

2020 UNASSEMBLED STATE CONVENTION RULES

1 – Rules

- A. The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th Edition) shall govern the Convention in all cases where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the State Party Plan, the Call of the Convention, and rules adopted by the Convention, in that order of precedence.
- B. The RPV Rules Committee may meet electronically, including meetings as may be required during the hours the polls are open and votes are being tallied.
- C. The Head Tellers shall have the authority to enforce these Rules at their polling location as the chairman of an assembled convention.

2 – Credentials

- A. The RPV Credentials Committee shall report on the proper certification of the members of each delegation and decide any question that may arise concerning certification. Any challenge to an entire delegation, or individual Delegate, must come before the RPV Credentials Committee not later than noon on August 7, 2020.
- B. The Head Teller and a representative appointed by the RPV Credentials Committee may consider and decide the case of individuals who believe they were improperly excluded from the roll of Delegates during the hours the polls are open.
- C. Unless their electing body has adopted other specific instructions, the Delegates present in a given delegation shall designate which Alternate shall vote in the place of an absent Delegate.
- D. Delegates who have pre-registered and been elected by their respective units without remitting the thirty-five dollar (\$35) registration fee will be permitted to vote, provided they remit the fee in accordance with the Call, including at the time they present themselves to vote at their unit’s assigned polling location.
- E. Delegates may vote only at the venue to which their unit is assigned.
- F. The RPV Credentials Committee may meet electronically, including meetings as may be required during the hours the polls are open and votes are being tallied.

3 – Party Plan Amendments

- A. Amendments to the Party Plan for which proper notice has been given in accordance with Article XI of the Plan may be amended by the RPV Rules Committee for clarity and consistency in consultation with the individual or individuals who gave notice.

- B. Amendments will appear on the ballot by number and short caption agreed upon by the individual or individuals who gave notice and the Chairman of the RPV Rules Committee. If no agreement is reached, the RPV Rules Committee will determine the short caption.
- C. The complete text of Amendments to the Party Plan shall be posted on the RPV website, along with the number and short caption that will appear on the ballot not later than August 7.

4 – Nominations

- A. The RPV Nominations Committee shall report not later than August 1, 2020 the names of all candidates who meet the legal requirements of and who have properly and timely filed for the office sought.
- B. In any contest where there are no more qualified candidates than may be nominated or elected, the RPV Nominations Committee shall certify, on behalf of the Convention, that the qualified candidates are nominated or elected, as the case may be, and that contest will not appear on any ballot. Such certification shall be made not later than August 1, 2020.
- C. Once the filing deadline for an office has closed, a candidate for said office who has withdrawn from consideration for the position they were seeking will be unable to have their name resubmitted for consideration by the RPV Nominations Committee.
- D. In lieu of in person nominations and related speeches or presentations, each candidate for the offices of State Party Chairman, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, and Elector shall be granted the opportunity to submit a prepared video, with the content of such video to be determined at the discretion of the respective candidates. Videos submitted by candidates for State Party Chairman shall not exceed ten (10) minutes in length; for National Committeewoman, five (5) minutes; and for Elector and National Committeeman (unopposed) three (3) minutes. These videos will be posted prominently on the RPV website on August 11, 2020, beginning at 7:30 p.m., replicating ballot order as determined by the RPV Nominations Committee. Each candidate choosing to present a video pursuant to this rule must have posted the video to a video hosting site (e.g., YouTube, Vimeo), and provided any embed code or other necessary information requested by RPV staff no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2020. Each candidate presenting a video must coordinate with RPV staff in advance to avoid technical difficulties. The relevant RPV staff member receiving candidate videos will not disclose such materials or related details to anyone prior to 7:30 p.m. on August 11, 2020.

5 – Voting

- A. Procedures for voting and tallying votes shall be uniform at all polling locations, except

that a polling location may allow delegates to walk up to the polling place or drive up to the polling place; however, any polling location that allows delegates to walk up must also provide for delegates to drive up or vote curbside upon request. The uniform procedures for voting and tallying votes shall be posted on the RPV website not later than August 7.

- B. Each polling location shall have at least three tellers, including a Head Teller who will be a District Chairman or his or her designee (where more than one district shares a polling place, the District Chairmen will decide amongst themselves who will serve as Head Teller). All tellers must participate in training provided by the RPV Rules Committee (observers provided for in paragraph G may observe the training). Only tellers may check in delegates, distribute ballots, collect ballots, or tally votes. Tellers tallying votes will work in pairs. Tellers may appoint volunteers to assist in directing traffic and enforcing rules at polling locations.
- C. Voting shall be by ballot. Voting for the office of State Chairman shall be by ranked choice voting, for the office of National Committeewoman by majority vote, for the nominations for at-large Elector by plurality vote; and for the proposed amendments to the Party Plan in accord with Article XI of the Plan.
- D. The total of the votes (raw votes) in all counties and cities voting at each polling location shall be reported by the Head Teller. Where a unit is split among two (2) or more congressional districts, it shall vote at and report through a single polling location as designated in the Call.
- E. Each county and city delegation shall have the number of delegate votes as specified in the Call and certified by the RPV Credentials Committee.
- F. Delegations shall vote full vote, as defined in Article VIII, Section H.3 of the Party Plan, unless otherwise designated by their electing body.
- G. During the balloting in any given contest, each candidate contesting that race, or his designee, may designate at least one observer for each polling location. The observers shall not be entitled to participate in the ballot tallying but shall otherwise be entitled to observe every facet of the count. Nothing in these rules shall be construed to deny a candidate for nomination to public office or a candidate for party office a right to serve as his own observer in any polling location.
- H. The vote of all delegations shall be reported to the nearest one-hundredth (1/100) decimal (e.g., 0.01), and there shall be no cumulative voting.
- I. If the difference in delegate vote (weighted vote) between any two candidates is one percent (1%) or less, the candidate with fewer votes may request a recount within 72 hours of the announcement of the results.
- J. Blanks, abstentions and votes cast for persons not placed in nomination before the Convention shall be excluded in calculating the total vote reported by each delegation.

- K. In order to receive a ballot all delegates must present a valid photo id or another id approved by the RPV Credentials Committee.
- L. The names of the candidates for various offices shall appear on the ballot in an order determined by lot by the RPV Nominations Committee.
- M. Party Plan amendments shall appear on the ballot in the order in which notice of the amendment was provided.

6 – Campaigning and Campaign Materials

- A. During the times the polls are open and while ballots are being counted, no person may (i) loiter or congregate within 40 feet of any entrance of any polling location; (ii) within such distance give, tender, or exhibit any ballot, ticket, or other campaign material to any person or solicit or in any manner attempt to influence any person in casting his vote; or (iii) hinder or delay a qualified delegate in entering or leaving a polling location. The Head Tellers or their designees have discretion to modify the 40-foot line to accommodate the layout of the building or parking area or to address safety concerns at their polling locations.
- B. In addition to the restrictions in paragraph A, the posting of signs and the location of campaigning are subject to reasonable restrictions imposed by the polling location as a condition of its use or by the Head Tellers or their designees in the interest of safety.
- C. Everyone present at the polling location should endeavor to follow appropriate public health guidelines, including social distancing. In no event may anyone other than a Teller or Teller-appointed volunteer approach within six feet of a delegate without express permission.