

2020 Plan of Organization Committee Report

Amendment 1

III.A, V.A, VI.B – Election Integrity

Current:

Article III – COUNTY ORGANIZATION

A. COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2. Powers and Duties

The County Executive Committee shall cooperate with the District and State Committees in all elections and Party activities; shall encourage qualified candidates for office within the County; shall adopt a budget; shall recommend nominees to the State Chairman for appointments for County Board of Election in accordance with Article IX.D.2.d. and shall have active management of Party affairs within the County. It shall approve a Finance Committee and an Auditing Committee of not less than 3 Members each and may approve such other Committees as may be deemed necessary. The County Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be Ex-officio Members of all Committees indicated in this paragraph. In the event that it is determined that the County Plan of Organization is not consistent with the State Party Plan of Organization, the County Executive Committee must at the next called meeting bring the County Plan of Organization into compliance with the State Party Plan of Organization. Under any circumstances, the County Plan of Organization must be brought into compliance within 90 days. If permitted by the County Plan of Organization, the County Executive Committee may amend the County Plan of Organization upon a 2/3 vote after providing written notice via first class United States Mail of the meeting advising members regarding the substance of the proposed amendment and provided a quorum is present. County Republican Parties shall submit, by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, their county plans of organizations, and amendments thereto, to the NCGOP State Headquarters Executive Director, Political Director, and District Chairman within 30 days after their adoption, in order for the Plan and/or amendment to be considered valid.

Article V – CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

A. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Membership

The Congressional District Executive Committee shall be composed of:

- a. The Officers elected at the District Convention.

b. County chairs and first vice chairs shall be members of each District Executive Committee in which even a portion of their county lies, regardless of whether they, themselves, live in that District.

c. The District Finance Chairman.

d. All Members of the State Executive Committee who are elected by the District Convention under the provisions in Article VII.C.2.c.

e. Such others as the District Plan of Organization may provide.

2. Powers and Duties

The Congressional District Executive Committee shall encourage qualified candidates for Congress; cooperate with the Judicial, Senatorial and Legislative Executive Committees in encouraging qualified candidates for those offices, especially in multi-County Districts; approve a Finance Chairman; and cooperate with the County and State Executive Committees in all campaigns.

Article VI – STATE ORGANIZATION

B. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Membership

The State Executive Committee shall be composed of the following:

c. The Congressional District Vice-Chairmen, and the Congressional District Finance Chairmen. Congressional Districts with more than one Vice-Chairman shall designate one Vice-Chairman who shall be a member of the State Executive Committee. Said designation shall be made by the respective Congressional District Executive Committees, and shall be made immediately following the odd year District

4. Duties of Officers

f. The General Counsel shall advise the Executive Committee in all legal matters and shall act as Parliamentarian at all Meetings of the Committee.

Proposed:

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4. Duties of Officers

e. The General Counsel shall be an attorney licensed in North Carolina who shall provide general legal and parliamentary advice to the county party and be the chief election integrity officer of the county party working to identify and eliminate election fraud and to maintain trained and qualified election observers in every precinct. In the event that no qualified Republican in a county is willing to serve as General Counsel, the county executive committee may select a person familiar with election procedures to chair an Election Integrity Committee to carry out the election integrity functions of the General Counsel. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in all questions regarding the State Plan of Organization, the interpretation thereof, or any issues that impact the State Party, the county general counsel shall have no authority to contradict the State General Counsel or Arbitration Committee.

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- c. The District Finance Chairman and General Counsel.
- d. All Members of the State Executive Committee who are elected by the District Convention under the provisions in Article VII.C.2.c.
- e. Such others as the District Plan of Organization may provide.

2. Powers and Duties

The Congressional District Executive Committee shall encourage qualified candidates for Congress; cooperate with the Judicial, Senatorial and Legislative Executive Committees in encouraging qualified candidates for those offices, especially in multi-County Districts; elect a General Counsel, approve a Finance Chairman; and cooperate with the County and State Executive Committees in all campaigns.

4. Duties of Officers

e. The General Counsel, who shall be a licensed attorney in North Carolina, shall provide legal advice to the District Executive Committee and shall be the chief election integrity officer of the district, responsible for party efforts to combat election fraud and to promote fair and honest elections, including working with county organizations to maintain trained election observers at every precinct. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in all questions regarding the State Plan of Organization, the interpretation thereof, or any issues that impact the State Party, the county general counsel shall have no authority to contradict the State General Counsel or Arbitration Committee.

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4. Duties of Officers

f. The General Counsel shall advise the Executive Committee in all legal matters and shall act as Parliamentarian at all Meetings of the Committee. The Assistant General Counsel shall assist the General Counsel in his duties, act in his stead in his absence, and shall serve as the party's chief election integrity officer, who shall work in conjunction with the district and county general counsels to identify and eliminate election fraud and to build a team of trained election observers in every precinct in North Carolina.

Explanation:

A new structure is established to coordinate party activities on election integrity / ballot security on an ongoing basis.

Amendment 2

X.C.1 Controversies

Current:

Article X – AMENDMENTS, APPLICABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PLAN

C. AUTHORITY

1. Controversies

Controversies in any County or District with respect to the organizations set up therein under this Plan shall be referred to the State Chairman, State Vice-Chairman, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman and General Counsel for arbitration. Ruling shall be made within 60 days, and their decision shall be final

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Explanation:

Clarifies that the members listed form an Arbitration Committee and defines a process that allows the parties to present a case to this Committee.