

State Party Plan Amendments

2020 Quadrennial Convention Ballot

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Pursuant to Article XI of the State Party Plan, the 2020 Quadrennial Convention will consider four amendments to the Party Plan written notice of which was provided to each Unit Chairman and Member of the State Central Committee not later than 45 days prior to the Convention.

A three-quarters vote is required to adopt an amendment.

Amendment 1

Ballot Question

Should the membership of the State Central Committee be reduced to a fixed size of 54 voting members--the State Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Republican National Committeeman and Republican National Committeewoman elected at the Quadrennial State Convention, the District Chairman elected biannually from each of 11 districts and 3 District members elected from each of 11 Districts, at a Quadrennial District Convention, and two representatives of each of the current affiliate groups--the Virginia Federation of Republican Women, the Young Republican Federation of Virginia, and the College Republican Federation of Virginia?

Text of Amendment

In Art. III, Sec. A., strike paragraphs 3, 4, 11, 12, and 17.

In Art. III, Sec. A, in paragraphs 6, 7, and 8, strike out "two (2)" and insert "one (1)".

In Art. III, Sec. A, in paragraph 10, insert at the end "selected by their District."

In Art. III, Sec. A, in paragraph 13, strike out "Four (4)" and insert "Two (2)"

In Art. III, Sec. A, in paragraphs 13, 14 and 15, at the end insert ", but shall not be entitled to vote."

In Art. III, Sec. B, strike paragraph 2 and insert in its place "The Vice Chairman shall be elected by the Quadrennial State Convention for a term of four (4) years."

In Art. III, Sec. B, in paragraph 4, strike subparagraphs (b) and (c).

In Art. III, Sec. B, insert at the end the following new paragraphs:

"Presidential and Congressional Plurality

Additional weighted voting strength of (.25) will be added to each of the (4) District members (3 SCC Representatives and District Chair) of a District for a total of (1) additional voting strength per District, under the following conditions:

- a. The District cast its plurality vote for the Republican Presidential nominee in the most recent preceding Presidential election. Such Additional voting strength shall be maintained concurrently with the Presidential term.
- b. The District is represented by a Republican Member of Congress. Such additional voting strength shall be maintained concurrently with the Congressman's term

"Implementation of Amendment to Article III Section A and B:

- a. The new terms of this amendment shall become effective immediately after the passage of said amendment at the State Convention or meeting of the State Central Committee.
- b. As a one-time exception, the First Vice Chair shall be Elected by the State Central Committee, immediately following the passage of said amendment at the next State Central Committee meeting. The term shall run for four (4) years, but no longer than the next Quadrennial Election, as provided for in Article III, Section B., Item 2.

Redline

If Amendment # 1 is adopted by the convention, the Plan will read as follows (Regular text remains unchanged, ~~Strikethrough text~~ is deleted, *italicized text* is added):

Article III. State Central Committee

SECTION A. Membership

The membership of the State Central Committee shall consist of the following:

1. State Chairman
2. First Vice Chairman
- ~~3. Two (2) Vice Chairmen from the Eastern part of the State.~~
- ~~4. Two (2) Vice Chairmen for the Western part of the State.~~
5. Two (2) National Committee members.
6. President, ex officio, and ~~two (2)~~ *one (1)* elected representatives of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women.
7. President, ex officio, and ~~two (2)~~ *one (1)* elected representatives of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia.
8. President, ex officio, and ~~two (2)~~ *one (1)* elected representatives of the College Republican Federation of Virginia.
9. District Chairman of each District, ex officio.
10. Three members from each District *selected by their District.*
- ~~11. One (1) additional member from each District that cast its plurality vote for the Republican Presidential nominee in the last preceding Presidential election.~~
- ~~12. One (1) additional member for each District represented by a Republican member of Congress.~~
13. ~~Four (4)~~ *Two (2)* Republican members of the General Assembly, equally divided between each house, *but shall not be entitled to vote.*
14. State Treasurer and Finance Chairman, *but shall not be entitled to vote.*
15. State Secretary, *but shall not be entitle to vote.*
16. Budget Director and General Counsel, but they shall not be entitled to vote.
- ~~17. All publicly elected present and former Republican statewide office holders, ex officio, but they shall not be entitled to vote.~~

SECTION B. Election and Term

1. The State Chairman shall be elected by the Quadrennial State Convention for a term of four (4) years or until his successor is elected.
2. ~~The Vice Chairmen shall be elected by the State Central Committee at the first meeting following the Quadrennial State Convention for a term of four (4) years or until their successors are elected. The Eastern portion of the State shall include the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8th, and 11th Congressional Districts, and the Western portion of the State shall include the 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th and 10th Congressional Districts~~ *The Vice Chairman shall be elected by the Quadrennial State Convention for a term of four (4) years.*
3. The National Committee Members shall be nominated by the Quadrennial State Convention.
4. District Members.

- a. The regular members representing a District shall be elected by the Quadrennial District Convention for a term of four (4) years or until their successors are elected.
- ~~b. The additional member for each District that cast its plurality vote for the Republican Presidential nominee in the last preceding Presidential election shall be elected by the District Committee at the first meeting following the Presidential election and shall serve concurrently with the Presidential term.~~
- ~~c. The additional member for each District represented by a Republican Member of Congress shall be elected by the District Committee at the first meeting following the Congressman's election and shall serve concurrently with the Congressman's term.~~
- 5. The members representing the General Assembly shall be elected by the Republican Members of the General Assembly at the beginning of each even year session of the General Assembly, for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected.
- 6. The State Secretary and State Treasurer shall be elected by the State Central Committee at the first meeting following the Quadrennial State Convention to serve at the pleasure of the Committee.
- 7. The State Finance Chairman, Budget Director, and General Counsel shall be appointed by the State Chairman to serve at the pleasure of the Chairman. The Budget Director and General Counsel shall serve in an acting capacity until confirmed by a majority vote of the State Central Committee. In the event of any vacancy in one of these offices, the State Chairman shall notify the members of the State Central Committee within seven (7) days.
- 8. A person shall occupy only one voting membership on the State Central Committee at any one time.
- 9. *Presidential and Congressional Plurality.*
 - a. *Additional weighted voting strength of (.25) will be added to each of the four (4) District members (3 SCC Representatives and District Chair) of a District for a total of (1) additional voting strength per District, under the following conditions:*
 - i. *The District cast its plurality vote for the Republican Presidential nominee in the most recent preceding Presidential election. Such additional voting strength shall be maintained concurrently with the Presidential term.*
 - ii. *The District is represented by a Republican Member of Congress. Such additional voting strength shall be maintained concurrently with the Congressman's term.*
- 10. *Implementation of Amendment to Article III Section A and B:*
 - a. *The new terms of this amendment shall become effective immediately after the passage of said amendment at the State Convention or meeting of the State Central Committee.*
 - b. *As a one-time exception, the First Vice Chair shall be Elected by the State Central Committee, immediately following the passage of said amendment at the next State Central Committee meeting. The term shall run for four (4) years, but no longer than the next Quadrennial Election, as provided for in Article III, Section B., Item 2.*

Amendment 2

Ballot Question

Should the State Party Plan be amended to create a caucus of Unit Chairs and provide for the caucus to elect three (3) unit chair representatives to serve as voting members of the State Central Committee?

Text of Amendment

In Art. III, Sec. A., insert at the end the following: “Three (3) elected representatives of the Caucus of Unit Chairs.”

In Art. III, Sec. B., insert at the end the following: “Representatives of the Caucus of Unit Chairs shall be elected by the Caucus after every Congressional District holds its Biennial District Convention.”

In Art. VI, Sec. D, para. 2, insert at the end the following: “He shall be a member of the Caucus of Unit Chairs, in which he shall participate on a one chair - one vote basis.”

Redline

If Amendment # 2 is adopted by the convention, the Plan will read as follows (Regular text remains unchanged, ~~Strikethrough text~~ is deleted, *italicized text* is added):

Article III. State Central Committee

SECTION A. Membership

The membership of the State Central Committee shall consist of the following:

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18. Three (3) elected representatives of the Caucus of Unit Chairs.

SECTION B. Election and Term

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9. Representatives of the Caucus of Unit Chairs shall be elected by the Caucus after every Congressional District holds its Biennial District Convention.

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Article VI. County and City Committee

SECTION D. Duties

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2. Unit Chairman

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e. He shall be a member of the Caucus of Unit Chairs, in which he shall participate on a one chair - one vote basis.

Amendment 3

Ballot Question

Should the State Party Plan be amended to increase from three (3) to four (4) the number of representatives of each of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women, the Young Republican Federation of Virginia, and the College Republican Federation of Virginia, and provide that the

Presidents of the foregoing groups be full voting members of the State Central Committee's Executive Committee?

Text of Amendment

In Art. III, Sec. A, in paragraph 6, strike "two (2)" and insert in its place "three (3)".

In Art. III, Sec. A, in paragraph 7, strike "two (2)" and insert in its place "three (3)".

In Art. III, Sec. A, in paragraph 8, strike "two (2)" and insert in its place "three (3)".

In Art. III, Sec. E, in paragraph 1, strike "President of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women, President of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia, President of the College Republican Federation of Virginia" and insert the same words between "District Chairmen," and "plus the following,".

Redline

If Amendment # 3 is adopted by the convention, the Plan will read as follows (Regular text remains unchanged, ~~Strikethrough text~~ is deleted, *italicized text* is added):

Article III. State Central Committee

SECTION A. Membership

The membership of the State Central Committee shall consist of the following:

...

6. President, ex officio, and ~~two (2)~~ *three (3)* elected representatives of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women.
7. President, ex officio, and ~~two (2)~~ *three (3)* elected representatives of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia.
8. President, ex officio, and ~~two (2)~~ *three (3)* elected representatives of the College Republican Federation of Virginia.

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SECTION E. Subcommittees

1. Executive Committee

- e. There shall be an Executive Committee of the State Central Committee comprised of the State Chairman and all District Chairmen, *President of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women, President of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia, President of the College Republican Federation of Virginia*, plus the following, but they shall not be entitled to vote: The First Vice Chairman, National Committee members, ~~President of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women, President of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia, President of the College Republican Federation of Virginia~~, State Treasurer, State Secretary, Finance Chairman, Budget Director, and one member of the State Senate and one member of the House of Delegates selected by the Republican members of the Virginia General Assembly who are currently serving on the State Central Committee.

Amendment 4

Ballot Question

Should the State Party Plan be amended to require the public disclosure of conflicts of interest by members of the State Central Committee and Congressional District Committees and recusal by a member of such committees where a conflict of interest exists because of the member's paid relationship with a candidate or elected official on an issue affecting the candidate or elected official?

Text of Amendment

In Article VII, Section J, strike paragraph 2 and insert in its place the following:

"2. Members of the State Central Committee and District Committees shall promptly disclose in writing any known potential or actual conflicts of interest to the official committees on which they serve. All written disclosures shall be posted on the website.

"3. Members of the State Central Committee and District Committees shall recuse themselves from the consideration of any question in which a conflict of interest exists due to compensation by an elected official or a candidate. Compensation includes payment to a member, a member's immediate family, or a business concern in which the member or member's immediate family is a director, officer, member, stockholder, shareholder, partner, manager, or trustee. Elected official or candidate includes the office of an elected official and any campaign committee or political action committee established, maintained or controlled by an elected official or a candidate for elective office in Virginia. Members may not be represented by a proxy for purposes of voting on a question from which they recuse themselves."

Redline

If Amendment # 4 is adopted by the convention, the Plan will read as follows (Regular text remains unchanged, ~~Strikethrough text~~ is deleted, *italicized text* is added):

Article VII. Official Committees - General

SECTION J. Ethical Conduct

1. Voting members of official committees shall exercise their best efforts to conduct the business of the Party in good faith, with reasonable care, skill, and diligence. They shall hold as confidential all party information, documents, and communications clearly designated as confidential or for limited dissemination or use by adopted policy of the committee. They shall refrain from participating in unethical activity, diminishing the dignity and credibility of the the Party.
- ~~2. Recognizing that not all possible conflicts represent an actual conflict of interest, voting members of the State Central Committee and District Committees shall voluntarily disclose, in writing, any known potential or actual conflicts of interest to all members of the official committee on which they serve in a timely manner after becoming aware of such conflict.~~
2. *Members of the State Central Committee and District Committees shall promptly disclose in writing any known potential or actual conflicts of interest to the official committees on which they serve. All written disclosures shall be posted on the website.*
3. *Members of the State Central Committee and District Committees shall recuse themselves from the consideration of any question in which a conflict of interest exists due to compensation by an*

elected official or a candidate. Compensation includes payment to a member, a member's immediate family, or a business concern in which the member or member's immediate family is a director, officer, member, stockholder, shareholder, partner, manager, or trustee. Elected official or candidate includes the office of an elected official and any campaign committee or political action committee established, maintained or controlled by an elected official or a candidate for elective office in Virginia. Members may not be represented by a proxy for purposes of voting on a question from which they recuse themselves.