



1 **ARTICLE II**  
2 **FULL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS**

3 Section 1. **RESIDENCE AND VOTING**

- 4 A. No person shall be a member of the Full Committee who does not reside in  
5 Senate District 49.
- 6 B. Any person holding more than one of the offices below shall have only one vote  
7 on the Full Committee.

8 Section 2. **MEMBERSHIP** - The Senate District 49 Republican Full Committee shall consist of the  
9 following persons, subject to Section 1, all of whom shall be voting members.

- 10 A. The Senate District Officers (Article III, Section 1).
- 11 B. The members of the Senate District Executive Committee (“Executive  
12 Committee”), as defined in Article IV, Section 1.
- 13 C. The Chairs (maximum of two) of each Precinct within the Senate District (Article  
14 V, Section 3).
- 15 D. Any endorsed Republican holding elected office.
- 16 E. The members of the Republican State and Third and Fifth Congressional District  
17 Executive Committees.
- 18 F. The immediate past Co-Chairs of the Senate District.
- 19 G. Up to three additional members nominated by the Senate District Co-Chairs and  
20 elected by the Full Committee whose terms shall be concurrent with the officers  
21 who nominated them.

22 Section 3. **MEETINGS** - The Full Committee shall hold a minimum of four meetings per year. No  
23 more than one regular meeting shall be held in any calendar month. Written notice of  
24 each meeting shall be mailed at least ten days prior thereto.

25 Section 4. **QUORUM.**

- 26 A. The quorum required to transact business at Senate District Full Committee  
27 meetings shall be one-fourth of the total current membership of the Full  
28 Committee.
- 29 B. Once a quorum has been established, a call for a quorum shall be out of order and  
30 business may be transacted as if a quorum still existed until the meeting is  
31 adjourned.

32 Section 5. **TERMINATION OF FULL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.**

- 33 A. Membership on the Full Committee shall terminate without further action when a  
34 member submits a written resignation or ceases to qualify for membership under  
35 Sections 1 or 2 of this Article II.

1 B. A member of the Full Committee may be removed for inactivity or conduct  
2 tending to obstruct the objectives of the Full Committee by a two-thirds vote of  
3 all the Full Committee members attending any Full Committee meeting where  
4 that item of business has been included in the written notice of the meeting.

5 C. The Executive Committee shall give notice of every proposal for removal of a  
6 Full Committee member in accordance with paragraph B hereof in the written  
7 notice of the Full Committee meeting. The individual concerned shall be  
8 provided with a statement of the charges not less than ten days prior to such  
9 meeting, and shall be entitled to be heard in his/her own defense at the meeting  
10 considering his/her removal.

11 D. The Senate District Co-Chairs shall be the designated spokespersons for the  
12 Senate District. No other member of the Full Committee shall be authorized  
13 publicly to express views or speak on behalf of the Full Committee or the  
14 Executive Committee on any matter unless such committee has considered and  
15 taken action on the merits of such matter and has not restricted its dissemination.

16 **ARTICLE III**  
17 **OFFICERS**

18 Section 1. **SENATE DISTRICT 49 OFFICERS** - There shall be:

19 A. Two Co-Chairpersons (referred to herein as “Senate District Co-Chairs” or “Co-  
20 Chairs” herein).

21 B. Ten Vice-Chairs: five elected from House District 49A and five from House  
22 District 49B.

23 C. One Secretary.

24 D. One Treasurer.

25 E. One Chair of Communications.  
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28 Section 2. **ELECTION AND TERM LIMITS** - The Senate District officers shall be elected at  
29 Senate District conventions held in odd-numbered years. When the results of  
30 redistricting become effective in an even-numbered year, a special election shall be held  
31 at the first Senate District Convention after redistricting to elect officers to serve until the  
32 time of the next regular odd-year Convention. All officers shall be limited to a maximum  
33 of two consecutive full terms in the same office. However, officers elected at the special  
34 election shall not be considered to have served a “full term” for the purpose of setting  
35 officer term limits. Any officer who has served two consecutive full terms is eligible to  
36 run at the last regular election prior to redistricting for the shortened term ended by  
37 redistricting.

38 Section 3. **OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - The Senate District Nominating  
39 Committee for Senate District Officers and State Central Committee Delegates and  
40 Alternates (referred to herein as the “Officer Nominating Committee”) shall be appointed  
41 by the Senate District Executive Committee at least sixty days prior to the Senate District  
42 convention held in odd-numbered years. The Senate District Co-Chairs shall be ex

1 officio, non-voting members of the Nominating Committee. Voting membership of the  
2 Nominating Committee shall consist of:

- 3 A. Five precinct Chairs from House District 49A.
- 4 B. Five precinct Chairs from House District 49B.
- 5 C. One person from either House District to serve as Committee Chair.

6 Section 4. **LIMITATIONS.**

- 7 A. Senate District Officers shall be deemed to have resigned from party office upon  
8 publicly seeking Republican endorsement, which shall include the legal  
9 formation of a volunteer committee.
- 10 B. The Senate District Co-Chairs, pre-endorsement, shall not serve in any role in  
11 any candidate's campaign, and shall not serve in any active leadership role, post-  
12 endorsement, in any candidate's campaign.
- 13 C. Elected Senate District Officers, other than the Co-Chairs, as set forth in Article  
14 III, Section 4B above, shall not serve in an active leadership role in any  
15 candidate's campaign without first obtaining the consent of two-thirds of the  
16 Executive Committee.
- 17 D. Senate District Officers shall not publicly support nor work for any candidate  
18 opposing an endorsed Republican candidate between the endorsing convention  
19 and the ensuing election. The Executive Committee may remove from party  
20 office any person who violates this paragraph and does not promptly resign.

21 Section 5. **REMOVAL OF SENATE DISTRICT OFFICERS.**

- 22 A. A Senate District Officer may be removed from office for "non-performance" by  
23 the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the number of Full Committee  
24 members present when a quorum was established at any Full Committee meeting  
25 where that item of business has been included in the written notice of the  
26 meeting. Conduct tending to obstruct the objectives of the Executive Committee,  
27 inactivity, or unexcused absence from three regularly scheduled Executive  
28 Committee meetings within one calendar year shall constitute "non-  
29 performance."
- 30 B. The Executive Committee shall include in the written notice of the Full  
31 Committee meeting any proposal for removal of a Senate District Officer in  
32 accordance with paragraph A, above. The individual concerned shall be  
33 provided a statement of the charges not less than ten days prior to such meeting,  
34 and shall be entitled to be heard in his/her own defense at the meeting  
35 considering removal.

36 Section 6. **VACANCIES.**

- 37 A. In the event a Senate District Officer resigns, ceases to reside in the Senate  
38 District, or otherwise vacates any of the offices listed in Section 1, the Full  
39 Committee shall elect a replacement for the balance of that officer's unexpired  
40 term at the next special or regular meeting following the announcement of such

1 vacancy. The call for the meeting at which said election will be held shall be  
2 sent at least ten days prior to the meeting and shall specify the office(s) to be  
3 filled and the name(s) of any person(s) declaring their candidacy for such  
4 office(s).

5 B. During the interim period between vacancy and election of a replacement, the  
6 Executive Committee may appoint a temporary replacement. The Executive  
7 Committee shall, as promptly as possible, appoint a temporary replacement for  
8 the office of Treasurer in order to conduct the financial business of the Senate  
9 District as required by law.

10 **ARTICLE IV**  
11 **SENATE DISTRICT 49 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

12 Section 1. **MEMBERSHIP** - The Senate District 49 Executive Committee shall consist of the  
13 following persons:

14 A. The elected Senate District Officers, all of whom shall be voting members.

15 B. Not more than four non-voting members serving in such capacities as  
16 Fundraising Chair, Standing Bylaws Committee Chair, etc. appointed by and  
17 serving at the pleasure of the Senate District Co-Chairs, and subject to  
18 ratification by the Executive Committee.

19 Section 2. **MEETINGS.**

20 A. The Executive Committee shall hold at least six regular meetings a year. No  
21 more than one regular meeting shall be held in any calendar month. Special  
22 meetings may be called by either Senate District Co-Chair, provided that at least  
23 two days' notice thereof has been given by telephone, mail, email or fax.  
24 Meetings and participation may take place via electronic conferencing. No proxy  
25 voting will be allowed.

26 B. In the event it is determined an emergency exists, an impromptu meeting may be  
27 called at the request of either Co-Chair or of 50% of the voting Executive  
28 Committee for the sole purpose of dealing with the subject of emergency. The  
29 meeting may be as described in paragraph A, above, but upon determination of  
30 the need for an emergency meeting, all notification requirements will be waived.  
31 A quorum, as described in Section 3 of this Article IV, must still exist.

32 Section 3. **QUORUM.**

33 A. The quorum required to transact business at Executive Committee meetings shall  
34 be fifty percent of the total current voting membership of the Executive  
35 Committee.

36 B. Once a quorum has been established, a call for a quorum shall be out of order and  
37 business may be transacted as if a quorum still existed until the meeting is  
38 adjourned by the Chair.

39 Section 4. **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES** - The duties and responsibilities of the Executive  
40 Committee are to:



1 that item of business has been included in the written notice of the meeting.  
2 Conduct tending to obstruct the objectives of the Full Committee, inactivity, or  
3 failure to carry out the duties and responsibilities specified in Section 4 of this  
4 Article V shall constitute “non-performance.”

5 B. The Executive Committee, if approved by sixty percent of the voting  
6 membership thereof, shall give notice of a written request for removal of a  
7 precinct officer in accordance with paragraph A hereof in the written notice of  
8 the Full Committee meeting. The individual concerned shall be provided a  
9 statement of the charges not less than ten days prior to such meetings, and shall  
10 be entitled to be heard in his/her own defense at the meeting considering  
11 removal.

12 C. Precinct officers shall not publicly support or work for any candidate opposing an  
13 endorsed Republican candidate. The Executive Committee may remove from  
14 precinct office any person violating this paragraph who does not promptly resign.

15 Section 6. **PRECINCT OFFICER VACANCIES** - Precinct officer vacancies shall be filled within  
16 thirty days by a majority vote of the remaining precinct delegates residing in the precinct,  
17 failing which the Senate District Executive Committee may appoint a replacement at its  
18 next meeting. Such appointment shall be subject to ratification by a majority vote of the  
19 Full Committee members present at the next regularly scheduled meeting provided that  
20 notice of the motion to ratify has been included in the call of the meeting specifying the  
21 office to be filled and the name of the appointee. As an exception, if no precinct chair is  
22 elected by a precinct at the official precinct caucus, the Senate District Executive  
23 Committee may appoint a precinct chair prior to the next Senate District Convention.

24 **ARTICLE VI**  
25 **SENATE DISTRICT CONVENTION; OFFICER NOMINATING,**  
26 **DELEGATE NOMINATING AND CANDIDATE SEARCH COMMITTEES**

27 Section 1. **TIME AND PLACE** - A Senate District Convention shall be held annually within a time  
28 frame designated by either the Third Congressional District Executive Committee or the  
29 State Executive Committee at a time and place determined by the Senate District  
30 Executive Committee.

31 Section 2. **DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES** - The Senate District Convention shall be  
32 composed of the delegates and alternates elected at the last precinct caucus who continue  
33 to reside in the precinct from which elected and as allotted to the precinct by the Full  
34 Committee. These delegates and alternates shall also serve as delegates and alternates to  
35 their respective House District Conventions. There shall be no cross-seating of delegates  
36 and/or alternates between precincts.

37 Section 3. **PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEES** - Prior to each Convention, the Senate District  
38 Executive Committee shall establish rules, resolutions, credentials, registration and such  
39 other committees as may be deemed necessary, composed of delegates or alternates to the  
40 Senate District Convention. Each committee shall consist of no fewer than three persons  
41 from each House District plus a Chair from either House District, except for the Delegate  
42 Nominating Committee described in Section 7 and the Officer Nominating Committee  
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- A. OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE – The Officer Nominating Committee membership shall be constituted as described in Article III, Section 3. All persons wishing to run for election to the Senate District Executive Committee shall interview with the Officer Nominating Committee.
- B. REPORT OF THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR – The Chair of the Officer Nominating Committee shall give a report of the Committee to the Convention. The Chair shall place in nomination those persons who have been slated by the Officer Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor shall not be in order.
- C. CANDIDATE SEARCH COMMITTEE – Prior to each convention to consider endorsement of candidates, the Senate District Executive Committee shall establish a Candidate Search Committee. The Candidate Search Committee shall consist of no fewer than three persons from each House District plus a Chair from either House District. All persons wishing to seek endorsement for elected office shall interview with the Candidate Search Committee.
- D. REPORT OF THE CANDIDATE SEARCH COMMITTEE – The Chair of the Candidate Search Committee shall give a report of the Committee to the Convention. Only candidates who have interviewed with the Committee shall have their names placed in nomination. Nominations from the floor, of persons who have not interviewed with the Committee, shall not be in order. The Chair shall indicate those candidates who have been identified as qualified to seek endorsement for election.

Section 4. **PERMANENT ENDORSING RULES** - The Senate District reserves the right *not* to be bound by any permanent endorsing convention rules adopted by the Third or Fifth Congressional District.

Section 5. **CONVENTION BUSINESS** - The Convention shall transact such business as is specified by the laws of Minnesota and in the call of the convention, and may transact such other business as may properly be brought before the convention. In general, the objectives of the Senate District Convention shall be as follows:

- A. In even-numbered years, to endorse candidates for public office, consider resolutions on party and governmental matters, and elect delegates and alternates to the Third and Fifth Congressional District and State Conventions.
- B. In odd-numbered years, to elect Senate District officers and nominate State Central Committee Delegates and Alternates. Following redistricting, officers shall be elected as prescribed in Article III, Section 2.

Section 6. **NOMINATION OF STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES** - Following recommendations by the Nominating Committee established pursuant to Article III, Section 3, the Senate District Convention held in odd-numbered years shall nominate State Central Committee Delegates, and first, second and third Alternates. The Senate District Convention secretary shall submit and certify the names of said nominees to the Third and Fifth Congressional District Convention prior to the holding thereof.



1 Section 7. **NOMINATION OF THIRD AND FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND**  
2 **STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES - DELEGATE**  
3 **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

4 A. The Senate District Convention held after the precinct caucuses in even-  
5 numbered years shall be charged with the responsibility of nominating delegates  
6 and alternates to the Third and Fifth Congressional District and State  
7 Conventions. A list of delegates and alternates for such conventions shall be  
8 recommended to the Senate District Convention by a delegate nominating  
9 committee chaired by an appointee of the Executive Committee and consisting of  
10 the newly elected precinct Chairs or their designees and the Senate District  
11 Executive Committee. The delegate nominating committee shall select the  
12 recommended list of delegates and alternates at least ten days before the Senate  
13 District Convention and such list will be in the form of a committee report.  
14 Factors that the delegate nominating committee will consider for inclusion on  
15 this list include experience and past participation in the Senate District and  
16 commitment to attend and participate at the relevant convention. At least one  
17 delegate or one first alternate to the State Convention, and at least one delegate or  
18 one first alternate to the Third or Fifth Congressional District Conventions shall  
19 be nominated from each precinct located within that Congressional District.

20 B. The delegates and alternates allocated to the Senate District for each of said  
21 Conventions shall be elected at the Senate District Convention.

22 Section 8. **VOTING** - There shall be no voting by proxy, bullet ballot, or unit rule. The convention  
23 rules shall provide that once balloting in a contested election has commenced by  
24 distribution of ballots to the precincts and before announcement of the results of that  
25 ballot to the convention, motions of no-endorsement, to table, to postpone indefinitely, to  
26 adjourn, or the like shall be out of order.

27 Section 9. **SPECIAL CONVENTIONS** - Special conventions, including post-primary endorsement  
28 conventions, may be held at such time and for such purposes as the Senate District  
29 Executive Committee may determine.

30 Section 10. **ENDORSEMENT** - The endorsement of a candidate for public office must receive at  
31 least sixty percent of the voting strength as reported by the final report of the credentials  
32 committee.

33 Section 11. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES AT THE THIRD AND FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL**  
34 **DISTRICT CONVENTIONS AND STATE CONVENTION** - Any unfilled delegate  
35 seat at the Third and Fifth Congressional District Conventions and the State Convention  
36 will be filled, first, from first alternates who are available, and then from second  
37 alternates who are available. This seating of alternates will be at the discretion of the  
38 Senate District Co-Chairs in attendance. In the case of a Congressional District in which  
39 neither Senate District Co-Chair lives, one or two of the delegates to that Convention will  
40 be authorized by the Senate District Co-Chairs to act on their behalf for the purpose of  
41 seating alternates. A registered delegate always has priority seating over an alternate.

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**ARTICLE VII**  
**BYLAWS COMMITTEE AND AMENDMENTS**

3 Section 1. **STANDING BYLAWS COMMITTEE** - Following their election, the Senate District  
4 Co-Chairs, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall appoint seven  
5 members to a Standing Bylaws Committee. The membership of this committee shall  
6 consist of three persons from each House District and a Chair from either House District,  
7 all of whom shall be appointed from the precinct delegates and alternates to the Senate  
8 District Convention. Members of the Standing Bylaws Committee shall serve until they  
9 are no longer a delegate or alternate to the Senate District Convention, no longer reside in  
10 the Senate District, resign, or are otherwise replaced at the pleasure of the Senate District  
11 Co-Chairs with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. The Chair of the  
12 Standing Bylaws Committee shall be appointed a non-voting member of the Executive  
13 Committee subject to the provisions of Article IV, Section 1, B, of these Bylaws.

14 Section 2. **FUNCTION OF BYLAWS COMMITTEE** - The function of the Standing Bylaws  
15 Committee shall be to maintain a continual review of these provisions and to recommend  
16 to the Senate District Convention or the Full Committee such changes as may be  
17 considered advisable. It shall meet and review these Bylaws commencing at least forty-  
18 five days before the Senate District Convention held in odd-numbered years, and  
19 otherwise from time to time as called upon by the Executive Committee.

20 Section 3. **AMENDMENTS BY SENATE DISTRICT 49 CONVENTION** - These Bylaws may  
21 be amended by sixty percent of the voting strength as reported by the final report of the  
22 credentials committee, provided that any proposal for amendment shall be referred to the  
23 Bylaws Committee at least forty-five days prior to the Convention. Written notice of any  
24 such proposal or its general nature shall be given to the Convention delegates and  
25 alternates at least twenty days prior to the Convention.

26 Section 4. **AMENDMENTS BY SENATE DISTRICT 49 FULL COMMITTEE** -These Bylaws  
27 may be amended by sixty percent of the votes cast at a Full Committee meeting, provided  
28 that any proposal for amendment shall be referred to the Bylaws Committee at least forty-  
29 five days prior to the Full Committee meeting. Written notice of any such proposal or its  
30 general nature shall be given to the Full Committee at least twenty days prior to the Full  
31 Committee meeting.