

RULE 10

Delegate Selection Rules



A. All delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention shall be elected following the State of Florida Presidential Preference Primary in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.

B. The Republican presidential candidate receiving the higher or highest number of votes in any congressional district shall receive all delegate votes from such congressional district. The Republican presidential candidate receiving the higher or highest number of statewide votes shall receive all votes of the Delegates at Large. The Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, or his or her designee, shall be bound to count and cast all Delegate at Large votes for such candidate during the first three convention ballots unless the convention rules state that delegates are bound for more than three ballots. If the candidate to whom the delegate votes are bound releases the delegates or withdraws his or her candidacy, then said delegate votes will not be bound to any candidate. No delegate, other than the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, or his or her designee, shall be entitled to cast any vote on his or her own behalf until the fourth convention ballot.

C. Within one week after the Presidential Preference Primary, each Republican presidential candidate whose name appeared on the Presidential Preference Primary ballot shall submit to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida a list of proposed delegates and alternate delegates from among each of the candidate's supporters who shall be considered as candidates with others to be elected as delegates and alternate delegates. The names and addresses of the proposed candidate's supporters shall be distributed by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida to the various chairmen of the electing bodies prior to the holding of any elections for the purpose of electing delegates and alternate delegates.

D. The Republican Party of Florida is entitled to a number of delegates and alternate delegates determined by the Republican National Committee to serve in such capacities at the Republican National Convention. There are three delegates who have no alternate per RNC rule – they are the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, the National Committeeman and the National Committeewoman. The remaining delegates shall be elected in the following manner:

(1) One-third (1/3) of the delegates and one-third (1/3) of the alternate delegates shall be elected as Delegates at Large by the Executive Board of the Republican State Executive Committee. The process of electing such delegates shall commence at a duly-called meeting of the Executive Board of the Republican State Executive Committee no sooner than one week after the Presidential Preference Primary and no later than three months after the Presidential Preference Primary. Under no circumstances shall the election occur less than three weeks before the Republican National Convention.

(2) Two-thirds of the delegates and two-thirds of the alternate delegates shall be elected from the congressional districts, with an equal amount of delegates and alternate delegates to be elected from each congressional district. In the event that this two-thirds formula results

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in a fractional amount of delegates from each congressional district, the number from each congressional district shall be rounded down to the next whole number and the fractional shares shall be totaled and elected as Delegates at Large.

The delegates and the alternate delegates from each congressional district shall be elected by receiving the higher or highest number of votes of the total respective State Committeemen, State Committeewomen and County Chairmen representing any county in each congressional district. The State Executive Committee Congressional District Chairmen from each congressional district shall preside and chair in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. The process of electing such delegates shall occur no sooner than one week after the Presidential Preference Primary and no later than two months after the Presidential Preference Primary, at a time and place to be set by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida. Proxy voting is not permitted.

E. Notice to the registered Republican voters of the above-mentioned election dates, time, place, rules, officials conducting and eligibility requirements for participation in the said elections, shall be published on the web site of the Republican Party of Florida at least 15 days before the election, and these rules governing such qualifications shall become effective on January 1 of the Presidential election year.

F. Any candidate for delegate or alternate delegate shall, at the time of declaring his or her candidacy, be a registered Republican voter in Florida and to be a candidate for delegate or alternate delegate from a congressional district, shall at the time of declaring his or her candidacy also reside in and be elected from the voter's congressional district. In addition, the candidate shall file a qualifying oath with the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida in accordance with the applicable Florida Statutes and the applicable Rules of the Republican Party and in a form approved by the General Counsel to the Republican Party of Florida.

G. No candidate for delegate or alternate delegate shall be required to pay an assessment or fee to become a candidate or to serve as the elected delegate or alternate delegate.

H. No candidate for delegate or alternate delegate shall be discriminated against for reasons of sex, race, religion, color, age, national origin or physical disability, and all delegates shall be divided equally according to gender as nearly as possible.

I. The Chairman of the various electing bodies shall certify within ten (10) days of their respective elections the names of the candidates elected as delegates and alternate delegates to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida who then shall, prior to three weeks before the time set for the meeting of the Republican National Committee, certify elected delegates. The delegates' and alternate delegates' qualification oaths shall be filed with the Florida Department of State.

J. The provisions of Chapter 103, Florida Statutes, are hereby incorporated by reference and shall

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have such force and effect as if set forth in full herein. To the extent that these rules conflict with the Florida Statutes, the statutes will prevail.

K. In the event a delegate or an alternate delegate is unable to attend the Republican National Convention, the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, or his or her designee, shall select his or her replacement.

L. A copy of this rule, as adopted, shall be filed with the Department of State within seven (7) days after its adoption.

M. Nothing in these Rules or the Florida Statutes shall be interpreted as inconsistent with 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 next national convention. Nothing in these Rules or the Florida Statutes shall be interpreted to provide for commencement of the process for selecting delegates or alternate delegates to the next national convention prior to one week after the Presidential Preference Primary.

In the event that the Republican National Convention refuses to seat the full allotment of Florida delegates, all remaining delegates shall be Delegates at Large and shall be selected by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida from the original delegation. In that event, the Chairman shall select at least one (1) delegate from each congressional district, with the advice and consent of each State Executive Committee Congressional District Chairman.