional District (57)
Total Delegates: 70
Total Alternate Delegates: 67

Iowa

| Kansas | 3 RNC Delegates; 24 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each |
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|  | Congressional District (12) |

Total Delegates: 39
Total Alternate Delegates: 36

Kentucky 3 RNC Delegates; 24 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (18)

Total Delegates: 45
Total Alternate Delegates: 42

Louisiana
3 RNC Delegates; 23 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (21)

Total Delegates: 47

Total Alternate Delegates: 44

Maine 3 RNC Delegates; 12 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (6)

Total Delegates: 21
Total Alternate Delegates: 18

Maryland
3 RNC Delegates; 10 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (24)

Total Delegates: 37
Total Alternate Delegates: 34

Massachusetts 3 RNC Delegates; 10 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each
Congressional District (30)
Total Delegates: 43
Total Alternate Delegates: 40

| Michigan | RNC Delegates; 12 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each |  |
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| Congressional District (45) |  |  |
| Rule No. 13 Delegate Allocation: | 60 |  |
| Deduct RNC Members As Delegates | -3 |  |
|  | Deduct Rule No. 16 Penalty of 50\%: | -27 |
| Total Delegates: | 30 |  |
| Total Alternate Delegates: | 30 |  |

Minnesota

Mississippi

Missouri

Montana

Nebraska

3 RNC Delegates; 14 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (24)

Total Delegates: 41
Total Alternate Delegates: 38

3 RNC Delegates; 24 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (12)

Total Delegates: 39
Total Alternate Delegates: 36

3 RNC Delegates; 28 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (27)

Total Delegates: 58
Total Alternate Delegates: 55

3 RNC Delegates; 19 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (3)

Total Delegates: 25
Total Alternate Delegates: 22

3 RNC Delegates; 21 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each
Congressional District (9)
Total Delegates: 33
Total Alternate Delegates: 30

# New Hampshire 3 RNC Delegates; 15 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (6) <br> Rule No. 13 Delegate Allocation: 24 <br> Deduct RNC Members As Delegates - 3 <br> Deduct Rule No. 16 Penalty of $50 \%$ : 9 <br> Total Delegates: 12 <br> Total Alternate Delegates: 12 

New Jersey 3 RNC Delegates; 10 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each
Congressional District (39)
Total Delegates: 52
Total Alternate Delegates: 49

New Mexico 3 RNC Delegates; 20 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (9)

Total Delegates: 32
Total Alternate Delegates: 29

No. Mariana Islands 3 RNC Delegates; 6 Delegates at Large; 0 Congressional District<br>Delegates<br>Total Delegates: 9<br>Total Alternate Delegates: 6

North Carolina
3 RNC Delegates; 27 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each

Congressional District (39)
Total Delegates: 69
Total Alternate Delegates: 66

North Dakota 3 RNC Delegates; 20 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (3)

Total Delegates: 26
Total Alternate Delegates: 23

Ohio
3 RNC Delegates; 31 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each
Congressional District (54)
Total Delegates: 88
Total Alternate Delegates: 85

Oklahoma
3 RNC Delegates; 23 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (15)

Total Delegates: 41
Total Alternate Delegates: 38

Oregon 3 RNC Delegates; 12 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (15)

Total Delegates: 30
Total Alternate Delegates: 27

Pennsylvania 3 RNC Delegates; 14 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (57)

Total Delegates: 74
Total Alternate Delegates: 71

Puerto Rico 3 RNC Delegates; 20 Delegates at Large; 0 Congressional District
Delegates
Total Delegates: 23
Total Alternate Delegates: 20

Rhode Island 3 RNC Delegates; 11 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (6)

Total Delegates: 20
Total Alternate Delegates: 17

South Carolina

South Dakota

Tennessee
3 RNC Delegates; 25 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each

Congressional District (27)

Total Delegates: 55
Total Alternate Delegates: 52

Texas
3 RNC Delegates; 41 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (96)

Total Delegates: 140
Total Alternate Delegates: 137
U.S. Virgin Islands

3 RNC Delegates; 6 Delegates at Large; 0 Congressional District Delegates

Total Delegates: 9

Total Alternate Delegates: 6

Utah
3 RNC Delegates; 24 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (9)

Total Delegates: 36

Total Alternate Delegates: 33

Vermont
3 RNC Delegates; 11 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each Congressional District (3)

Total Delegates: 17
Total Alternate Delegates: 14

Virginia

Washington
3 RNC Delegates; 10 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each
Congressional District (27)
Total Delegates: 40

Total Alternate Delegates: 37

# 3 RNC Delegates; 13 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each 

 Congressional District (24)Total Delegates: 40
Total Alternate Delegates: 37

| Wyoming | 3 RNC Delegates; 22 Delegates at Large; 3 Delegates from each |  |
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| Congressional District (3) |  |  |
|  | Rule No. 13 Delegate Allocation: | 28 |
| Deduct RNC Members As Delegates | -3 |  |
|  | Deduct Rule No. 16 Penalty of 50\%: | -11 |
| Total Delegates: | 14 |  |
| Total Alternate Delegates: | 14 |  |



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