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# **KANSAS REPUBLICAN PARTY PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE CAUCUS AND DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN**

*for the  
2016 Republican National Convention*

## **SECTION I Introduction**

1. This delegate selection plan is governed by the Rules of the Republican Party (“RRP”) as adopted by the Republican National Convention August 28, 2012, as amended; the Constitution and Bylaws of the Kansas Republican Party (“KSGOP”); and Kansas statute.
2. The Kansas Republican Party has been allocated a total of 40 delegates and 37 alternate delegates for the National Convention. (RRP Rule 14)
3. Following the adoption of this delegate selection plan by the Kansas Republican State Committee (KSGOP Constitution Article VI), it shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Republican National Committee by October 1, 2015. (RRP Rule 16f)
4. The KSGOP Executive Committee (KSGOP Bylaw Section 5) shall be empowered to make any technical changes or revisions to this document as required by the RNC.
5. All questions of interpretation of these rules and procedures shall be resolved by the KSGOP Caucus Rules Committee and shall be subject to final resolution by the KSGOP Executive Committee.

## **SECTION II Description of the Presidential Preference Caucus**

1. The Caucus for the determination of Kansas’s Republican presidential preference shall be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016, beginning at 10 a.m. CST and ending at 2 p.m. CST.
2. Voter Participation in the Process
  - A. Participation in the KSGOP presidential preference caucus is open to all eligible voters affiliated with the Kansas Republican Party. (RRP Rule 16(d)(2) and (3)) Voters wishing

to participate in the KSGOP presidential preference caucus must be registered Kansas Republicans on or before February 4, 2016. (KSGOP Constitution, Article III). To be eligible to participate in the presidential preference caucus, the voter must present proof that he or she is a registered Republican. “Proof” means:

1. a state issued photo ID matching current Secretary of State voter registration rolls for name and date of birth or
  2. if not on the voter rolls, evidence of current voter registration from the appropriate elections office and a state issued photo ID with a matching name and date of birth.
- B. At no time during the KSGOP presidential preference caucus shall any person be required to pay a cost or fee to participate. (RRP Rule 16(d)(10)) Voluntary contributions to the Kansas Republican Party, a District or County Party, or to a campaign may be made, but under no circumstances shall such a contribution be mandatory.
- C. Pursuant to the KSGOP Constitution, Article III, no persons shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Republican Presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the same or corresponding election. (RRP Rule 16(d)(3)).
- D. No person shall be allowed to vote in more than one Caucus meeting for their presidential preference. Participants may vote in any Caucus of their choosing held in the Congressional district in which they reside.
- E. Any reference to Congressional districts contained in these rules refer to the boundaries as of the most recently preceding November general election.
- F. The KSGOP is required to notify all party officers and members of the state, district; and county committees; federal, statewide, and legislative elected officials; and make the best possible attempts to notify the attendees of the 2008 and 2012 Kansas Republican Presidential Caucus and other readily identifiable Republican donors and activists with the details of each caucus in their district. The KSGOP, the Congressional district parties, and county parties shall make every effort to publicize the Presidential caucus in order to reach as many Republicans as possible.

### **SECTION III**

#### **Presidential Candidate Ballot Access and Caucus Participation**

1. In order to gain access to the KSGOP caucus ballot a Republican Presidential candidate must be registered as Republican Presidential candidate with the Federal Election Commission and deliver a declaration of candidacy to the Kansas Republican Party: PO Box 4157, Topeka, KS

66604 or 2605 SW 21st St., Topeka, KS 66604 and include a filing fee of \$15,000 on or before 5 p.m. CST, Wednesday, January 20, 2016.

2. “Uncommitted” shall also appear on the ballot. No write-in candidates are allowed.
3. The KSGOP will only coordinate with a presidential candidate’s representative(s) who have been certified to the State Party Chair, in writing, by the presidential campaign as authorized representatives.

#### **SECTION IV Presidential Preference Caucus Proceedings**

1. A Congressional district may hold as many caucuses as necessary to accommodate the geographic diversity of its population.
  - A. County party organizations shall hold at least one (1) caucus in their county or partner with a neighboring county(ies) for a combined caucus.
  - B. All county parties must notify the State Chair and their Congressional district Chair by November 15, 2015, of their plans including:
    - a. the description of the planned location of their caucus(es)
    - b. an outline of how they plan to coordinate, execute, and promote their individual caucus(es); or
    - c. their plans to partner with a neighboring County caucus; or
    - d. their plans to direct their voters to participate in a nearby caucus.

This information must be submitted with the notification to the Congressional District Chair and State Chair by November 15, 2015. In the event that a county central committee does not organize a caucus, other registered Republicans within that county shall have the right to organize a caucus and submit a plan to the State Chair and their Congressional District Chair for approval in similar fashion by December 11, 2015. A county that does not organize its own caucus or partner with a neighboring county for a regional caucus must be excused in writing by the State Chair, in which case they shall be allowed to direct voters in their county to participate in a nearby caucus within their Congressional District.

- C. All caucus plans must be approved by the State Party Chair by December 18, 2015.
- D. The KSGOP will announce the complete list of caucus locations and publish the list on its official website by January 11, 2016, or as soon thereafter as possible.

- E. A county party may hold as many caucuses as necessary to accommodate the geographic diversity of its population.
2. The general process for each caucus will be as follows:
    - A. The chair of the county central committee or his or her designee or the Caucus Chair designated by the KSGOP shall open the floor to a representative of each campaign for the purpose of discussing his or her candidate's positions on issues of interest to Kansas Republican voters. Each representative shall be given no more than ten (10) minutes to the presentation.
    - B. Upon the conclusion of all candidates' presentations, if any, the Caucus Chair will begin allowing ballots to be cast, and each voter will be allowed to cast one (1) ballot for the candidate of his or her choice. Each voter shall be given only one (1) ballot and may vote only one (1) time.
    - C. Voters may arrive at the Caucus at any time between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. CST and vote.
    - D. The initial results of the vote in each caucus, less provisional ballots, will be tabulated and called into KSGOP headquarters as soon as they are tabulated on Saturday, March 5, 2016.
    - E. In the case of a county being split between 2 Congressional Districts, those counties shall keep the Congressional District ballots separate, count them separately and report the totals accordingly.
    - F. The KSGOP Caucus Rules Committee shall be empowered to develop, pass and require implementation of rules for the proceedings of each individual caucus, not inconsistent with these rules, which further clarify and enumerate the caucus proceedings. Including:
      1. Forms
      2. Ballot format
      3. Ballot security procedures
      4. Absentee voting procedures
      5. Initial count and reporting of the vote totals
      6. Provisional ballot procedures
      7. Ruling on and verification of provisional ballots
      8. Final canvass of all allowed ballots
  3. Within three weeks following the caucus the KSGOP Executive Committee shall meet to certify the final count and results of the caucus.

## SECTION V

### Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention

1. Each Congressional District shall be required to hold a District Convention (KSGOP Bylaws Section 3(A)) for the purpose of electing three (3) Congressional District delegates and three (3) Congressional District alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention
  - A. The meeting of the Congressional District Committee shall be held no earlier than March 26, 2016, and no later than April 23, 2016.
  - B. It shall be called pursuant to Section 3(A) of the KSGOP Bylaws and said bylaws shall govern the process of the meeting.
  - C. The State Chair must be notified of the meeting of the Congressional District Committee no fewer than thirty (30) days before the meeting is held. The State Party shall supply each Congressional District chair with the names of each person who has completed a self-nomination form for delegate or alternate delegate no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the Congressional District convention. Any individual having properly submitting their application for a delegate or alternate delegate position shall be on the ballot for the positions they designate on their application.
  - D. Delegates shall be elected and announced prior to the election of alternate delegates. The three people receiving the highest vote totals shall receive the delegate spots. In the event of a tie the winner shall be determined by lot. If a person, having been nominated for delegate status does not receive enough votes, that person can still be considered for alternate delegate if they so desire. In the event that an individual is elected as a congressional district alternate they may decline the election and choose rather to seek election as an at-large delegate or alternate. In such event, said alternate permanently relinquishes their election as a congressional level alternate and the next highest vote getter shall receive their position until all three alternate seats are filled.
  - E. The Congressional District chair or his or her designee shall report the results to KSGOP Headquarters no more than one (1) business day following the conclusion of the convention.
  - F. Any person not chosen as a delegate or alternate delegate at the district level shall be considered for at-large delegate and/or at-large alternate delegate status as outlined in these rules.
2. At-large delegates and alternates shall be elected by the Kansas Republican State Committee at a Convention called for that purpose by the Chair of the Kansas Republican Party no earlier than April 24, 2016, and no later than May 21, 2016. (RRP Rule 16(d)(1)). The number of at-large delegates to be elected shall be twenty-five (25). The number of at-large alternate delegates to be elected shall be twenty-five (25). The Kansas Republican State Committee shall

meet in accordance with the KSGOP Bylaws Section 4. The meeting process shall be as follows:

- A. Anyone not already elected at a Congressional District Convention as a National Convention delegate or alternate delegate, having properly submitting their application for a delegate or alternate delegate position, shall be on the ballot for the positions they designate on their application.
  - B. Those delegates and alternate delegates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. In the event of a tie the winner shall be determined by lot.
  - C. Delegates shall be elected and announced prior to the election of alternate delegates. Those candidates for at-large delegate who were not elected, and have indicated their willingness to serve as an alternate delegate, shall have their names included in the election for at-large alternate delegate.
  - D. Each congressional district shall be entitled to at least six (6) at-large delegates and six (6) at-large alternate delegates per district. The remaining at-large delegate shall be awarded to the Congressional District which attains the highest percentage of caucus attendees based upon dividing the number of March 5, 2016, caucus attendees by the number of registered Republican voters within the Congressional District on February 4, 2016, in said district. The remaining at-large alternate delegate shall be awarded to the Congressional District which attained the second highest percentage of caucus attendees based upon dividing the number of March 5, 2016 caucus attendees by the number of registered Republican voters within the Congressional District on February 4, 2016, in said district.
3. Any registered Kansas Republican is eligible to be selected as a delegate or alternate delegate. The KSGOP Caucus Rules Committee shall develop a standard form for self-nomination of delegates and alternate delegates. Such forms shall be finalized no later than October 30, 2015. Copies of the self-nomination form shall be made available to any Kansas Republican so requesting. Completed forms must be mailed, emailed, faxed, or delivered to the offices of the Kansas Republican Party no later than 5 p.m. CST, March 11, 2016. Forms submitted after the deadline may be considered upon super majority vote (defined as 2/3 of the membership voting in the affirmative whether present or not) of the KSGOP Executive Committee.

Applicants must be willing to sign an affidavit that they are willing to be bound to the results of the caucus and support the candidate their delegate seat is bound to as outlined in Section VI. The KSGOP shall make available to the bodies electing the delegates and alternate delegate copies (electronic format is acceptable) of each individual's self-nomination form along with compiling an abbreviated version of the applications contents with all applicants listed as approved by the KSGOP Rules Committee.

4. The bodies electing delegates and alternate delegates to the 2016 Republican National Convention shall take positive actions to achieve diversity through their recommendations.

(RRP Rule 15(b) and (d)). There shall be no automatic delegates to the national convention who serve by virtue of party position or elective office, except for the State Party Chair, National Committeewoman, and National committeeman. (RRP 16(d)(11), 14(a)(2)).

5. At the Republican National Convention, all delegates and alternate delegates are required to cover their own transportation, lodging, and meal expenses. No delegate or alternate delegate, or candidate for delegate or alternate delegate, shall be required to pay an assessment or fee as a condition of standing for election or serving as a delegate or alternate delegate to the national convention. (RRP 15(d)(10)).
6. In the election of delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention voting by slate (a single vote for a predetermined list of delegates) shall be prohibited.

## **Section VI**

### **Allocation and Binding of Delegates and Alternate Delegates**

1. Congressional delegates and alternate delegates shall be bound on a proportional basis to candidates receiving in excess of 10% of the certified districtwide vote of the Presidential Preference caucus held on March 5, 2016, in the same manner as statewide delegates, described below. (RRP Rule 16(c)(2) and (3)) District delegates and alternate delegates shall remain bound until released by the candidate.
2. At-large delegates and alternate delegates shall be bound on a proportional basis to candidates receiving in excess of 10% of the certified statewide vote of the Presidential Preference caucus held on March 5, 2016. In the event that a single candidate or no candidate receives in excess of 10% of the certified statewide vote total then the sections pertaining to that requirement shall be null and void and the allocation determined from the results of the entire pool of statewide candidates. At-large delegates and alternate delegates shall be bound by the following formula: (RRP Rule 16(c)(2) and (3)).
  - A. The votes received by each Presidential Candidate who receives in excess of 10% of the total statewide vote shall be divided by the total number of valid votes cast for all Presidential Candidates receiving in excess of 10% of the statewide vote total on the March 5, 2016, KSGOP Caucus Ballot. Starting with the candidate receiving the highest number of statewide votes the percentage shall be multiplied by the total number of at-large delegates (25) rounding up to the next whole number to produce the Delegate Allotment for each candidate. Repeat this allocation process with each of the remaining Presidential Candidates in descending order of their statewide totals until all available delegates are allotted.
  - B. Alternates are bound in a similar fashion.

C. EXAMPLE:

| STATEWIDE RESULTS  |              |            |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|
| Candidate          | Vote Total   | Percentage |
| <b>Candidate A</b> | <b>6735</b>  | <b>22%</b> |
| Candidate B        | 695          | 2%         |
| <b>Candidate C</b> | <b>9013</b>  | <b>29%</b> |
| <b>Candidate D</b> | <b>11903</b> | <b>38%</b> |
| Candidate E        | 2005         | 6%         |
| Candidate F        | 813          | 3%         |
| Candidate U        | 156          | 0%         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>31320</b> |            |

| <b>CANDIDATES RECEIVING 10+%</b> | <b>Vote Count</b> | <b>Raw %</b> | <b>Delegates Before Rounding</b> | <b>Final Delegates Rounded</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Candidate D</b>               | <b>11903</b>      | 43.05%       | 10.7625                          | 11                             |
| <b>Candidate C</b>               | <b>9013</b>       | 32.60%       | 8.150                            | 9                              |
| <b>Candidate A</b>               | <b>6735</b>       | 24.36%       | 6.09                             | 5 (Remaining)                  |
|                                  | <b>27651</b>      |              |                                  | <b>25</b>                      |

- D. The KSGOP Caucus Rules Committee shall prepare the final formula and delegate allotments upon certification of the results of the Presidential caucus. The KSGOP Executive Committee upon affirmative vote of 2/3 of all members whether present or not shall certify the proportional allocation of the at-large delegates and alternates by March 25, 2016. In the event that questions arise relative to the delegate allotment, preference in awarding delegates shall always be given by rank to the candidate receiving the highest number of total statewide votes. Delegates and alternate delegates shall remain bound until released by the candidate.
3. The Chair, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman shall be bound until released to the candidate with the highest statewide vote count.



## **SECTION VII**

### **Filling Delegate and Alternate Delegate Vacancies**

1. Should any duly elected congressional district delegate or alternate delegate decide to vacate or decline their position, they shall submit written notification of their intention to the State Chair.
  - A. A delegate vacancy will be filled by the alternate district delegate who received the highest number of votes at the District Committee election for district delegates and alternates. Tie votes shall be decided by lot.
  - B. An alternate delegate vacancy will be filled by a majority vote of the six party officers and district chair and vice-chair.
2. Should any duly elected at-large delegate or at-large level alternate delegate decide to vacate or decline their position, they shall submit written notification of their intention to the State Chair.
  - A. A delegate vacancy will be filled by the at-large alternate delegate residing in that congressional district who received the highest number of votes at the State Committee election for at-large delegates and alternates. Tie votes shall be decided by lot.
  - B. An alternate delegate vacancy will be filled promptly by a majority vote of the six party officers.

## **SECTION VIII**

### **Delegation Chair**

1. Upon approval of these rules, the 2016 Republican National Convention delegation chair from Kansas shall be the Kansas Republican Party State Chair unless otherwise designated by the State Chair.

## SECTION IX

### Summary

1. The Presidential Preference Caucus will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at 10 a.m. CST. Each county, unless excused by the State Chair, shall hold a caucus or partner with a neighboring county to hold a regional caucus.

Delegates and alternate delegates are summarized as follows:

| Type  | Delegates | Alternates | Process   | Selecting body                            |
|---|-----------|------------|---|---|
| At-Large delegates and alternates committed proportionally to overall districtwide caucus results | 12        | 12         | Elected at a meeting of the Congressional District Committee. | Congressional District Committee Members. |
| At-Large delegates and alternates committed proportionally to overall statewide caucus results.   | 25        | 25         | Elected at a meeting of the State Committee                   | State Committee Members                   |
| State Chair, National committeeman and woman committed to statewide winner                        | 3         | N/A        |   |   |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>40</b> | <b>37</b>  |   |   |

2. Three delegates and alternate delegates will be elected by each Congressional District Committee at a meeting called no later than April 23, 2016. Those delegates and alternate delegates are bound proportionally to the results of the Congressional District caucus(es) they represent.
3. Twenty-five at-large delegates and alternate delegates will be elected by the State Committee at a meeting no later than May 21, 2016. The at-large delegates and alternate delegates are bound proportionately to the results of the caucus held on March 5, 2016.
4. The state chair and national committee members are bound to the statewide winner of the caucus held on March 5, 2016.
5. Delegate self-nomination forms will be available to all registered Republicans from State Party Headquarters no later than October 30, 2015.

**6. Timeline**

| <b>Date</b>                     | <b>Activity</b>   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| October 1, 2015                 | Deadline for submission of plan to RNC for approval.  |
| October 30, 2015                | Deadline for self-nomination forms are available for qualified Republicans from KS GOP headquarters. <a href="http://www.ksgop.org">www.ksgop.org</a> or <a href="http://www.kansas.gop">www.kansas.gop</a> |
| November 15, 2015               | Deadline for County Chairs to notify Congressional District Chairs and State Party Chair of caucus plan.  |
| December 11, 2015               | Deadline for others besides County Chairs to notify Congressional District Chairs and State Party Chair of caucus plan.   |
| December 18, 2015               | Deadline for Caucus plans to be confirmed by State Party.   |
| January 11, 2016                | List of Caucus locations available from the State Party.  |
| January 20, 2016                | Deadline for presidential candidates to submit application and pay fee to participate in Kansas Presidential Preference Caucus.   |
| February 4, 2016                | Voter registration for the Presidential Preference Caucus is Closed.  |
| March 5, 2016                   | Presidential Preference Caucuses held.  |
| March 11, 2016                  | Deadline for receipt of delegate self-nomination forms.   |
| March 25, 2016                  | Executive Committee must have certified proportional allocation of delegates.   |
| March 26 through April 23, 2016 | Congressional Districts meet and elect 3 delegates and 3 alternate delegates per district to the RNC 2016 Convention.   |
| April 24 through May 21, 2016   | State Party Committee will meet to elect 25 at-large delegates and 25 at-large alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention.   |
| June 3, 2016                    | RNC deadline for all delegates selected.  |
| June 13, 2016                   | RNC deadline for certification of all delegates.  |
| July 18-21, 2016                | <b>Republican National Convention</b>   |