

1 **Bylaws of the Illinois Republican Party**

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18 **ARTICLE I. ESTABLISHMENT AND GOVERNANCE**

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20 A. The Illinois Republican Party is established hereby. The governing entity of the  
21 Party shall be the Illinois Republican State Central Committee (referred to in these  
22 Bylaws as "Central Committee").  
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24 B. The purpose of the Central Committee shall be to establish, organize, and promote  
25 the operations of the Illinois Republican Party.  
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27 **ARTICLE II. MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

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29 A. Election. The members of the Central Committee shall be the Republican State  
30 Central Committeemen or Committeewomen who are elected or appointed as  
31 provided by law and these Bylaws.  
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33 1. No individual shall be eligible to serve as a Member unless the individual  
34 has voted in the Republican Primary Election in each of the three (3)  
35 most recent General Primary Elections held in the State of Illinois as  
36 evidenced by the individual having requested a Republican ballot  
37 according to the official voting records of the election jurisdiction in which  
38 the individual resides. This General Primary Election voting requirement  
39 shall not apply to an election in which an individual: (1) who did not vote  
40 and can demonstrate they were on active military duty at the time of the

1 election, (2) was not of legal voting age at the time of the election, (3)  
2 was not a resident of the State of Illinois at the time of the election and  
3 the individual can show proof of voting Republican in the General  
4 Primary Election of the State in which the individual previously resided.  
5 (This section is effective October 1, 2006.)  
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7 2. State central committeemen shall be elected in the same manner as  
8 provided by law for the election of officers of the county central  
9 committee and such election shall follow the election of officers of the  
10 county central committee. Each elected precinct committeeman who is  
11 present at the county convention shall cast their vote for State Central  
12 Committeemen, one vote for each ballot voted in the precinct for the last  
13 preceding primary election. The weighted vote for vacant precincts, and  
14 precincts not represented at the county convention, shall be allocated to  
15 each candidate based on the proportion of weighted votes they received  
16 from the elected precinct committeemen.  
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18 3. Term limits. No member of the State Central Committee; deputy  
19 member of the State Central Committee; National Committeeman or  
20 Committeewoman; or State Party Chairman shall serve more than eight  
21 consecutive years in the same office. This section is effective January  
22 1, 2015 but shall not apply to terms that are the result of vacancies or  
23 terms that have commenced prior to the effective date.  
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25 B. Vacancy. A vacancy in the office of State Central Committeemen shall exist upon  
26 the Committeeman's death, resignation, removal or disqualification by law. Any  
27 individual convicted of a felony shall be deemed to have vacated the office of State  
28 Central Committeeman. Vacancies in the office of State Central Committeeman  
29 shall be filled by appointment of the Republican Congressional Committee of the  
30 congressional district where the vacancy exists.  
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32 C. Notice of Vacancy. Upon receiving notice that a vacancy in the office of State  
33 Central Committeeman exists, the State Chairman shall issue a notice of vacancy  
34 to members of the Republican Congressional Committee for the congressional  
35 district where the vacancy exists, namely, as the case may be, the Republican  
36 County Chairmen outside Cook County, Republican Township Committeemen  
37 within the County of Cook outside the City of Chicago and Republican Ward  
38 Committeemen within the City of Chicago. The notice of vacancy shall state that a  
39 vacancy exists, and announce a time and place when the votes of the Republican  
40 Congressional Committee shall be cast to elect a successor State Central  
41 Committeeman  
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43 D. Election of Successor. At the announced time and place the outgoing State Central  
44 Committeeman for the district, or in such person's absence, the State Chairman,  
45 shall call to order and chair a meeting of the individuals identified in Article II (C),  
46 who shall cast, in person or by written proxy, the weighted vote of that portion of

1 the congressional district represented by each member for a successor State  
2 Central Committeeman. The meeting chairman shall declare a winner, and shall  
3 certify the winner as the new State Central Committeeman to the Illinois State  
4 Board of Elections and the Central Committee.

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6 E. Deputy Members. Each State Central Committeeman shall within 30 days of  
7 election nominate a person of the opposite sex residing in their district to serve as  
8 a Deputy Member of the Central Committee and such nominations shall be ratified  
9 at the next meeting of the Central Committee. Deputy Members shall serve during  
10 the service of the State Central Committeeman nominating them and, except as  
11 otherwise provided by law, shall have all the rights and responsibilities of members  
12 of the Central Committee provided by these Bylaws and, in the absence of a State  
13 Central Committeeman from a meeting held pursuant to these Bylaws, the Deputy  
14 Member from an absent member's district shall serve and vote as proxy. If the  
15 Deputy Member is not appointed by the State Central Committeeman within 60  
16 days of election or vacancy, the State Chairman shall have authority to nominate  
17 a Deputy Member meeting the requirements of this Section.

18  
19 1. No individual shall be eligible to serve as a Deputy Member unless the  
20 individual has voted in the Republican Primary Election in each of the  
21 three (3) most recent General Primary Elections held in the State of  
22 Illinois as evidenced by the individual having requested a Republican  
23 ballot according to the official voting records of the election jurisdiction  
24 in which the individual resides. This General Primary Election voting  
25 requirement shall not apply to an election in which an individual: (1) can  
26 demonstrate they were on active military duty at the time of the election,  
27 (2) was not of legal voting age at the time of the election, or (3) was not  
28 a resident of the State of Illinois at the time of the election and the  
29 individual can show proof of voting Republican in the General Primary  
30 Election of the State in which the individual previously resided.

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32 F. National Committeeman and National Committeewoman. The Republican National  
33 Committeeman and the Republican National Committeewoman shall have all  
34 rights and privileges of a State Central Committeeman, other than the right to vote,  
35 including eligibility to be appointed and serve as a member of the Executive  
36 Committee, if so appointed by the State Chairman.

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38 G. Advisory Members. The State Chairman may appoint persons who declare their  
39 support for the Republican Party as Advisory Members of the Central Committee.  
40 Advisory members shall have none of the obligations or rights of State Central  
41 Committeemen.

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43 ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

44  
45 A. Terms. The elected officers of the Central Committee shall include a Chairman  
46 (referred to in these Bylaws as "State Chairman"), Vice Chairman, Secretary and

1 a Treasurer, who shall be elected to four-year terms at the quadrennial  
2 organizational meeting of the Central Committee. The appointed officers of the  
3 Central Committee shall include the Chairman Emeritus, being a predecessor of  
4 the State Chairman, an Executive Director and other officers deemed necessary  
5 by the State Chairman. Such officers are appointed to one year terms, to expire  
6 on each anniversary of the quadrennial organizational meeting. Appointed officers  
7 are not required to be Central Committee members.  
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9 B. State Chairman. The State Chairman shall be elected pursuant to law, shall be  
10 the Chief Executive Officer of the Central Committee, and have all powers and  
11 authorities as provided by law and these Bylaws. The State Chairman shall have  
12 authority to make officer, committee and temporary task force appointments except  
13 as otherwise provided by law or in these Bylaws. The State Chairman shall have  
14 the authority to hire, supervise and release all staff of the Central Committee,  
15 except that he shall obtain the advice and consent of the Executive Committee  
16 with respect to the hiring and release of the Executive Director. The State  
17 Chairman shall preside over all meetings and other proceedings of the Central  
18 Committee, and shall determine points of parliamentary procedure or law as  
19 necessary. The State Chairman shall be a member ex-officio with the right to vote  
20 of all standing committees, committees, and temporary task forces except as  
21 otherwise provided in these Bylaws.  
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23 C. Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall be elected from within the membership  
24 of the Central Committee and continue to serve as a member of the Central  
25 Committee. The Vice Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Central Committee  
26 in the absence of the State Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall perform all duties  
27 of the State Chairman in the event of the State Chairman's permanent absence,  
28 death, removal, resignation, inability to act, or other vacancy of the office until a  
29 new State Chairman is elected and qualified. In such case, the Secretary shall  
30 within fourteen (14) days after the vacancy arises, call a meeting of the Central  
31 Committee to be held within sixty (60) days, but not less than seven (7) days, after  
32 the vacancy arises for the purpose of electing a new State Chairman to fill the  
33 unexpired term arising from the vacancy. The Vice Chairman shall be a member  
34 ex-officio with the right to vote of all standing committees, committees, and  
35 temporary task forces. The Vice Chairman may have additional powers as  
36 assigned by the State Chairman.  
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38 D. Co-Chairman. The Co-Chairman shall be appointed by, and be the opposite sex  
39 from, the State Chairman. At the discretion of the State Chairman, one additional  
40 Co-Chairman may be appointed by the State Chairman without regard to gender.  
41 A Co-Chairman shall be a member ex-officio with the right to vote of all standing  
42 committees, committees, and temporary task forces except as otherwise provided  
43 in these Bylaws. A Co-Chairman may have additional powers as assigned by the  
44 State Chairman.  
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- 1 E. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be elected from the Central Committee  
2 membership pursuant to law. The Treasurer shall retain the funds of the Central  
3 Committee, report to the Central Committee with regard to receipts and  
4 expenditures, present an annual Central Committee budget and fund-raising plan,  
5 serve as chairman of the Finance Committee, and except as otherwise provided  
6 by these Bylaws, prepare and file all financial disclosure documents which may be  
7 required by State or Federal law. The Treasurer shall cause the accounts of the  
8 Central Committee to be audited biannually by an independent accounting firm.  
9 With the advice and consent of the State Chairman, the Treasurer may appoint  
10 one or more assistant treasurers for the purpose of preparing or executing financial  
11 disclosure documents. The Treasurer shall be a member ex-officio with the right  
12 to vote of all standing committees, committees, and temporary task forces. The  
13 Treasurer may have additional powers as assigned by the State Chairman.  
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- 15 F. Secretary. The Secretary shall be elected from the Central Committee  
16 membership. The Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings of the Central  
17 Committee and distribute the minutes to Central Committee members. The  
18 Secretary shall be a member ex-officio with the right to vote of all standing  
19 committees, committees, and temporary task forces. The Secretary may have  
20 additional powers as assigned by the State Chairman.  
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- 22 G. Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be the Chief Operating Officer  
23 of the Central Committee, with authority to manage the daily operations of the  
24 Central Committee upon the advice and consent of the State Chairman.  
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- 26 H. Other Officers. Other Officers appointed by the State Chairman shall have only  
27 those powers and privileges assigned by the State Chairman.  
28
- 29 I. Secretary, Treasurer, or Vice Chairman Vacancy. If the position of Secretary,  
30 Treasurer, or Vice Chairman becomes vacant, the State Chairman shall appoint  
31 an acting secretary, treasurer, or vice chairman until the Central Committee elects  
32 a successor to complete the term.  
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- 34 J. Assistant Treasurer Vacancy. If a position of assistant treasurer becomes vacant,  
35 the Treasurer or acting treasurer, with the advice and consent of the State  
36 Chairman, may appoint a successor to complete the term.  
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- 38 K. Other Officer Vacancy. If an appointed officer position other than assistant  
39 treasurer becomes vacant, the State Chairman may appoint a successor to  
40 complete the term.  
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- 42 L. Removal of Officers. Any elected officer, including the State Chairman, may be  
43 removed for cause by the Central Committee upon the affirmative weighted vote  
44 of three-fifths (3/5<sup>th</sup>) of the Central Committee. Except for assistant treasurers, any  
45 appointed officer may be removed with or without cause at any time by the State

1 Chairman. Any assistant treasurer may be removed at any time with or without  
2 cause by the Treasurer.

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4 ARTICLE IV. STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY TASK  
5 FORCES

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7 A. Executive Committee. The State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary,  
8 Chair of the State Chairman's Advisory Committee, and such additional State  
9 Central Committeemen, or National Committee Representative as the State  
10 Chairman may appoint, shall constitute the standing Executive Committee. At least  
11 two-thirds (2/3) of the individuals who serve on the Executive Committee shall be  
12 State Central Committeemen. The Executive Committee shall have general  
13 supervision of the affairs of the Central Committee between its meetings and shall  
14 have the authority to undertake any and all necessary actions to accomplish the  
15 goals and purposes of the Central Committee. Expenditures of \$10,000 or more,  
16 except within 90 days prior to a General Election, shall require the advice and  
17 consent of the Executive Committee.

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19 B. Finance Committee. The State Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, and such  
20 additional persons as the State Chairman may appoint, shall constitute the  
21 standing Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall assist in the  
22 preparation of an annual budget and fund raising plan for the Central Committee,  
23 and shall have other duties specifically delegated by the State Chairman.

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25 C. Campaign Support Committee. The State Chairman (or his designee), two  
26 additional appointed members of the State Central Committee, one appointed  
27 representative of the House Republican Organization, one appointed  
28 representative of the Senate Republican Campaign Committee and one appointed  
29 representative of the Illinois Republican Congressional Campaign Committee shall  
30 constitute the standing Campaign Support Committee. All members shall be  
31 appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the State Chairman. The Campaign  
32 Support Committee shall direct the Central Committee's campaign support  
33 activities, and shall oversee the conduct of Republican campaign committees  
34 which may be required by State or Federal law.

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36 D. State Chairman's Advisory Committee. Members appointed by the State Chairman  
37 shall constitute the standing State Chairman's Advisory Committee. The State  
38 Chairman's Advisory Committee shall give advice to the State Chairman from time  
39 to time at the State Chairman's request. All members shall be appointed by and  
40 serve at the pleasure of the State Chairman.

41  
42 E. Other Committees and Temporary Task Forces. The State Chairman may  
43 establish committees or temporary task forces to accomplish tasks beyond the  
44 capabilities of the Central Committee or standing committees. The State Chairman  
45 shall appoint a member of the Central Committee to chair any committee or  
46 temporary task force. Any person who declares allegiance to the Illinois

1 Republican Party may be appointed by the State Chairman to serve on a  
2 committee or temporary task force. Unless otherwise stated, the term of  
3 appointment shall be at the pleasure of the State Chairman, to expire on the  
4 anniversary of the quadrennial organizational meeting. The State Chairman,  
5 Secretary and the Treasurer shall be members ex-officio with the right to vote of  
6 all committees and temporary task forces established pursuant to Article IV(D).  
7 Committees and temporary task forces shall meet at the call of the appointed  
8 chairman. Committees and temporary task forces shall disband upon the  
9 conclusion of the task assigned or as otherwise directed by the State Chairman.

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11 F. Replacement of Members. A member of a standing committee, committee, or  
12 temporary task force may be temporarily replaced by appointment of the State  
13 Chairman.

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15 ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

- 16  
17 A. Quadrennial Organization Meeting. The Central Committee shall hold a  
18 quadrennial organization meeting in Springfield pursuant to law.

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20 B. Meeting Frequency and Notice. The Central Committee shall meet at least three  
21 times each calendar year. Meetings shall be called by the State Chairman. Written  
22 notice of the time and place of Central Committee meetings shall be sent to all  
23 Central Committee members and officers. Written notice shall be deposited in the  
24 U.S. Mail, with a delivery service or sent by electronic facsimile so that it arrives at  
25 least seven (7) days before the meeting date. However, oral or written notice may  
26 be given by telephone or electronic facsimile upon shorter notice when the State  
27 Chairman certifies that an emergency exists.

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29 C. Special Meetings. Pursuant to law, a special meeting of the Central Committee  
30 may be called by the State Chairman, or by not less than 25% of the Central  
31 Committee members. Written notice of the time, place, and proposed items of  
32 business for the special meeting shall be sent to the Central Committee members  
33 and officers. Notice shall be deposited in the U.S. Mail, with a delivery service or  
34 sent by electronic facsimile so that it arrives at least five (5) days before the  
35 meeting date.

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37 D. Meeting Notice List. The Executive Director shall maintain a meeting notification  
38 list, which shall include for each Central Committee member and officer a current  
39 U.S. Mail address, telephone number, and if available, electronic facsimile number.  
40 Timely notices given to the addresses or numbers on the meeting notification list  
41 are deemed to have been given to the proper location. It shall be the responsibility  
42 of members and officers to update meeting notification list information.

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44 E. Participation by Teleconference. A person entitled to attend or vote at a Central  
45 Committee, standing committee, committee, or temporary task force meeting may  
46 attend and vote either in person or by telephone or video conference device.

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2 F. Central Committee Quorum. The presence of a majority in statutory weighted vote  
3 of the Central Committee shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to conduct  
4 Central Committee business. A person is present for purposes of determining a  
5 quorum if physically present or if participating by telephone or video conference  
6 device.  
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8 G. Central Committee Votes. At meetings of the Central Committee, a member shall  
9 cast a statutory weighted vote except as otherwise provided by law or in these  
10 Bylaws. All questions shall be determined by a majority of weighted votes cast on  
11 the question.  
12  
13 H. Standing Committee, Committee, or Task Force Quorum. The presence of a  
14 majority of the members of a standing committee, committee, or temporary task  
15 force shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to conduct business. A person is  
16 present for purposes of determining a quorum if physically present or if  
17 participating by telephone or video conference device.  
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19 I. Standing Committee, Committee, and Task Force Votes. At meetings of a standing  
20 committee, committee, or temporary task force, a member shall have one vote.  
21 Except as otherwise provided by law or in these Bylaws, all questions shall be  
22 determined by a majority of votes cast on the question.  
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## 24 ARTICLE VI. CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES

- 25  
26 A. House Republican Organization. The House Republican Organization of the  
27 Central Committee is created hereby. The State Chairman, with the concurrence  
28 of the Republican leader of the Illinois House of Representatives, shall appoint a  
29 chairman and other appropriate officers and members of the committee. The  
30 committee shall, subject to the control of the Campaign Support Committee, have  
31 the day-to-day authority to manage the Central Committee's campaign activities  
32 related to the Illinois House of Representatives.  
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34 B. Senate Republican Campaign Committee. The Senate Republican Campaign  
35 Committee of the Central Committee is created hereby. The State Chairman, with  
36 the concurrence of the Republican leader of the Illinois Senate, shall appoint a  
37 chairman and other appropriate officers and members of the committee. The  
38 committee shall, subject to the control of the Campaign Support Committee, have  
39 the day-to-day authority to manage the Central Committee's campaign activities  
40 related to the Illinois Senate.  
41  
42 C. Illinois Republican Congressional Campaign Committee. The Illinois Republican  
43 Congressional Campaign Committee of the Central Committee is created hereby.  
44 The State Chairman, with the concurrence of a majority of the Illinois Republican  
45 Members of Congress, shall appoint a chairman and other appropriate members  
46 of the committee. The committee shall, subject to the control of the Campaign



1 Support Committee, have the day-to-day authority to manage the Central  
2 Committee's activities related to the United States Congress.

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4 D. Other Campaign Committees. The Central Committee may create other campaign  
5 committees through the adoption of amendments to these Bylaws.

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7 E. Oversight. The House Republican Organization, Senate Republican Campaign  
8 Committee, Illinois Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, and other  
9 campaign committees created by the Central Committee shall report to the  
10 Campaign Support Committee of the Central Committee. The Campaign Support  
11 Committee shall oversee the conduct of the Republican campaign committees  
12 which may be required by State or Federal law.

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14 ARTICLE VII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

15  
16 A. The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised  
17 shall govern the Central Committee, standing committees, committees, temporary  
18 task forces and State Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in  
19 which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, state statute, and any special  
20 rules of order the Central Committee or State Convention may adopt.

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22 ARTICLE VIII. STATE CONVENTION

23  
24 A. Call. The Illinois Republican Party shall periodically meet as the Illinois Republican  
25 State Convention (referred to as "Convention" in these Bylaws). The State  
26 Chairman shall issue a call for the Convention pursuant to law and shall chair such  
27 Convention. The Convention shall be called to order on the day specified by law.  
28 The State Chairman may call the Convention to order in perfunctory session on  
29 this date and recess the Convention subject to the call of the State Chairman.

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31 B. Delegates. Convention delegates shall be selected pursuant to law and rules  
32 adopted by the Convention Committee on Rules and Procedures.

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34 C. Convention Officers. Officers of the Convention shall include a Chairman and  
35 Secretary. The State Chairman shall serve as Chairman of the Convention, and  
36 shall serve as permanent chairman of the Convention after adjournment. The State  
37 Chairman shall have the power to appoint the Convention Secretary and such  
38 other officers or aides as are necessary for the efficient conduct of the Convention.

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40 D. Convention Quorum. A quorum of the Convention must be present to conduct any  
41 substantive business. A quorum shall consist of one more than one-half of all  
42 delegates to the Convention approved and reported by the Convention Credentials  
43 Committee.

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45 E. Majority. When any business or motion is presented to the Convention for  
46 consideration and passage, the affirmative vote of an absolute majority of the total

1 number of delegates as prescribed by law shall be required for adoption, unless a  
2 greater number is provided for in these Bylaws.

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4 F. Roll Call and Proxies. Roll call voting shall not be required except at the direction  
5 of the State Chairman or at the request in writing of at least fifty (50) delegations.  
6 No proxy voting or appearance by telephone or video device shall be allowed  
7 during any meeting of the Convention or a convention committee.

8  
9 G. Convention Committees. The Convention shall have the following committees and  
10 such other committees as may, from time to time, be required in the judgment of  
11 the State Chairman. Each State Central Committeeman or woman shall appoint  
12 one person to serve on:

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14 i. The Convention Committee on Credentials  
15 ii. The Convention Committee on Platform and Resolutions  
16 iii. The Convention Committee on Rules and Procedures  
17 iv. The Convention Committee on Arrangements  
18 v. The Convention Committee On At-Large Delegates and Alternates  
19 vi. The Convention Committee on Presidential Electors  
20 vii. The Convention Committee to Nominate National Committeeman  
21 and National Committeewoman  
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23 Each convention committee shall consist of members appointed by State  
24 Central Committeemen, one from each congressional district, the committee  
25 chairman appointed by the State Chairman, and one or more committee co-  
26 chairman appointed by the State Chairman who shall sit ex-officio without vote.  
27 Committee members shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, their  
28 respective Member of the State Central Committee. Committee members may be  
29 appointed, removed, and/or replaced at any time at the sole discretion of their  
30 respective Member of the State Central Committee.

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32 Only an individual who is a registered voter of the congressional district from which  
33 he or she is appointed shall be eligible to serve as a convention committee  
34 member. The State Chairman shall be member ex-officio with the right to vote of  
35 each convention committee. The State Chairman shall have the authority to  
36 appoint any person to fill a vacancy caused by absence or any other reason. The  
37 committee chairman may vote only to break a tie. The committee chairman and  
38 the co-chairman shall be appointed from among members of the State Central  
39 Committee by the State Chairman.

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41 The State Central Committee shall serve as the Convention Committee on  
42 Presidential Electors. Each State Central Committeeman shall appoint one (1)  
43 individual from his or her Congressional District to serve as a Presidential Elector  
44 for the purpose of casting a vote for the Republican Presidential nominee. The  
45 State Chair shall appoint two (2) electors. Each convention committee shall meet  
46 upon the call of the committee chairman, or the State Chairman, or upon the written

1 request of eight (8) members of the committee submitted to the committee  
2 chairman within forty-eight (48) hours notice.  
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4 The convention committees may adopt rules, including the right to limit debates in  
5 committee, upon the affirmative vote of a majority of committee members, so long  
6 as the committee rules are not inconsistent with these Bylaws. Convention Rules  
7 and Procedures shall be published on the Illinois Republican Party website and  
8 made available in printed form to the chair of each delegation 48 hours prior to the  
9 opening of the convention.

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11 No minority report of any convention committee will be accepted by the Convention  
12 unless the subject matter is discussed in committee and such minority report is in  
13 writing, signed by seven (7) or more members of such committee and submitted  
14 to the Convention Secretary prior to or at the time the majority report is submitted  
15 to the Convention.  
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17 All committees of the Convention disband upon adjournment of the Convention or  
18 as otherwise directed by the State Chairman.  
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20 H. Debate. No delegate will be permitted to speak to any question for more than three  
21 (3) minutes nor more than once on any subject unless by special leave of the State  
22 Chairman, except that the maker of a motion or resolution, if debatable, shall have  
23 an additional three (3) minutes to close the debate.  
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25 I. Resolutions. All resolutions shall be submitted to the Convention by the Committee  
26 on Platform and Resolutions without reading or debate except as otherwise  
27 provided by these Bylaws. No resolution or any amendment thereto shall be  
28 reported out or made a part of any report of the Convention Committee on Platform  
29 and Resolutions unless it has been submitted to the committee in writing prior to  
30 its report to the Convention and shall have received the affirmative support of  
31 seven (7) members of that committee.  
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33 J. Motions. No motion or resolution from the floor shall be in order unless submitted  
34 in writing to the Convention Secretary and signed by the Chairmen of at least fifty  
35 (50) delegations, unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws. For the purpose  
36 of this Section, the Chairman of a delegation shall be defined as follows: The  
37 Chairman of a county delegation shall be the County Chairman. The Chairman of  
38 a Cook County Township delegation shall be the Township Committeeman. The  
39 Chairman of a City of Chicago Ward delegation shall be the Ward Committeeman.  
40 If, however, the Chairman of a delegation as herein defined is not in attendance at  
41 the Convention, as determined by the Credentials Committee, the respective  
42 County Chairman, Township Committeeman or Ward Committeeman may  
43 designate another member of the delegation to serve as Chairman of the  
44 delegation during Convention proceedings. Any such designation shall be made  
45 in writing, shall be signed by the delegation Chairman, shall be notarized or  
46 witnessed by that Chairman's member of the State Central Committee, and shall

1 be submitted in writing to the Convention Secretary. In addition, if any county,  
2 township or ward is represented by only one delegate in attendance at the  
3 Convention, as determined by the Credentials Committee, said delegate shall  
4 serve as Chairman of the delegation during Convention proceedings. Any motion  
5 or resolution so submitted shall be placed in the appropriate place on the agenda  
6 for consideration by the Convention.  
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8 K. Appeals. In any appeal taken from a ruling of the State Chairman or other presiding  
9 officer of the Convention, the State Chairman shall be sustained unless a majority  
10 of delegates votes to overrule the State Chairman.  
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12 L. Convention Voting. All roll call votes shall be taken in the following manner by the  
13 Convention Secretary: First, all county delegations (except Cook) shall be called  
14 alphabetically. Second, all Cook County Township delegations shall be called  
15 alphabetically. Third, all City of Chicago Ward delegations shall be called in  
16 numerical ascending order beginning with the First Ward. When a delegation is  
17 called by the Convention Secretary for its vote, the chairman of the delegation shall  
18 announce the weighted vote of the delegation, as provided by state law. The unit  
19 rule shall be in effect for all delegations. No proxy voting of delegations shall be  
20 allowed. In the event of a dispute within a delegation as to how its vote shall be  
21 cast, that delegation shall be passed and an Assistant Secretary shall poll the  
22 delegation and report the results to the Secretary of the Convention for recording.  
23 The report of such Assistant Secretary shall be final. Following a roll call vote for  
24 election of a candidate to any position, the State Chairman, before reporting the  
25 final tally, shall ask "Shall the vote be declared unanimous?" If answered in the  
26 affirmative, the vote shall be so recorded.  
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28 M. Convention Committee Meetings. No convention committee shall meet during the  
29 time the Convention is in session unless at the call of the State Chairman.  
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31 N. Platform. In considering the report of the Convention Committee on Platform and  
32 Resolutions, three copies of the platform, all resolutions and all minority reports  
33 shall be printed and distributed to the chair of each delegation. No platform,  
34 resolution or minority report shall be read to the Convention unless this rule is  
35 suspended, upon proper motion, approved upon affirmative vote of three-fifths  
36 (3/5) of the delegates.  
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38 O. Open Meetings. The proceedings of the Convention shall be open to the public.  
39 No votes either in committee or on the floor shall be taken by secret ballot.  
40 Meetings, however, may be closed if executive session is provided in Robert's  
41 Rules of Order.  
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43 P. Suspension of Bylaws. These Bylaws may be suspended by the Convention only  
44 on proper motion, and the affirmative vote of three-fifths (3/5) of the delegates.  
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1 Q. Continuing Effect and Amendment of Article VIII. This Article VIII shall remain in  
2 effect for Illinois Republican State Conventions which shall meet from time to time.  
3 It may be changed or amended after consideration and recommendation of the  
4 Convention Committee on Rules and Procedures and adoption by the Convention;  
5 or by amendment from the floor approved by the affirmative vote of three-fifths  
6 (3/5) of the delegates.  
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8 R. Convention Minutes. The minutes of the Convention, together with convention  
9 committee reports, shall be maintained by the Central Committee.  
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11 S. Appointments to Fill Alternate Vacancies. The State Chairman, with the advice and  
12 consent of the Central Committee, shall appoint persons to fill vacancies for at-  
13 large alternates to the Republican National Convention when such vacancies  
14 occur after the Convention has adjourned.  
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#### 16 ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION 17

18 A. Amendments. Amendments to these Bylaws, unless otherwise provided herein,  
19 may be adopted by the Central Committee upon receiving two-thirds (2/3) of the  
20 weighted vote of those present on the question, or upon receiving a majority of the  
21 weighted votes of those present if a copy of the proposed amendment is received  
22 by each member 30 days prior to the vote thereon.  
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24 B. Suspension. Any provision of these Bylaws, with the exception of Article VIII may  
25 be suspended by the Central Committee upon the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the  
26 weighted vote.