



MINNESOTA REPUBLICAN
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

November 11, 1971

The Honorable Arlen Erdahl
Secretary of State
State Office Building
St. Paul, Minn. 55155

Dear Arlen:

Pursuant to Minnesota Election Laws, 1970 Edition,
Chapter 202.20, Subd. 4, we are enclosing a copy of
the Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution as
amended at the Republican State Convention in Alexandria
on October 16.

Cordially,

Herbert O. Johnson
Administrative Director

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REPUBLICAN PARTY
of
MINNESOTA

CONSTITUTION

Article I
Name and Objects

SECTION 1: Name. The name of this organization shall be the Republican Party of Minnesota.

SECTION 2: Objects. The objects of the party shall be the maintenance of government of, by and for the people according to the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Minnesota, and the implementation of such principles as may from time to time be adopted by party conventions.

Article II
Membership and Dues

SECTION 1: Membership. The membership of the party shall be composed of all voters of the State of Minnesota who desire to support the objects of the party.

SECTION 2: Membership. It shall be the responsibility of the several county committees to expand the membership of the party within their respective counties. The form of enrollment shall be prescribed by the State Executive Committee, and shall be uniform throughout the state, but no qualifications for membership shall be imposed, except as provided by this constitution. Opportunity for enrollment shall be open at all times to all voters who are eligible for membership under Section 1 of this article.

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SECTION 3: Dues. County committees may invite voluntary payment of dues by members of the party within their respective counties, but payment of dues shall not be required as a condition for membership.

SECTION 4: Rights. Nothing in this constitution shall be construed to deny or abridge the rights of any voter to participate in any party caucus, primary or convention, wherein he is entitled by law to participate.

Article III
Conventions - General Provisions

SECTION 1: Business. Conventions shall transact such business as is specified in the Call of the Convention, and may transact such other business as a majority of the convention may determine, subject to the provisions of Article XI, Section 2 of this constitution. Such conventions may endorse candidates for any public office. In case of a proposal for endorsement of a candidate whose constituency is not coterminous with the territory of the convention, only those delegates residing within such constituency shall vote upon the proposal.

SECTION 2: Endorsements.

A. Any candidate for public office may be granted pre-primary endorsement by any state, district, county or other authorized convention if he receives 60 per cent of the voting strength of the convention as established by the last report of the credentials committee preceding such vote. If the public office sought by the candidate is legally partisan, then the candidate, prior to being considered for pre-primary endorsement, must agree, if he receives the endorsement, to seek the office as a Republican. The rules of any such convention may provide that where only one candidate is nominated for endorsement for a particular office, endorsement may be granted if such candidate receives 60 per cent of the votes cast on the proposal. Excepting the 60 per cent requirement, county constitutions may establish different rules of endorsement for conventions relating to legislative districts or areas smaller than the entire county. When more than one such candidate is nominated for endorsement, none of them shall be voted upon separately.

- B. An endorsement for public office at a convention below the level of the one which is representative of the entire electorate for the office shall be no more than an expression of the sentiment of the convention. An endorsement may carry with it the commitment of party resources, finances and manpower only when made at the convention which is representative of the entire electorate for the office; except that the state convention may bind the delegates which it elects to the National Convention of the Republican Party for one ballot to vote for a candidate who receives the endorsement of that convention for the office of President of the United States, unless they be released by said candidate.
- C. Legislative Endorsing Conventions.
1. Legislative district endorsing conventions wholly within a given county may be held subject to the provisions of said county constitution and/or bylaws, provided said provisions are not in conflict with state statutes or the Republican State Constitution.
 2. Where a legislative district crosses county lines, but lies within a congressional district, the congressional district executive committee may issue the call for an endorsing convention, appoint the convener, and specify the delegate voting strength of the delegates from the counties involved or pursuant to such other procedure as may be authorized by the congressional district constitution.
 3. Where a legislative district crosses county and congressional district lines, the State Executive Committee may issue the call for an endorsing convention, appoint the convener and specify the delegate voting strength of the delegates from the counties involved.
 4. In the event that a majority of the precinct chairmen and chairwomen from the legislative district that crosses county or congressional district lines should sign a petition requesting an endorsing convention and specifying the convener and the delegate voting strength of the convention, the congressional district chairman or state chairman, on behalf of his executive committee, who has jurisdiction as specified in Section 2C2 or 2C3 of this article, shall issue the call for such convention.

5. An endorsement made at a legislative endorsing convention whose jurisdiction crosses county or congressional district lines may permit the district or State Executive Committee to appoint a representative from the party to coordinate party activities with the candidate's campaign committee. The various affected county organizations shall cooperate with this legislative campaign organization.
6. Eligible voters at legislative endorsing conventions shall be the delegates or their alternates as duly elected at the most recent Republican precinct caucus held within the political boundaries of the legislative district, and such other ex-officio delegates as may be designated by the applicable county constitution or bylaws or congressional district constitution or bylaws.

SECTION 3: Seating of Alternates. The first order of business of a state or district convention shall be seating of the alternates. The permanent voting roll of the convention shall be composed of the delegates of each county who actually are present, and in the absence of any delegate to the convention, an alternate shall be seated in his stead during his absence. If no person has been elected as alternate for a specific delegate, and the county constitution or bylaws of the county involved does not provide a procedure for the seating of alternates, the ward, village, legislative district, county commissioner district, or other primary nominating unit which nominated the absent delegate, shall, by a caucus of its delegates, select a replacement for the absent delegate from among its duly elected alternates. In the absence of an alternate from any such primary nominating unit, an alternate from another primary nominating unit from the county shall be seated. When a delegate returns to the floor of the convention, he or she will be seated immediately.

SECTION 4: Election and Terms of Delegates. All state, district and county delegates and alternates shall be elected in general election years and shall hold office until their successors are duly elected, or upon adoption in their respective county constitution, counties may elect delegates and alternates to the district and state conventions annually in the same manner as provided in the general election year, and these delegates and alternates elected under this option shall hold office for a term of one year, or until their successors are duly elected.

- SECTION 5: Filling Vacancies. In the case of vacancies among the congressional district and state convention delegates elected from the respective counties of the state, counties having such vacancies may elect delegates and alternates to fill such vacancies, but only in the same manner in which the original delegates and alternates are elected.
- SECTION 6: Vacancy Defined. A vacancy shall occur in a delegate's position upon his death, resignation or removal from the geographical area from which he was elected, or upon the failure of the body having the power of election to fill such position, if no duly elected alternate is available to fill the vacancy.
- SECTION 7: Outgoing County Chairmen and Chairwomen. When a new county chairman of chairwoman is elected at a county convention held during the two-year period for which delegates and alternates have been elected to state and district conventions, the outgoing county chairman and/or chairwoman may, by county constitution, be elected to any existing vacancies in the delegate or alternate lists.
- SECTION 8: Nothing in this article is intended to affect the right of the convention to authorize, by rule, the delegates present to vote the entire voting strength of the county.

Article IV
State Conventions

- SECTION 1: Composition. State conventions shall be composed of the following:
- A. The members of the State Executive Committee, (except county chairmen and chairwomen), for whom there shall be no alternates.
 - B. The twelve (12) members at large of the State Central Committee, appointed under the provision of Article VII, Section 1B2, for whom there shall be no alternates.
 - C. Two representatives selected by each of the following state-wide Republican auxiliary organizations: Minnesota Federation of Republican Women; Minnesota Republican Workshop and Minnesota Republican Heritage Council, for whom there shall be no alternates; and two representatives selected by each of the following state-wide Republican affiliate organizations; Teen Age Republicans of Minnesota; College Republicans of Minnesota; and Young Republican League of Minnesota, for whom there shall be no alternates.

- D. Each Republican State constitutional officer not included as a member of the State Executive Committee and each Republican member from Minnesota of the House of Representatives in Congress, for whom there shall be no alternates.
- E. The chairman and chairwoman of each county, as delegates from their respective counties, who shall be included within the number of delegates allotted to their respective counties as herein provided.
- F. Delegates from the various counties of the state who are elected at county conventions.

The number of delegates from the various counties, including therein the county chairman and chairwoman, shall be apportioned among the counties upon such basis as the State Executive Committee or the State Central Committee may determine, provided that the basis of apportionment shall be uniform throughout the state, and shall be based upon the vote cast for the Republican candidate for governor in the last preceding state-wide general election; or if such election were a presidential election, the vote cast for the Republican candidate for president; provided further that the county chairman and chairwoman shall, in any event, compose the minimum number of delegates from any county.

- G. One delegate, or in the case of absence, one alternate from each congressional district in Minnesota, selected by each of the following youth affiliates: Teen Age Republicans of Minnesota, College Republicans of Minnesota, and Young Republican League of Minnesota to be selected in the following manner: at a state convention held by each of the respective affiliates, members of the organization residing in each congressional district shall elect a district delegate and a district alternate to the State GOP Convention. The delegates and alternates shall be residents of the district they represent, be of sufficient age to be entitled to vote at the next general election, and be members of the affiliate by which they were selected. These delegates and alternates shall be elected to serve until their successors are elected but in no case for longer than one year after elected and shall not serve as a delegate more than once under this provision.
- H. Former Republican presidents, vice presidents, senators, congressmen, governors, and lieutenant governors, who are residents of the State of Minnesota, for whom there shall be no alternates.

SECTION 2: Committees. The state chairman shall, subject to the advice and consent of the district chairmen and chairwomen, appoint a Platform Committee, a Resolutions Committee, a Rules Committee, a Credentials Committee and such other state convention committees as may be necessary or desirable. Such committees shall begin to perform their respective duties before the convention opens, and shall be subject to the confirmation of the state convention. Such committees shall be selected from the official roster of duly elected delegates or alternates to said state convention.

SECTION 3: Time and Place of Convention. A regular state convention of the party shall be held in each general election year at such time and place as the State Central Committee may determine. Special state conventions may be called at such other times and places and for such purposes as the State Central Committee may determine.

Article V
District Conventions

SECTION 1: Composition. District conventions shall be composed of the following residents of the district:

- A. Those persons designated in Article IV, Section 1A and D, who shall be delegates at large, for whom there shall be no alternates.
- B. Delegates apportioned and elected at the county conventions, in like manner, as delegates to state conventions, and including the county chairmen and chairwomen, who shall be included as part of the county allocation, provided that in any district consisting of, or including a portion of a county, delegates from such portion to the district convention shall be selected in a manner determined by the county constitution, bylaws or by a motion of the county convention. The county chairmen and chairwomen are to be included in the delegation of the portion in which they respectively reside.
- C. As specified in the district constitution or bylaws: such other party officers; party auxiliary organization's national, state, or congressional district officers; holders of elective public office, at the congressional district level or higher, who were supported or endorsed by the Republican Party; or former Republican presidents, vice presidents, senators, congressmen and governors; for whom there shall be no alternates.

- D. One delegate, or in the case of absence, one alternate, selected by each of the following youth affiliates: Teen Age Republicans of Minnesota, College Republicans of Minnesota, and Young Republican League of Minnesota to be selected in the following manner: at a district convention held by each of the respective affiliates, members of each chartered club within the district shall elect a delegate and an alternate to the district GOP convention. The delegates and alternates shall be members of the clubs they represent and shall be of sufficient age to be entitled to vote at the next general election. These delegates and alternates shall be elected to serve until their successors are elected but in no case for longer than one year after elected and shall not serve as a delegate more than once under this provision.

SECTION 2: Time and Place of Convention. District conventions shall be held annually at the call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, or the committees of the respective districts, and at such other times and for such other purposes as the committee calling the conventions may determine. The place of holding district conventions in each district shall be determined by the district committee.

Article VI
County Conventions

SECTION 1: Composition. County conventions shall be composed of the following residents of the county:

- A. Delegates elected at the precinct caucuses which are held in each precinct every general election year as required by Minnesota statutes. The number of delegates and alternates at each county convention and the basis of their apportionment shall be determined by the county committee, provided that such basis shall be uniform throughout the county and shall be based on the vote cast for the Republican candidate for governor in the last preceding state-wide general election; or if such election were a presidential election, the vote cast for the Republican candidate for president. Special caucuses for one or more precincts may be called by the county committee in the manner prescribed by statute for biennial precinct caucuses for the sole purpose of filling vacancies in precincts where such exist at the time of notice.

- B. Such other party officers, party auxiliary organization officers, holders of elective public office who were supported or endorsed by the Republican party, or former Republican presidents, vice presidents, senators, congressmen and governors as are specified in the county constitution or bylaws, for whom there shall be no alternates.

- C. The following youth affiliates: Teen Age Republicans of Minnesota, College Republicans of Minnesota, and Young Republican League of Minnesota shall be represented at each local unit convention above precinct level (Hennepin - ward and community; Ramsey - legislative district; St. Louis - legislative district; all other - county) where an affiliate has been recognized as being organized. Unless different representation is provided by the local unit constitution or bylaws, each recognized affiliate unit shall be represented by four members as voting delegates to said convention; however, in no case shall such representation be larger than 25 per cent of the voting strength of the entire convention. These delegates shall be elected to serve until their successors are elected but in no case for longer than one year after elected and shall not serve as a delegate more than once under this provision.

SECTION 2: Time and Place of County Convention. County conventions shall be held annually at the Call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, the district committee or the county committee preceding district and state conventions. Special county conventions may be held at the Call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, the district committee, or the county committees of the respective counties at such time and for such purposes as the committee calling the same may determine. County conventions shall be held at county seats unless otherwise determined by the respective county committees.

SECTION 3: Delegates and Alternates to State and District Conventions. Delegates and alternates to district and state conventions shall be elected at the county conventions in even numbered years; or if provided in the county constitution, may be elected annually. A county may elect up to twice as many alternates as the number of delegates it is allotted, provided that the county convention or constitution specifies a method for the orderly seating of said alternates to fill vacancies in the delegation. All disputes concerning the seating of alternates shall be settled according to that county's constitution or bylaws or by a caucus of the delegates from that county.

Article VII
State Party Administration

SECTION 1: State Central Committee.

A. Duties and Responsibilities.

1. General Management. The general management of the affairs of the party in the state shall be vested in the State Central Committee, subject to the control of the state convention.
2. Bylaws. The State Central Committee may prepare, adopt, and operate under such bylaws as are deemed necessary for the routine transaction of the business of the party. These bylaws may not be adopted or amended by less than 2/3 of the committee present after written notice of any proposal for adoption or amendment has been submitted in the notice of the meeting. The bylaws shall contain the specific delegation and division of responsibilities and duties among the various departments of the state organization and may specify whatever rules and administrative procedures are deemed necessary by the committee. The bylaws are specifically restricted to matters of administration.

B. Composition. The State Central Committee shall consist of the following:

1. The members of the State Executive Committee.
2. Twelve members at large, of whom six shall be men appointed by the state chairman, and six shall be women, appointed by the state chairwoman. The appointment of the members at large shall be made with the advice and consent of the members of the Executive Committee, or a majority thereof.
- 3a. The chairman and/or chairwoman, or, in the case of absence, a duly elected alternate from each of the state-wide Republican Auxiliary organizations, which are as follows: Minnesota Federation of Republican Women; Minnesota Republican Workshop and Minnesota Republican League Council.
- b. The chairman and/or chairwoman, or, in the case of absence, a duly elected alternate from each of the state-wide Republican Affiliate organizations, which are as follows: Teen Age Republicans of Minnesota; College Republicans of Minnesota and Young Republican League of Minnesota.

4. Each Republican state constitutional officer not included as a member of the State Executive Committee and each Republican member from Minnesota of the House of Representatives in Congress, or his appointee, shall be a member of the State Central Committee for the duration of his term of office. A Republican Governor of Minnesota or a Republican United States Senator from Minnesota shall be entitled to appoint one person to the State Central Committee for the duration of said elected official's term. Any such appointee may be removed at any time by the elected official appointing him.
5. One duly elected representative, or, in his absence, a duly elected alternate from each of the following: The Minnesota Republican Council of Arts, Professions and Sciences (CAPS) and the Minnesota Republican Minorities Division.
6. Each congressional district shall be entitled to representation in accordance with whichever of the following formulas provides the larger delegation:
 - A. Two delegates and two alternates for each of its counties or parts thereof;
 - B. One delegate and one alternate for each 1600 Republican gubernatorial votes, or any fraction thereof, cast in the last gubernatorial election prior to the convention at which the delegate or alternate is to be elected. Unless otherwise provided for in the district constitution, the manner of allocating the delegate positions shall be as follows: Delegate positions shall be allocated to all county chairmen and chairwomen. Any additional delegate positions shall be elected at large at the congressional district convention if no other means has been provided for their selection in the congressional district constitution.

Except as provided in Article XII, Section 4C of this constitution, a delegate or alternate elected pursuant to this section shall serve a term commencing on the date of his election and terminating on the date his successor is elected, which shall be at the convention of the electing unit which will elect the delegate or alternate two years hence.

7. The Speaker of the Minnesota State House of Representatives, if a member of the conservative caucus (otherwise, the leader of the house conservative caucus) and the leader of the conservative caucus of the Minnesota State Senate.
 8. Additional delegates allocated to the congressional districts following district conventions shall be appointed by the district committee to serve until the next district convention.
- C. Alternates. Alternates shall be selected for members of the State Central Committee in the same manner as the members of the State Central Committee are selected. In the event that any elected delegate and his or her alternate are unable to attend a meeting of the State Central Committee, the district constitution may provide for a procedure for appointment of a replacement. If the district constitution does not provide a procedure for appointment, the county executive committee is authorized to appoint a substitute member to represent the county for that meeting. The district executive committee is authorized to appoint a substitute member for delegates at large and for delegates for whom no substitute delegate has been appointed by the county executive committee.
- D. Meetings. Meetings of the State Central Committee may be called by the chairman or by the State Executive Committee or by any twenty members of the State Central Committee who must be from no fewer than two congressional districts. Written notice of each meeting shall be mailed to each member at least ten days in advance.
- E. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of 30% of the delegates, who must come from no fewer than 29 counties.
- F. Voting. No delegate shall be entitled to cast more than his own ballot on any business conducted at State Central Committee meetings. No voting by proxy shall be permitted.

SECTION 2: State Executive Committee

- A. Duties and Responsibilities. The State Executive Committee shall have charge of the administration of state party affairs, subject to the direction and control of the state convention and the State Central Committee.

- B. Composition. The State Executive Committee shall consist of the following:
1. The state party officers;
 2. The national committeeman and committeewoman;
 3. The governor of Minnesota if he was elected as a Republican. If the governor is unable to attend, he may send a representative to any meeting of the State Executive Committee.
 4. Any United States Senator if he was elected as a Republican from Minnesota. If the senator is unable to attend, he may send a representative to any meeting of the State Executive Committee.
 5. The chairman and chairwoman of the Minnesota Republican Finance Committee.
 6. Congressional District chairmen and chairwomen.
 7. County chairmen and chairwomen of counties containing a city of the first class.
 8. A representative elected by the Department of Youth Action Executive Board.
- C. Absence of Chairman. The State Executive Committee shall, if necessary, designate a vice-chairman to act for the chairman in the chairman's temporary absence or inability to act.
- D. Voting. No voting by proxy shall be permitted at any meeting of the State Executive Committee.
- E. Meetings. Meetings of the State Executive Committee may be called by the chairman or by any five members of the committee. Unless he waives notice, each member shall be entitled to notice of each meeting in writing--by mail or telegram--or orally--in person or by telephone.
- F. A quorum shall consist of at least 50% of the members.

- G. The State Executive Committee is authorized to organize itself into functional sub-committees and to appoint such advisory members as necessary to deal with specific areas of party operations (such as youth, personnel, finance, data processing, research, candidates and campaigns, public relations, leadership training, auxiliaries) and the day-to-day direction of party affairs.
- H. The Executive Committee shall report regularly to the State Central Committee.

SECTION 3: State Party Officers.

A. General Duties of, and Restrictions on, Officers.

- 1. The state party officers shall have the powers and duties usually incident to their respective offices and those which are prescribed by but not in conflict with this constitution or from time to time assigned to them by the State Central Committee, State Executive Committee, or through action at any state party convention. It shall be within their power to organize, or cause to be organized, each precinct in the state.
- 2. State party officers shall hold as a specific responsibility the continuing search for qualified candidates and encouragement of them to seek public office.
- 3. No state party officer shall use his official position to promote pre-primary endorsement support or to induce the candidacy of any individual by assuring Republican support prior to any endorsement by the convention which is representative of the entire electorate for the office.

B. Composition. The state party officers shall consist of the following:

- 1. Chairman
- 2. Chairwoman
- 3. Four Vice-Chairmen
- 4. Four Vice-Chairwomen
- 5. Secretary
- 6. Treasurer

C. Election, Terms and Removal.

1. Following the district conventions in each odd-numbered year, a nominating committee composed of district chairmen and chairwomen, or district vice-chairmen and chairwomen, or their appointees, shall meet and select at least one candidate for each state party office. In June of each odd-numbered year, the State Central Committee shall meet at the Call of the State Chairman, or any three of their own number, and elect the state party officers from any members of the party; provided, however, that the members at large of the State Central Committee, referred to in Article VII, Section 1B2, shall not be entitled to vote at such election.
2. State Party officers shall serve no more than four (4) consecutive full terms in the same office.
3. Any state party officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of those present at any meeting of the State Central Committee.
4. In the event of a vacancy in the office of state chairman or state chairwoman, the State Central Committee shall meet within 30 days thereafter to elect a successor.

SECTION 4. Department of Youth Action.

- A. Duties and Responsibilities. The Department of Youth Action, in conjunction with Republican organizations at the local, county, district and state levels, shall recruit and organize young people within the Young Republican League of Minnesota, the College Republicans of Minnesota and the Teen Age Republicans of Minnesota, shall acquaint young voters with the principles and goals of the Minnesota Republican Party, shall urge young people to register and vote, and shall recruit and encourage young people to participate in the organization and affairs of the Minnesota Republican Party. The Department of Youth Action Executive Board shall coordinate the budget and activities of the three youth affiliates with the State Executive Committee and the State Central Committee.

B. Composition. The Department of Youth Action shall be directed by an Executive Board as follows:

1. Three representatives chosen by the Young Republican League of Minnesota.
2. Three representatives chosen by the College Republicans of Minnesota.
3. Three representatives chosen by the Teen Age Republicans of Minnesota.
4. The Executive Director of the department.
5. The State GOP Chairman or his appointee.

SECTION 5: General Provisions Relating to State Party Administration.

- A. Terms of Appointees. Persons appointed under this Article shall have terms of office expiring with the death, removal from office or geographical area, resignation or expiration of the term of the appointing officer, and each such person may be removed at the discretion of the appointing officer.
- B. Terms of Officers and Committee Members. Unless otherwise provided, all party officers and committee members shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

Article VIII
District Party Administration

SECTION 1: District Committee.

- A. Duties and Responsibilities. The management of the affairs of the party pertaining to each congressional district shall be vested in the district committee of such district, subject to the direction of the State Central Committee, the State Executive Committee, and the district convention; provided, that the district committee shall have no jurisdiction over local affairs within the respective counties in the district.

- B. Composition. Each congressional district committee shall be composed of all the county chairmen and chairwomen of the district, with alternates the same as for the State Central Committee, members of the district executive committee and such other persons as are designated in the district constitution, provided that in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Congressional Districts, the district committees shall be composed as provided by their respective district constitutions and/or bylaws.
- C. Officers. The officers of each congressional district committee shall be a chairman, chairwoman, vice-chairman, vice-chairwoman, secretary, treasurer and such additional officers as may be determined by each congressional district constitution and/or bylaws.
- D. Election of Officers. The delegates to each district convention held in odd-numbered years shall elect the officers of the district committee from any members of the party residing within the district. In the absence of any provision in the district constitution, the nominating committee of said convention shall consist of the county chairmen and chairwomen in the district involved, or their designated alternates. Where a district consists of only a portion of a county, the officers of the district committee shall be selected in odd-numbered years in such manner as the district constitution and/or bylaws may provide.

SECTION 2: District Executive Committee. The District Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the district committee and such additional members as provided by the respective district constitutions and/or bylaws.

SECTION 3: Removals. Any officer of a district committee, or any member of a district executive committee may be removed by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the district committee.

SECTION 4: Organization. The district committee shall encourage and provide through its constitution and/or bylaws a means by which an organization along senatorial district lines may be created. The purpose of these organizations shall be to assist in the election of legislative candidates.

Article IX
County Party Administration

SECTION 1: County Committee.

- A. Duties and Responsibilities. The management of the affairs of the party within each county shall be vested in the county committee of the county, subject to the direction of state and district authorities, as to matters within the scope of their respective functions; provided, that organizers or other representatives of state or district authorities shall not solicit memberships or funds within any county without the approval of the county chairman and chairwoman. It shall be the duty of the county committee to organize, or cause to be organized, each ward, precinct or other voting unit in their county.
- B. Composition. The county committee shall consist of the county party officers and such other members as the county constitution, bylaws, or convention may prescribe.
- C. Officers. The officers of each county organization shall be a chairman and a chairwoman, a vice-chairman and a vice-chairwoman, a secretary, a treasurer and such other officers as the county constitution, bylaws, or convention may prescribe.
- D. Election of Officers. The officers and other members of the county committee shall be elected at each county convention held in odd-numbered years; provided, that such county convention may provide for the selection of such officers and members in such other manner as it may deem proper.

SECTION 2: County Executive Committee. The county convention may provide for a county executive committee, of such size as it deems proper, who shall be members of the county committee.

SECTION 3: Removals. Any county representative on a district committee, any officers of a county committee, or any member of a county executive committee may be removed by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the county committee.

SECTION 4: Vacancies in Precinct Offices. The county committee may call a special caucus, for one or more precincts, in the manner prescribed by statute for biennial precinct caucuses for the sole purpose of filling vacancies where such exist at the time of notice or may provide for the appointment of an acting officer to perform the function of any office in which there is a vacancy until an officer is duly elected.

Article X
National Committeeman and Committeewoman

SECTION 1: Selection of National Committeeman and Committeewoman. In the year of each presidential election, immediately after the state convention which precedes the Republican National Convention, the State Central Committee shall meet and select a national committeeman and a national committeewoman; provided, however, that the members at large of the State Central Committee referred to in Article VII, Section 1B2 and the representative members on the State Central Committee referred to in Article VII, Section 1B4 of this constitution shall not be entitled to participate in such election.

SECTION 2: Commencing in 1976, the national committeeman and committeewoman shall serve for a term of four years and may serve no more than two full terms.

Article XI
Constitution Committee and Amendments

SECTION 1: Constitution Committee. Immediately following each regular state convention, two persons shall be appointed from each congressional district, by the district chairmen and chairwomen, to serve as a State Constitution Committee. The chairman of this committee shall be appointed by the chairman of the State Central Committee. This committee shall serve through the next succeeding regular state convention. This committee shall give consideration to and may propose appropriate amendments and/or revisions of this constitution to the state convention.

SECTION 2: Amendments. This constitution may be amended by a majority vote at any State Convention, provided that any proposal for amendment shall be referred to the state constitution committee and reported out of said committee by at least a minority report signed by three such committee members before it shall be submitted to the convention.

Article XII
General Provisions

SECTION 1: Other Constitutions and Bylaws. Any body within the party organization may adopt and amend a constitution and/or bylaws for its own government not inconsistent with this constitution.

SECTION 2: Affiliated Republican Organizations. The right of special organizations having Republican affiliations to exist and carry on their activities as they see fit, consistent with the objects, platforms and principles of the party shall be recognized, and the organization of permanent local clubs and organizations or party members for the purpose of holding meetings and carrying on other activities in furtherance of party and public welfare shall be permitted and encouraged, and the activities of all such organizations during election campaigns shall be coordinated with authorized party activities and subject to the direction of the regularly constituted party authorities.

SECTION 3: Removals. Notice of every proposal for removal by any committee or other body of the party shall be included in the notice of the meeting, and the individual concerned shall be served with a detailed statement of the charges against him at least ten days prior to such meeting.

SECTION 4: Vacancies.

A. All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by the respective bodies or officers having power of election or appointment, except officers or members of district or county committees which shall be filled by such committees.

- B. In the case of a vacancy in the office of any state or district chairman or chairwoman or county chairman or chairwoman, the corresponding vice-chairman or vice-chairwoman shall perform the duties of the office until the election of a successor.
- C. A vacancy shall occur upon the death or resignation of an officer or committee member or upon his removal from the geographical area from which he was elected.

SECTION 5: Auxiliaries. Any group applying for auxiliary status shall submit a copy of its bylaws and/or constitution which specifies the purpose, officers and membership of the organization to the state chairman, who in turn shall send copies to the members of the State Central Committee at least thirty days prior to any official action. Upon receiving prior written notice that the matter will be on the agenda, the State Central Committee may recommend the addition or removal of an Auxiliary by instructing the constitution committee to place the proposal before the next state convention. Immediately upon addition or removal of an organization from auxiliary status by the state convention, Article VII, Section 1B3 listing state-wide auxiliary organizations shall be amended.

SECTION 6: Prohibition on being Officer of Both District and State Central Committee. No person shall at the same time be an officer of a district committee and an officer of the State Central Committee.

SECTION 7: Financial Data and County Budgets. The officers of each county organization shall prepare biennial budgets for submission to the state party officers and shall report financial data to the State Finance Committee annually as requested by the chairman of the State Finance Committee. The state party officers shall annually secure financial data from the State Finance Committee and shall report on the same to members of the State Central Committee.

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