

PROPOSED RULES

COLORADO REPUBLICAN STATE ASSEMBLY AND CONVENTION

April 9, 2016

Colorado Springs, Colorado

These Proposed Rules are submitted by the Committee on Rules appointed by State Chairman Steve House as provided in Section B1e of Article V of the Bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee ("CRC"), and shall govern the conduct and proceedings of the 2016 Colorado Republican State Assembly and Convention.

1. Organization

1.1 **Delegates.** The delegates and alternates to the Colorado Republican State Assembly ("the Assembly") shall be the delegates and alternates to the Colorado Republican State Convention ("the Convention"). The Assembly and the Convention hereinafter collectively are referred to as the "Assembly and Convention."

1.2 **Alternate Delegates.** Alternate delegates moved into a delegate position due to the absence of a delegate (see Rule 2.4) are considered delegates under these rules.

1.3 **Quorum.** A quorum at the State Assembly, and at the Convention, shall consist of those delegates present. (State Bylaws, Art. XIII, § G.)

1.4 **Permanent Officers.** The permanent officers of the Assembly and Convention shall be the officers of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee, and the State Chairman may appoint or designate such other officers, Committee Chairmen, and Committees as the State Chairman may deem necessary for the operation and conduct of the Assembly and Convention. (State Bylaws, Art. V, §B.)

1.5 **Committee Rules.** Each Committee of this Assembly and Convention may each establish such rules as it deems necessary for the conduct of its meeting(s), including rules relating to matters to be considered and length of discussion.

1.6 **Chairman Pro Tem.** The permanent Chairman of the Assembly and Convention may designate a Chairman Pro Tem to serve for brief periods during the absence of the permanent Chairman. The term "Chairman" shall refer both to the permanent Chairman and any Chairman Pro Tem.

1.7 **Agenda.** The agenda for the Assembly and Convention shall be printed in the Assembly and Convention program and shall constitute general orders and the order of business for the Assembly and Convention, except that the Chairman may recognize any person to address the delegates at any time and for any purpose and may alter the order of business to facilitate the efficient conduct of the business of the Assembly and Convention.

1.8 **Adjournment.** The Assembly and Convention may not be adjourned until the order of business has been completed.

2. Credentials

2.1 **Delegate Authentication.** Each County Chairman shall provide a written list authenticating all delegates and alternates elected by the county assembly to the Assembly and Convention, together with their mailing addresses and zip codes and, where available, e-mail addresses, and shall provide such list to the State Chairman as soon after the county assembly as practical, and within (10) days of the county assembly. (State Bylaws, Art. XIII, § B3.)

2.2 Contests.

(a) Every person intending to contest the seat of any delegate shall give written notice of such intention, specifying the grounds of the contest, to the Secretary of the CRC and to the delegate

whose seat he intends to contest. He shall give such notice at least seventy-two hours before the Assembly and Convention convenes. (State Bylaws Art. XV, § A4.)

(b) The State Central Committee shall meet at 7:30a.m. on Friday, April 8, 2016, at the Broadmoor World Arena in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to hear any and all contests of persons claiming seats in the Assembly and Convention and the recommendations of the Credentials Committee relating thereto. (State Bylaws Art. XV, § A2.)

2.3 **Delegate Roll.** The names of all delegates elected and uncontested shall be placed on the temporary roll. All delegates who have been contested and whose names have been placed upon the temporary roll by a majority of the CRC present and voting shall have the right to vote on all questions until otherwise determined by the Assembly and Convention, except upon contests involving their own credentials. (State Bylaws Art. XV, § A3.)

2.4 **Credentialing Required by 9:30 A.M./Voting by Alternates.**

(a) Delegates and Alternates are required to be credentialed by 9:30a.m. on April 9, 2016.

(b) Any delegate who is not credentialed by 9:30a.m. may have his ballot given to the first alternate of that county and continuing numerically thereafter, except in any county where an alternate to the Assembly and Convention was elected to represent a designated district or precinct. In such case, the designated district or precinct alternate shall be entitled to vote in the absence of the delegate in accordance with the rules of the County Republican Party or the ruling of the County Chairman.

(c) The decisions and rulings of the County Chairman regarding the promotion of alternates shall be final.

3. Recognition, Identification and Motions

3.1 **Recognition.** The Chairman may recognize any person to make either an announcement or a seconding speech for any candidate, except for candidates for National Delegate. Except as specified in these rules or as may be necessary for the conduct of business the Assembly and Convention, only delegates or alternates to the Assembly and Convention may be recognized.

3.2 **Identification.** With the exception of persons making announcements or a nominating or seconding speech for any candidate, each person recognized by the Chairman for the purpose of addressing the Assembly and Convention shall state his name, the name of his delegation, and that he is a delegate or alternate to the Assembly and Convention, and the purpose for which he wishes to be recognized. The Chairman may refuse to recognize or may terminate the remarks of any person who fails to identify himself pursuant to provisions of this rule.

3.3 **Written Motions and Amendments.** All motions of substance and amendments thereto shall be in writing, shall be signed by the maker thereof and shall be delivered to the Secretary or the Chairman of the Assembly and Convention immediately after being made. Unless the Chairman determines otherwise, no vote shall be taken on any motion or amendment until the written motion or amendment has been delivered to the Secretary or the Chairman.

3.4 **One Amendment at a Time.** The Chairman shall permit only one amendment to a motion to be considered at a time.

4. Debated Issues

4.1 **Individual Time Limitation.** Except as otherwise provided for in these rules, and except for officers of the Assembly or Committee Chairmen, no person shall speak more than two minutes on any debated issue or question, and no person shall speak more than once on each debated issue or question. The determination as to time spent shall be made by the timekeeper of the Assembly and Convention, and the determination of the timekeeper shall be conclusive. The timekeeper shall stand at the end of each period, and the speaker shall end his remarks. In the event the speaker fails to terminate his remarks, the Chairman may terminate the speaker's access to any microphone.

4.2 **Aggregate Time Limitation.** The time allotted to debate any issue or question, including all amendments to motions and substitutions for motions shall not exceed an aggregate of ten

minutes. At the end of such period, the Chairman shall call for a vote on such motions or amendments as may be necessary without further debate or action by the Assembly and Convention.

4.3 **Alternating Comments.** To the extent reasonably possible, the Chairman shall recognize in alternating order persons who wish to speak in favor or in opposition to any debated issue or question.

5. Demonstrations

5.1 **Definition.** The term "demonstration" shall be deemed to include all actions, such as organized verbal or audible disruptions, clapping, waving and parading, which shall disrupt the business of the Assembly and Convention.

5.2 **Prohibition.** Except as provided for in § 7.2, demonstrations on behalf of, or opposed to, any candidate or issue are prohibited. The Chairman, in his sole discretion, may charge the time consumed by any such demonstration to the time otherwise allotted to the candidate or issue being supported by such demonstration. No personal sound amplification devices or noisemakers shall be allowed on the floor of the Assembly and Convention, in the facility, or on the premises, that interfere with or disrupt the business of the Assembly and Convention.

6. Resolutions

6.1 **Referral to the Resolutions Committee.** Before any resolution shall be considered by the Assembly and Convention, it shall be referred to the Resolutions Committee. All resolutions proposed to be considered by the Assembly and Convention shall be submitted to the State Chairman by March 23, 2016. The State Chairman shall refer all resolutions received by him by 5:00p.m. April 1, 2016 to the Resolutions Committee. (State Bylaws, Art. XIII, § E.)

6.2 **Consideration by the Resolutions Committee.** The Resolutions Committee shall consider all resolutions properly referred by the State Chairman. The Resolutions Committee shall provide an opportunity for any person to speak "for" or "against" a Resolution at a meeting of the Resolutions Committee held on March 21, 2016 and March 22, 2016, and at such additional dates and times and by such means as the Resolutions Committee may provide. The Resolutions Committee may create, amend, consolidate and/or combine duplicate and similar resolutions into one Resolution for the efficiency of time and space, and may, but is not required to, consider additional resolutions as may be submitted or referred by the State Chairman after April 1, 2016. The Resolutions Committee shall report to the Assembly and Convention all resolutions approved by a majority of the members of the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee may establish such additional rules as it deems necessary for the conduct of its meetings.

6.3 **Resolutions for Consideration.** Only resolutions submitted in the report of the Resolutions Committee as provided for in Rule 6.2 shall be considered by the Assembly and Convention.

6.4 **No Amendment or Debate.** No resolution may be amended or debated at the Assembly and Convention.

6.5 **Two-Thirds Vote to Pass.** Resolutions concerning the Republican Party Platform or concerning the position of the Colorado Republican Party with respect to matters of public policy or public concern shall be deemed to be adopted only if approved by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting.

7. Nominations

7.1 **Qualifications of Nominators.** Only delegates to the Assembly and Convention may make nominations for any candidate. Seconding and acceptance speeches may be made by any individual recognized by the Chairman.

7.2 Candidate Nominations and Speeches

(a) Each candidate for United States Senator seeking designation at the Assembly shall be allotted a total of twelve (12) minutes for nominating and seconding speeches, candidate remarks, audio or video presentation, and any demonstration.

(b) Each Regent of the University of Colorado candidate seeking designation at the Assembly shall be allotted a total of twelve (12) minutes for nominating and seconding speeches, candidate remarks, audio or video presentation, and any demonstration.

(c) Each National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman candidate seeking election at the Convention shall be allotted a total of eight (8) minutes for nominating and seconding speeches, candidate remarks, audio or video presentation, and any demonstration.

(d) Each Republican candidate for President of the United States, or his designated representative, who has at least one (1) eligible candidate for National Convention Delegate pledged to support him as reflected on the National Delegate ballot, shall be allotted a total of twenty (20) minutes for speeches in support of candidacy, candidate remarks to the Assembly and Convention, audio or video presentation, and any demonstration.

(e) The Chairman may reduce the time allotted if the number of candidates for any one office exceeds four.

(f) The order of nomination for the office of United States Senator, Regent, Committeeman and Committeewoman has been determined by lot drawing at State Party Headquarters and shall correspond to the order of listing on the ballot. The order of candidate speeches for President of the United States shall be determined by Chairman.

7.3 Names of Persons Who Will Nominate and Second Candidates. The names of persons who will nominate and second candidates or who will introduce or speak on behalf of any candidate for President of the United States shall be provided to the permanent Chairman no later than immediately following the adoption of these Rules.

7.4 Delegates/Alternates to National Convention.

(a) Each eligible person who has filed, no later than thirteen days prior to the State Convention, a letter of intent to run for National Delegate at the State Convention shall be considered to have been nominated, and no additional nominations from the floor or write-in candidates will be permitted. Only delegates or alternates to the Assembly and Convention may be elected as National Delegates or as National Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention. (State Bylaws, Art. XIII, § A5a.)

(b) Candidates for National Convention Delegate need not identify the presidential candidate they are pledged to support, but may do so at their option. The ballot shall include the presidential preference of those individuals so pledging. (State Bylaws, Art. XIII, §A5c.)

(c) Each candidate for National Delegate will be given ten (10) seconds in which to give his or her name and county of residence and address the convention and other brief remarks in support of their candidacy, and the order shall be on a first-come basis. The time will start immediately upon the end of the preceding candidate's speech.

(d) The ballot order for National Delegate shall be by alphabetical order of the candidates' names, using last name first, grouped by pledged presidential preference and in the order of the national pledged delegate count as reported by the Republican National Committee as of April 1, 2016, with unpledged candidates for National Delegate grouped last.

7.5 Speech Timing. The allotted time for candidate nomination, candidate addresses and demonstrations, as provided for in 7.2 and 7.4(c) of these rules, shall commence with the opening comment of the first speaker or the beginning of any audio or video presentation, and shall be measured continuously until the specified time has elapsed.

8. Ballots

8.1 Official Ballots.

(a) All ballots used at the Assembly and Convention shall be prepared and distributed by the Teller Committee.

(b) In order to be listed on the pre-printed ballot, candidates for U.S. Senator, Regent of the University of Colorado and National Committeeman and National Committeewoman must have notified the State Chairman in writing by April 1, 2016.

(c) One ballot will be used for U.S. Senator, Regent of the University of Colorado, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman. A Second ballot will be used for Resolutions. The Resolutions Ballot numbers will correspond to the number assigned to the Resolutions as printed in the Convention and Assembly program.

(d) A third ballot will be used to elect National Delegates and Alternates.

8.2 Blank or Illegal Ballots. A ballot with a legal vote for an office shall be counted as "present and voting" for that office in calculating the threshold for ballot access, only if a legal vote was cast, or if the box for the write-in candidate corresponding to that office is marked and the word "ABSTAIN" is written on the ballot for that office. A ballot with only illegal or only blank votes will not be counted as "present and voting." No ballots will be duplicated, and no recount by hand will be authorized.

8.3 No Proxies, Unit Rule, Cumulative Voting, or Polling. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Cumulative voting in any election in which more than one person is to be elected or nominated shall not be permitted. Unit rule or proportional voting shall not be permitted. In no instance shall the vote of the County delegation be determined by polling fewer than the number of delegates present and voting.

8.4 Balloting.

(a) Balloting shall be conducted by county. Balloting shall commence and balloting shall conclude and the polls shall close at the direction of the Chairman. No ballots shall be issued to any delegate until the Chairman directs, and no ballots shall be accepted prior to the commencement of balloting or after the polls have closed. The County Chairman or his designee shall distribute ballots to all delegates and shall resolve all disputes related thereto. The decisions and rulings of the County Chairman regarding the distribution of ballots shall be final.

(b) Spoiled ballots may be exchanged for a duplicate ballot at the Teller Committee booth prior to the end of balloting for that specific office or issue. A ballot which is distributed but which is not cast or is otherwise marred, illegal or illegible will not be counted.

(c) In order to obtain a replacement ballot, the original ballot must be exchanged. No lost ballots will be replaced.

(d) Any claim of any ballot impropriety shall be referred to the Teller Committee immediately and prior to the report by the Teller Committee for the office or issue.

8.5 Number of Votes Permitted.

(a) A county shall be entitled to the number of votes equal to the number of delegates allocated to that county, to the extent that the county has duly accredited delegates and alternates present. In no case may a county cast more votes than delegates (or alternates moved into a delegate position) who are present.

(b) Except in the election of candidates for National Delegate, ballots cast for more than one candidate for each office will not be counted and will be listed as not counted by the Teller Committee.

(c) Each convention delegate shall be entitled to vote for up to twenty-six (26) candidates for National Delegate on a single ballot. (State Bylaws, Art. XIII, § A5b.) Ballots cast for more than twenty-six (26) candidates for National Delegate will not be counted and will be listed as not counted by the Teller Committee.

9. Nomination and Election

9.1 Nomination/Designation or Election by Acclamation.

In the event that there is only one candidate nominated for U.S. Senator, Regent of the University of Colorado, National Committeeman or Committeewoman, the Chairman may dispense with balloting and shall declare that the candidate shall be certified to the primary election ballot or elected by acclamation.

9.2 Ballot Tabulations. Ballot shall be tabulated by the Teller Committee, and the results shall be announced by the Chairman, except that a roll call vote by county in alphabetical order may be called by the Chairman at his sole discretion.

9.3 Ties. Ties of consequence shall be determined by lot drawn by the Chairman of the Teller Committee in the presence of at least two other members of the Teller Committee.

9.4 Designation Rules for U.S. Senator and Regent of the University of Colorado. Every candidate for U.S. Senator and for Regent of the University of Colorado receiving thirty percent or more of the votes of all duly-accredited delegates to the Assembly and Convention who are present and voting shall be certified by affidavit of the permanent Chairman and the Secretary of the Assembly and Convention. If no candidate receives thirty percent or more of the votes of all delegates present and voting on the first ballot, there shall be a second ballot cast on all candidates for that office. If on the second ballot no candidate receives thirty percent or more of the votes cast, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be certified as candidates for that office by the Assembly and Convention.

The Assembly and Convention shall take no more than two ballots upon candidates for each office to be filled at the ensuing general election.

9.5 Election of National Committeeman and Committeewoman. A plurality of votes cast by all duly-accredited delegates present and voting shall elect the National Committeeman and Committeewoman. In accordance with RNC Rule 3(a), the National Committeeman and National Committeewomen shall assume their office upon the adjournment of the 2016 national convention and shall serve until the adjournment of the 2020 national convention, or until their successors shall have been elected and ratified.

9.6 Election of Delegates/Alternates to the National Convention.

(a) As required by RNC Rule 14(a)(2), the State Chairman and the current National Committeeman and Committeewoman of the Colorado Republican Party shall be delegates to the 2016 national convention. (State Bylaws, Art. XIII, § A3.)

(b) The thirteen (13) candidates for National Delegate receiving the highest number of votes shall be assigned the National Delegate at-large positions and the next thirteen (13) candidates according to the total number of votes each received shall be assigned the National Alternate Delegate at-large positions allocated to the Colorado Republican Party in accordance with the rules of the (national) Republican Party. (State Bylaws, Art. XIII, § A3b.)

10. Presidential Electors

10.1 Electors. By adoption of these rules, and in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado and longstanding procedures of the Republican Party, the Convention hereby appoints a Presidential Electors Nominating Committee consisting of the State Chairman, State Vice-Chairman, State Secretary, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman of the Colorado Republican Party, who shall nominate nine Republican Presidential Electors, and who shall nominate candidates for vacancies in Republican Presidential Electors in accordance with applicable statutes, and hereby authorizes said Nominating Committee to prepare and execute the resolutions and/or other documents certifying the nomination of the nine Republican Presidential Electors to the Colorado Secretary of State and other officials in accordance with law. (C.R.S. §§ 1-4-302, 1-4-701, 1-5-403(2).)

11. Assembly Vacancy Committee

11.1 **Appointment.** By the adoption of these rules, the Assembly designates the Executive Committee of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee as the Assembly Vacancy Committee, and said Assembly Vacancy Committee is empowered to fill any vacancy that may occur in designation or nomination for any statewide public office. (State Bylaws, Art. XIV, § B1d.)

12. Other Rules

12.1 **Reasonable Rules.** The permanent Chairman shall make such other reasonable rules as may be necessary for the operation of the Assembly and Convention and the operation or regularity of the delegation to the Republican National Convention, provided that such rules shall not conflict with the Rules of the (national) Republican Party, the rules and bylaws of the Colorado Republican Party, applicable Colorado statutes and these rules.

12.2 **Candidate Literature.** Only literature for Republican candidates to be chosen at the Assembly and Convention or for Republican candidates for President of the United States may be distributed on the floor of the Assembly and Convention, in the facility, or on the premises. The State Chairman may bar any literature that does not comply with this rule or fails to identify the candidate, person, or organization responsible for the literature. No petitions for any candidate or ballot issue shall be permitted or circulated on the floor, in the facility, or on the premises, except as the State Chairman may authorize.

12.3 **Future Assembly and Convention.** These Rules shall serve as the temporary rules of any succeeding Assembly and Convention of the Colorado Republican Party until such time as permanent rules are adopted by that Assembly and Convention.

12.4 **Suspension.** The rules of the Assembly and Convention may be suspended by a two-thirds vote.

12.5 **Deferral to RNC Rules, State Law and CRC Bylaws.** Should any rule herein contradict governing provisions of state or federal law, the Rules of the (national) Republican Party, or the Bylaws or rules of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee, the Chairman may rule that such law, rule, or bylaw governs.

13. Parliamentary Authority.

13.1 **Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.** The eleventh and most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall govern the Assembly and Convention in all cases in which they are not in conflict with Colorado Revised Statutes, the Bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee, the Rules of the National Republican Party, and these rules. The foregoing will be available for inspection during the Assembly and Convention.

Adopted by the Rules Committee this 7th day of April, 2016.

Joy Hoffman, Rules Committee Chairman