

# SENATE DISTRICT 54 REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

## Proposed RULES

February 2, 2019

1. The order of business of this convention shall be as listed in the official agenda of the convention, subject to the discretion of the presiding Chair or, in his/her absence, the Vice-Chair.
2. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Statutes of the State of Minnesota, the Official Convention Call of the Convention, or the Rules adopted by this Convention.
3. A Quorum shall consist of a majority of the duly elected delegates registered for the convention as given in the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee and shall be superseded by a majority of the duly elected delegates and seated alternates as given in the final report of the Credentials Committee. Once a quorum of 50% plus one of the delegates seated in this Convention has been established, there shall be no further question as to the quorum.
4. These rules shall not be amended nor suspended except by a two-thirds vote of the convention.

### SEATING OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

5. The permanent roll of the convention shall be constituted as follows:
  - a. The duly elected delegates of each precinct who are actually present.
  - b. If any duly elected delegate to this Convention is absent, then a duly elected alternate from that precinct shall be seated in their stead.
  - c. If no duly elected delegates or alternates from a precinct are present, that precinct shall have no representation.
  - d. When a registered delegate returns to the floor of the convention, they shall be immediately seated.
  - e. The order of seating of alternates shall be as follows:
    - (1) If the alternate vote count from a precinct caucus is available, alternates shall be seated in order of the votes received.
    - (2) If the vote count is not available, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the seated delegates of that precinct.
    - (3) If no delegates are present and seated, the Executive Committee Chair or, in his or her absence, Vice-Chair shall fill the vacancy with duly elected alternates.
6. The voting strength of each precinct shall be the number of delegates and seated alternates present on the floor.
7. The Credentials Committee shall report any changes in the delegations prior to election of officers or delegates or ratification of the platform or when requested by the Chair.

8. No delegates or alternates shall be permitted to register with the Credentials Committee after the final report of that committee is adopted.

### **SPEAKING**

9. A delegate or seated alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Chair of the convention, state his/her name and precinct and the purpose for which he/she rises.
10. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to a maximum of four (4) speakers on each side of the subject or motion and to one (1) minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice and a total of two (2) minutes on the same subject. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time until all those desiring to speak have had a first opportunity to do so.
11. The Convention Chair shall appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussion, debate and speeches during the Convention.
12. The Convention Chair at any time may invite any office holder, candidate or distinguished guest to address the Convention for a period not to exceed five (5) minutes.

### **VOTING**

13. There shall be no voting under the unit rule at this Convention.
14. Only delegates and seated alternates registered and present at this Convention shall be permitted to vote.
15. The vote on all questions shall be by acclamation subject to the following restrictions:
  - a. A rising vote shall be taken if requested by any delegate, or at the discretion of the Chair.
  - b. Voting for officers, delegates and alternates shall be by secret ballot for all contested elections.
16. No second shall be required to a motion to adopt the report of any committee.
17. When the previous question has been ordered on any proposition on which there has been no debate; it shall be in order, before the final vote has been taken, to debate the proposition for three minutes with one-half of that time allotted to those in favor, and one-half to those in opposition to the proposition. The same right of debate shall be allowed whenever a motion to lay on the table has been made on any proposition on which there has been no debate.
18. Each person seeking an office shall understand the duties of that position and be willing to fulfill them. Prior to the election of officers, the duties of each office per the Senate District 54 Constitution shall be read.
19. Nominations may be made from the floor. A delegate or seated alternate may yield to a non-delegate for nomination. Nominations need not be seconded. Nominating speeches for candidates shall not exceed one (1) minute. Seconding speeches shall be included in the time allotted for nominating speeches. Candidate speeches shall not exceed two (2) minutes each.

20. If there are more than two (2) candidates running for an office and no candidate receives a majority of the ballots cast, the candidate with the lowest vote total shall be eliminated from the subsequent ballots.
21. The Convention shall divide into House Districts (HD 54A, HD 54B) before balloting to elect any candidate for House District Offices. Only those delegates residing in the House District may vote for candidates in that district running for election.
22. Any candidate who receives a majority vote for an office shall be considered elected.

**ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

23. The Convention shall divide into the two (2) Congressional Districts (CD2 and CD4) before balloting to select Delegates and Alternates for Congressional District Conventions, forming a caucus for each of the two (2) Congressional Districts.
24. Each caucus shall select an acting chair and secretary to affect the balloting and reporting of the election of their allocated Number of Delegates and Alternates as follows:

District	Delegates	Alternates
2	4	8
4	1	2

25. Only people residing in the appropriate District may vote for, or be elected as, delegates or alternates for those conventions.
26. Each person seeking a delegate or alternate position on the State Central Committee shall understand the duties of that position as stated in the Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution and be willing to fulfill them.
27. Rule 19 applies to the election of delegates and alternates to the State Central Committee except the candidates shall be allowed to speak for two minutes before a vote is taken.
28. Each delegate or seated alternate shall cast votes equal to the number of State Central delegates allocated to their Congressional District.
29. All candidates in each Congressional District will be voted on in one ballot. The top vote recipients shall be elected State Central delegates. The remaining candidates shall be elected alternates and ranked in order of votes received.
30. Vote ties shall be decided by re-balloting or lot at the discretion of the chair and quorum of the Convention.
31. The Convention will reconvene to receive the results of the elections and continue the agenda.