Connecticut Republicans

1010 Wethersfield Avenue Suite 101N ★ Hartford, CT 06114 ★ 860.296.9900 ★ 860.296.9911 (fax)

www.ctgop.org

October 26, 2007

SECRETARY OF THE STATE
LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
2007 OCT 31 AM 11:06

The Honorable Susan Bysiewicz
Secretary of the State
State Capitol – Room 104
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Secretary Bysiewicz:

At a meeting of the Republican State Central Committee on October 23, 2007, the membership adopted changes to its State Party Bylaws.

I have attached a list of those changes as well as a copy of the how the new bylaws will read for the Connecticut Republican State Central Committee. Please allow this letter to serve as our notification to you of these changes.

Please feel free to contact Gary Schaffrick at 296-9900 or Schaffrick@ctgop.org if you have any questions regarding these changes or the documentation that has been sent to you office.

Sincerely,

Christopher C. Healy
Chairman
Connecticut Republicans

CCH/gs

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

SECRETARY OF THE STATE
LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
2007 OCT 31 AM 11:06

Proposal #1:

Therefore I am proposing that the following amendment be adopted by the State Central Committee:

Article III Section 13 is deleted and the remainder of the sections are numbered accordingly.

Under Article 1 the following new section will be inserted:

(NEW) "Section 19. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

IN THE MONTH OF MAY IN EACH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR THE STATE PARTY CHAIRMAN SHALL SUBMIT A LIST OF PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FOR NOMINATION BY THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THE STATE PARTY CHAIR SHALL CERTIFY THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE SLATE IS QUALIFIED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES."

Proposal #2:

Article One

Section 4. Officers

(c) (NEW) IN ADDITION TO THE ELECTED OFFICERS CALLED FOR IN SUBSECTION (a) ABOVE, THE STATE PARTY CHAIR, AT THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, MAY APPOINT A VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE COMMITTEE. VACANCIES IN THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SHALL BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT OF THE STATE PARTY CHAIR SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE COMMITTEE AT A MEETING WARNED FOR THE PURPOSE. THE DUTIES OF A

CONGRESSIONAL VICE CHAIRPERSON SHALL BE TO ASSIST THE STATE PARTY CHAIR WITHIN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR WHICH THE VICE CHAIRPERSON IS APPOINTED.

Proposal #3:

Section 8. Committees

The state committee shall maintain the committees required by this section, and may, in addition, from time to time, provide for the appointments of such committees, as it deems necessary. The state party chair and state party vice-chair shall be ex-officio members of all such committees without power to vote. Except as otherwise provided in the case of the finance committee and the budget-and control committee, the number of members, the method of appointment and term of office of members of all committees shall be prescribed by resolution of the state committee.

Finance Committee
[(a) The finance committee shall have no fewer than twelve (12) state committee members.]
[(b)] (a) The chair of the finance committee shall be appointed by the state party chair, and the members of the finance committee by the chair of the finance committee, both with the approval of the state committee.
[(c)] (b)The term of office for the chair of the finance committee and members of the finance committee shall be two (2) years OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE STATE COMMITTEE. [coterminous with that of the party chair.]

Budget and Control Committee
(a) The budget and control committee shall consist of the chair of the finance committee, the state party treasurer, and not less than five (5) nor more than nine (9) additional members who shall be appointed by the chair of the budget and control committee with the approval of the state committee, provided that not less than three (3) members of the budget and control committee shall be members of the state committee. The chair of the budget and control committee shall be a member of the finance committee ex-officio.
(b) The chair of the budget and control committee shall be appointed by the state party chair, with the approval of the state committee.
(c) The term of office of the chair of the budget and control committee and members of the budget and control committee shall be FOR TWO YEARS OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE STATE

COMMITTEE.[coterminous with the term of the state party chair.]
(d) In addition to any other duties prescribed by the state committee, the budget and control committee shall: (i) submit the annual budget for the state committee's expenses and control expenditures in relation to said budget; (ii) submit Election Campaign Budgets and control expenditures contained within such budgets; (iii) cause an annual audit of the accounts of the state committee to be made, and, (iv) shall cause a quarterly financial report to be rendered to the state committee, the budget and control committee and the finance committee by the state party treasurer or by the chair of the budget and control committee. In the event budget excesses occur in any budgetary category, such excesses shall be detailed in the regular quarterly reports required by this section or by a special report, and shall cause recommendations for elimination of such excesses to be made and explanations to be given.
(e) The state committee shall not assume any expense or obligation, of any candidate for statewide office incurred prior to nomination as the official candidate of the party.
(f) The state committee may assume any deficit incurred by the party's nominee for statewide office, only if the budget and control committee is consulted and approved the expenditures prior to same being incurred.

Other Committees
The state party chair may, from time to time, appoint such additional committee and the members and officers of such additional committees, as are necessary to carry out the business of the state committee.

Connecticut Republican

SECRETARY OF THE STATE
ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION
2007 OCT 31 AM 11:06

State Central Committee

Rules and Bylaws

Index | Page

Article I: State Central Committee 1

Article II: Town Committee 10

Article III: State Conventions 17

Article IV: District Conventions 25

Article V: Primaries and Special Elections 29

Article VI: Coverage 32

Article VII: History 33

ARTICLE I

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 1. Definitions

As used in these rules and bylaws:

(a) "state committee" means the Connecticut Republican State Central Committee;

(b) "state party chair" means the Chair of the Connecticut Republican State Central Committee;

(c) "state party vice-chair" means the Vice-chair of the Connecticut Republican State Central Committee;

(d) "state party secretary" means the Secretary of the Connecticut Republican State Central Committee;

(e) "senatorial district" means a district established by law for the election of members of the Connecticut State Senate, as amended from time to time;

(f) "general statutes" means (1) the latest revision of the General Statutes of Connecticut and (2) the Public Acts of the Connecticut General Assembly not included in the General Statutes of Connecticut;

(g) "town committee" means the Republican Town Committee of any town established in accordance with these rules and bylaws and the general statutes;

(h) "elector" means a person registered to vote within the state of Connecticut in accordance with the general statutes, and;

(i) "ex-officio" means an office held by virtue of status or position with all rights of such office except the right to vote unless otherwise specified herein.

(j) "notice" means a legal notice.

(k) "publish" means place a legal notice in a newspaper having a circulation in the municipality.

Section 2. State Committee Members

(a) The state committee shall consist of seventy-two (72) members who shall be enrolled Republican electors in the senatorial district they represent. Two (2) persons shall be elected as members of said committee from each senatorial district as provided in Section 3 of this article. In addition, the chair or co-chair of each congressional district shall be ex-officio members of the state committee without voting rights.

(b) Each member of the state committee shall have voting power on the state committee based on the number of enrolled Republicans in the senatorial district such member represents, to be determined as follows:

Number of Enrolled Republicans in District	Number of votes for each member
Less than 15,000	1
15,000 to 25,000 inclusive	1.5
Over 25,000	2

(c) The number of enrolled Republicans in each senatorial district shall be determined by the state party chair on or before April first in each odd-numbered year and shall be computed from the enrollment lists printed and certified in each town in January or February of such odd-numbered year, as required by Section 9-55 of the general statutes. The voting power of members of the state committee, as determined in accordance with subsection (c) of this section, shall apply to all instances in which-members of the state committee have the right to vote. Revised voting power determined in accordance with subsection (b) of this section shall be distributed on or before May1 of each odd-numbered year and shall be effective commencing at the organization meeting of the state committee in such year.

Section 3. Election of State Committee Members

(a) At meetings of town committees in each town, held not earlier than March first (1st) nor later than April fifteenth (15th) in each odd-numbered year, the town committee members residing in each senatorial district shall select delegates to a state committee district convention to be held on the second Tuesday of May in each odd-numbered year at a time and place designated jointly by the incumbent state committee members to elect two persons to represent such senatorial district on the state committee. In the event that no town committee members reside within such senatorial district, the town committee as a whole shall select such delegates.

Notice of the time and place of the convention shall be mailed or delivered in

writing to each delegate by the state chair. Such notice shall include the current term attendance record, including attendance by proxy, of the incumbent state committee members from such district.

(b) The number of delegates so selected shall be equal to the number of delegates which that town or that part of a town is entitled to send to such district's convention held for the purpose of nominating candidates for the state senate. Any delegate so selected shall be an enrolled Republican elector residing within such town or part of a town. The names and addresses of each delegate shall be filed with state committee headquarters not later than May first (1) in each odd-numbered year. Each delegate may designate, in writing, an alternate to act in such delegate's place and stead, if; for any reason, such delegate is unable to be present at the convention.
Vacancies in any delegation shall be filled in the manner in Article III, Section 6, subsection (b) of these rules.

(c) In any senatorial district where the number of delegates to such convention from one town in such senatorial district exceeds fifty (50) percent but does not exceed seventy-five (75) percent of the total number of delegates to such convention, such town's delegates shall be entitled to elect first, by a majority vote of the delegates from such town, one of the two members of the state committee to represent such senatorial district. The delegates to such convention from the remaining town or towns in such district shall then be entitled to elect, by a majority vote of the delegates from such remaining town or towns, the other member of the state committee to represent such senatorial district.

(d) If the number of delegates to such convention from any one town exceeds seventy-five (75) percent of the total number of delegates to such convention, or if no town in such district is entitled to send more than fifty (50) percent of the total number of delegates to such convention, both members of the state committee representing such senatorial district shall be elected by majority vote of all of the delegates to such convention.

(e) Nothing herein contained shall preclude both of such members of the state committee from residing within the same town in such senatorial district.

(f) In those senatorial districts located wholly within one town, the members of the town committee residing within such district shall meet, on the second Tuesday in May at a time and place designated by the town chair, and elect two persons to represent such senatorial district on the state committee.
(g) Each state committee member shall be elected by a majority vote of all persons authorized to vote for such member and all voting shall be by roll call. Where there are two or more candidates for election for either position, voting shall continue until one person obtains more than fifty percent (50%)

of the votes cast, and that person shall be declared elected. Nominations and voting shall then take place again and voting shall continue until any one person of the second group of nominees shall obtain more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast. Nothing herein contained shall prohibit a person nominated but not elected in the first group from being nominated and elected in the second group and nothing herein contained shall prohibit someone not nominated in the first group from being nominated in the second group. Each person voting shall only be entitled to vote for one person per ballot, provided that when five ballots have been taken and no candidate has been declared elected, the chair of such convention shall cast an additional vote for the purpose of breaking a tie vote.

(h) State committee members so elected shall immediately assume office. The terms of the state committee members shall be for two (2) years and until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

Section 4. Officers

(a) The newly elected state committee shall be called into an organizational meeting on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of June in each odd-numbered year by the state party chair, or if the chair fails to act, then by the state party vice-chair, or if the state party vice-chair fails to act, then by the state party secretary, and shall thereupon elect a state party chair, a state party vice-chair, a state party secretary, a state treasurer and such other officers as it may deem necessary. Proxy voting shall be permitted.

(b) The officers, who shall be enrolled Republican electors, may be chosen from among the members of the committee, or otherwise, and shall be without voting privileges unless they are elected as members of the committee representing a senatorial district. Officers shall serve for a term of two years from the date of their election, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. When a vacancy, however arising, shall occur among any of the officers, the state committee shall, within sixty (60) days after the occurrence of such vacancy, elect a successor to fill the unexpired portion of the term, at a meeting duly warned and held for such purpose. In all voting by the state committee, the state party chair shall cast a vote to break a tie vote, in addition to any regular voting rights such state party chair may have.

(c) In addition to the elected officers called for in subsection (a) above, the State party Chair, at the organizational meeting, may appoint a Vice Chairperson for each congressional district, subject to the approval of the state committee. Vacancies in the position of Vice Chairperson for a congressional district shall be filled by appointment of the state party chair subject to the approval of the state committee at a meeting warned for the purpose. The duties of a congressional vice chairperson shall be to

assist the state party chair within the congressional district for which the Vice Chairperson is appointed.

Section 5. Vacancies

(a) Vacancies occurring for any reason in the membership of the state committee shall be filled in the manner provided in Section 3 of Article I of these rules and bylaws, except that the delegates selected for said convention shall be chosen by the town committee members residing in the applicable senatorial district at a meeting called for that purpose by the state party chair at least ten (10) but not more than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the convention called to fill such vacancy.

(b) When any member of the state committee is not longer listed as an elector in the senatorial district, which such member represents, such member shall be deemed to have resigned from the state committee as of the date on which the member's rights as an elector were extinguished.

Section 6. Meetings

(a) Meetings of the state committee shall be held upon call of the chair or by majority vote of the Committee. Upon delivery of a written petition of twenty (20) or more members of the state committee that a meeting of the whole committee be held, the chair shall call such a meeting within ten (10) days of the receipt of such petition.
(b) The presence of seventeen (17) voting members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.
(c) The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the state committee whenever they are applicable and whenever they are not inconsistent with these rules and bylaws.
[d] The State Central Committee Shall Meet at a minimum of once per quarter.

Section 7. Notices

All notices required to be given by the members of the state committee in any senatorial district shall be issued and signed by both members therein, but if the members in any district shall be in disagreement with respect to their duties, or if any member shall be absent or unable to perform such duties, the state party chair shall designate a member from said district who shall act in such case.

Section 8. Committees

The state committee shall maintain the committees required by this section, and may, in addition, from time to time, provide for the appointments of such committees, as it deems necessary. The state party chair and state party vice-chair shall be an ex-officio member of all such committees without power to vote. Except as otherwise provided in the case of the finance committee and the budget-and control committee, the number of members, the method of appointment and term of office of members of all committees shall be prescribed by resolution of the state committee.

Finance Committee

There shall be a Finance Committee of the Republican State Central Committee established as follows:

(a) The chair of the finance committee shall be appointed by the state party chair, and the members of the finance committee by the chair of the finance committee, both with the approval of the state committee.
(b) The term of office for the chair of the finance committee and members of the finance committee shall be two (2) years, or until the state committee has approved their successors.

Budget and Control Committee
(a) The budget and control committee shall consist of the chair of the finance committee, the state party treasurer, and not less than five (5) nor more than nine (9) additional members who shall be appointed by the chair of the budget and control committee with the approval of the state committee, provided that not less than three (3) members of the budget and control committee shall be members of the state committee. The chair of the budget and control committee shall be a member of the finance committee ex-officio.
(b) The chair of the budget and control committee shall be appointed by the state party chair, with the approval of the state committee.
(c) The term of office of the chair of the budget and control committee and members of the budget and control committee shall be for two years or until there successors have been approved by the committee.
(d) In addition to any other duties prescribed by the state committee, the budget and control committee shall: (i) submit the annual budget for the state committee's expenses and control expenditures in relation to said budget; (ii) submit Election Campaign Budgets and control expenditures contained within such budgets; (iii) cause an annual audit of the accounts of the state committee to be made, and, (iv) shall cause a quarterly financial report to be rendered to the state committee, the budget and control committee and the finance committee by the state party treasurer or by the chair of the budget and control committee. In the event budget excesses occur in any budgetary category, such excesses shall be detailed in the regular

quarterly reports required by this section or by a special report, and shall cause recommendations for elimination of such excesses to be made and explanations to be given.
(e) The state committee shall not assume any expense or obligation, of any candidate for statewide office incurred prior to nomination as the official candidate of the party.
(f) The state committee may assume any deficit incurred by the party's nominee for statewide office, only if the budget and control committee is consulted and approved the expenditures prior to same being incurred.

Other Committees
The state party chair may, from time to time, appoint such additional committee and the members and officers of such additional committees, as are necessary to carry out the business of the state committee.

Section 9. Proxy

(a) Any member of the state committee who is unable to attend any meeting of such committee may give his proxy in writing to any enrolled Republican elector with such member's senatorial district. Such proxy shall be filed with the state party secretary. Proxy voting shall be in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) Wherever proxy voting is permitted by these rules and bylaws, proxies shall be written, dated and signed by the principal and shall be valid only for the meeting specified therein, or any adjournment thereof. Such proxies shall be voted in person only by the individual named in the proxy. Such individual shall be an enrolled Republican elector of the same district, town or political subdivision as the principal is required to be. No individual who is entitled to vote as a principal shall cast a proxy vote, and no individual shall cast a vote as a proxy for more than one (1) principal.

Section 10. Disputes

Any disputes which cannot be settled locally as to the endorsement of a candidate for any office or for delegate or town committee member or member of the state committee, including conflicting claims to such endorsement or any dispute with respect to any political problem of any nature, may be submitted in writing by any affected party to the state party chair. Matters so submitted shall be referred to the state committee or to a subcommittee thereof; consisting of not less than five (5) members appointed by the state party chair, none of whom shall be members representing the district or districts concerned. Such dispute shall be resolved within fifteen (15) days after submission. Decisions made on disputes submitted hereunder shall be final and binding upon the parties.

Section 11. Removal of State Committee Members or Officers

(a) The state party chair; state party vice-chair; or officers elected by the state committee may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire membership of the state committee at a duly warned meeting called for that purpose.

(b) A member of the state committee representing a multi-town senatorial district may be removed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all of the town chair and town vice chairs of all towns within the senatorial district such member represents at a duly warned meeting called by one-third (1/3rd) of such town chairs and vice-chairs for that purpose.

(c) Not less than five (5) days advance written notice shall be given of any meeting called under subsection (a) or (b) of this section.

(d) Proxy voting shall not be permitted in any meeting called under subsection (a) or (b) of this section.

Section. 12. Seating of State Committee Members at District Conventions

Members of the state committee who are not delegates to a district convention shall be entitled to sit with the delegates but may not make motions or vote.

Section 13. Congressional District Organizations

It shall be the responsibility of each member of the state committee to see to it that a Republican congressional district organization is established and functioning in each of their respective congressional districts. The purpose of this organization shall be to coordinate the efforts of all Republican organizations within such districts; to promote Republican party principles and candidates; to encourage active participation by Republicans and other voters in election campaigns; to assist in raising funds for congressional candidates and to assist in every way the Republican candidate for congress from that congressional district. Reports of the activities of the organization shall be given at the request of the state party chair.

Section 14. Senatorial District Organizations

It shall be the responsibility of each state committee member representing two or more towns to see to it that a Republican senatorial district organization is established and functioning in each such senatorial district.

The state committee members of each such district shall be the co-chairs of the organization and it shall be their responsibility to coordinate the efforts of Republican organizations within the senatorial district; to promote the Republican party and its candidates; to encourage active participation by Republicans and other voters in Republican campaigns; to disseminate information pertaining to the Republican Party throughout the district in a way most calculated to get the greatest number of Republican supporters and to meet with the chair and vice-chair of each Republican town committee within the district on a regular bimonthly basis. The state committee member shall report to the state party chair the doings of their senatorial district organization at his request.

Section. 15. Meetings with Town Chairs

It shall be the responsibility of the state party chair to meet with the town chairs. Such meetings shall be called by the state party chair, who shall designate the time, place and agenda.

Section 16. Selection of National Committee Members

The state committee, by a majority vote of its members present and voting, at the meeting held to select delegates to the National Convention in a presidential year shall select two individuals to represent the Connecticut Republican party as members of the Republican National Committee. The state committee shall fill vacancies for the balance of the term vacated.

Section 17. Delegates to National Convention

(a) All the state's delegates to the Republican National Convention shall be allocated to the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes, notwithstanding such candidate's percentage of the total votes cast for all candidates. The delegate and alternates shall be committed to that candidate, and unless released by the candidate, shall vote for the candidate on the first ballot, and shall not change their vote during the course of that ballot.

(b) The state party chair shall provide to the Secretary of the State, pursuant to Section 9-473 of the Connecticut General Statutes, that the state's delegates will be selected on that basis.

(c) The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall submit to the state party chairman, a slate of registered Republicans to serve as both at large and district delegates and a slate of registered Republicans to serve as both at large and district alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention. The State Party Chairman shall submit the list to

the state committee for review and approval on or before its meeting in May of the year of the presidential election.

(d) In the event that a vacancy occurs among the slate of delegates or alternates, the State Party chairman, in consultation with the candidate, or candidate's representatives, to whom the delegates and alternates are committed, shall fill any such vacancy. The selection of the person or persons to fill such vacancy shall be ratified by the state committee. In the event that the vacancy shall occur less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Republican National Convention, then the State Party chairman shall, in consultation with the candidate, or candidate's representatives, to whom the delegates and alternates are committed, fill any such vacancy.

Section 18. Redistricting Changes and Term Length

If, because of redistricting, the boundaries of the senatorial districts, or any of them, are changed, the state committee-members shall serve for the balance of the terms for which they were elected. Thereafter, state committee members shall be elected in accordance with the new districts.

Section 19. Presidential Electors

In the month of May in each Presidential election year the State Party Chairman shall submit a list of proposed Presidential electors for nomination by the members of the State Central Committee. The State Party Chair shall certify that each member of the slate is qualified under the provisions of the United States Constitution and the Connecticut General Statutes.

ARTICLE II

TOWN COMMITTEES

Section 1. Local Rules

The number of membership positions and the basis of representation on each town committee shall be set by local rules. No town committee in any municipality shall be elected both at large and from political subdivisions.

Section 2. Elections

(a) The date for primaries for the election of town committee membership shall be the first (1st) Tuesday of March in the even-numbered years. (Section 9-425).

(b) Party endorsed candidates for town committee membership shall be selected in accordance with the general statutes. No proxy voting shall be permitted for such endorsement.

(1) At-large endorsements shall be made by town-wide caucus. In towns where local rules provide that membership on the town committee shall be apportioned by districts, and selected by district caucuses, such endorsement shall be made by district caucuses No proxy voting shall be permitted for such endorsements.
Whether town committee candidates are selected by town-wide caucus or district caucuses, it shall be the duty of the town chair or, in the event of the chair's failure to act, the vice-chair, in each town to call such caucus or caucuses designating the time, place and day, by publishing such call in a newspaper having a circulation in such town, at least five (5) days before the-day of such caucus or caucuses. But if the town chair or vice chair shall fail to act, a member of the state central committee for the district in which such town chair resides shall call the caucus or caucuses.

(2) The names of party-endorsed candidates for town committee membership shall be filed with the clerk of the municipality and the state party chair by the chair or presiding officer and the secretary of the caucus in compliance with the general statutes.

Subsection (b) of these rules does not apply to towns, which by local rule elect members of the Town Committee under Subsection 9-390(g) of the general statutes.

Section 3. Town Committee Member Terms

The terms of town committee members shall start on the first (1st) Monday following the date of the primary set in connection with their election and they shall serve for two (2) years or until their successors shall have been chosen, but not more than twenty-six (26) months, and provided when local rules are amended to increase town committee membership, they shall specify the day upon which the terms of the new positions created by said increase shall begin, and how the new positions shall be filled. The terms of all members shall end on the same day.

Section 4. Town Chair and Other Officers

(a) Town committees shall meet within three (3) weeks after the beginning of their term as specified in Section 3 of this Article, at the call of the previous town chair or in the event of the chair's failure to act, at the call of a member of the state central committee from the district in which said chair resides, and name a chair and vice-chair, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as provided by local rules. The town chair may be chosen from within or without the membership of the town committee, according to local-rules and in either case may cast a vote to break a tie, including a tie-in the vote for the selection of party-endorsed candidates under Section 9-386 of the general statues. This vote, if necessary, shall be in addition to any voting rights said chair may have. Other officers may be chosen from without the membership of the town committee, but if so chosen, they shall be without a vote.
The terms of all officers shall be for two years or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, but no more than twenty-six (26) months.

(b) Duties:

(1) Town Chair
(A) Attend senatorial district meetings.
(B) Attend congressional district meetings.
(C) Attend and conduct town committee meetings.
(D) Secure a report at each town committee meeting as to what a state committee person delivers such a report.
(E) Designate the campaign treasurer for local campaigns.
(2) Vice Chair
(A) Attend senatorial district meetings.
(B) Attend congressional district meetings.
(C) Attend town committee meetings.
(D) Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of town chair, the vice-chair shall be responsible for determining the time, date and place for a meeting to select a new town chair, which meeting shall be called by the vice-chair after

the vacancy occurs. If the vice-chair does not issue the call for the meeting within two weeks of the vacancy, the state committee member shall call such meeting.

(3) Treasurer

(A) Give a financial report at each town committee meeting.

(B) See to it that election finance laws are complied with by the town committee and instruct and assist various campaign treasurers with compliance.

(4) Secretary

(A) Notify the town chair, town committee members, and state committee members of time, date and place of each town committee meeting.

(B) Keep a record of minutes of each meeting and see that minutes of each meeting are acted upon by the town committee.

(C) Keep accurate attendance records of town committee meetings and report upon the same to the town committee biannually as well as indicating absences in the minutes of each town committee meeting.

(D) Furnish to the state party chair at least every six months, a list of dates and places of all town committee meetings held during the previous six months.

(E) Furnish to the state party chair at least annually, a list of town committee officers and notify the state party chair of changes as they occur.

(F) Send true and accurate copies of local party rules and any amendments to such rules to the state party chair, indicating the date on which they were adopted, within fifteen days of such adoption.

(c) Each town chair shall, within one (1) month of election, establish working standing committees including, but not limited to the following:

(1) Finance

(2) Voter Registration

(3) Candidate Recruitment

(4) District Organization

(5) Publicity and Public Affairs

(d) The town chair shall name the chair of each such standing committee and shall require a report as to the doings of each such committee chair at the regularly held town committee meetings.

Section 5. Notice After Organization

Within one (1) week after the organization of a town committee, the secretary of the town committee shall file with the state party secretary the names and addresses of the officers and members of the town committee and the name and address of the republican registrar of voters.

Section 6. Qualifications

No person shall be a member or officer of any town committee unless that person is an enrolled Republican elector of the town or political-subdivision, as the case may be, at the time of election and throughout the term of office.

Section 7. Committee Membership and Officers Vacancies

Vacancies occurring for any reason in town committee membership or elected officers shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining members of the committee. In case the vacancy occurs in the representation elected from a political subdivision, only those town committee members representing that political subdivision may vote. Should there be no remaining members from that political subdivision, or if a vote of the remaining members results in a tie, vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the membership of the town committee.

Section 8. Vacancies - Nominations and Candidacies

Any vacancy occurring in the party-endorsed candidacies before a primary or in the party nominations before an election, under the conditions stated in Sections 9-426, 9-428 and 9-430 of the general statues shall be filled by majority vote of the town committee.

Section 9. Meetings

Meetings shall be held in accordance with local rules, and special meetings shall be called by the town chair or by the town chair upon the written request of a majority of the town committee members, unless such rules prescribe a lesser number. Robert's Rules of Order shall apply when not in conflict with local rules and bylaws.

Notwithstanding the contrary provisions of any local rule, all town committee meetings shall be open to the public unless the town committee shall, because of unusual circumstances, by a majority vote, elect to go into executive session. Except for special meetings duly called, all meetings shall be regularly scheduled at least twice each quarter for a specific and recurring time, day and place, unless, by a vote of the town committee a sanctioned Republican event is substituted for a regular meeting. Notice of all town committee meetings shall be sent to the state committee members representing the senatorial district in which such town is located.

At each town committee meeting a report shall be given, either by a member of the state committee in person or through the town chair or his designee, on the most recent state committee meeting.

Section 10. Disputes

Any disputes which cannot be settled locally as to the endorsement of a candidate for any office or for delegate or town committee member or state committee member, including conflicting claims as to such endorsement or any dispute with respect to any political problem of any nature, may be submitted by any affected party in writing to the state party chair. Matters so submitted shall be referred to the state committee or to a subcommittee thereof, consisting of not less than 5 (five) members appointed by the state chair, none of whom shall be members representing the district or districts concerned. Such dispute shall be resolved within fifteen (15) days after submission. Decisions made on disputes submitted hereunder shall be final and binding on the parties.

Section 11. Party-Endorsed Candidates

The method of choosing party-endorsed candidates shall be:

(a) By the enrolled members of such party in the municipality in a caucus, or
(b) By delegates to a convention chosen by enrolled party members as local rules prescribe, provided all delegates to such a convention in any one town shall be chosen on the same day; or
(c) By the town committee

Except as provided in Section 9-390(e), in the selection of a party-endorsed candidate for an office or position for which only the electors of a political subdivision or a municipality may vote, only the members of the town-committee from such political subdivision, or the delegates to a town or city convention elected by such political subdivision, or the enrolled Republican electors within such political subdivision, at a caucus, as the case may be, may participate. All such endorsements in any one (1) town shall be made on the same day in accordance with the general statutes.

Section 12. Tie Votes on Endorsement

Notwithstanding local rules, the presiding officer of any endorsement meeting, whether it is a caucus, a convention or a town committee meeting, shall cast a vote to break ties. This vote, if necessary shall be in addition to any regular voting rights such presiding officer may have. No candidate for endorsement may be the presiding officer of such meeting except in the case of an endorsement meeting for the selection of town committee members.

Section 13. Endorsement Call

(a) Whenever party-endorsed candidates are selected by caucus, it shall be the duty of the town chair or, in the event of such chair's failure to act, the vice-chair, m each town to call such caucus, designating the time, place and day, by publishing said call in a newspaper having a circulation in such town, at least five (5) days before the day of such caucus. If the town chair and vice-chair shall fail to act, a member of the state committee representing the district in which such town chair resides shall call the caucus.
(b) All meetings of town committee called to choose party-endorsed candidates shall be called by the town chair, or in the event of such chair's failure to act, the vice-chair, by mailing a notice, stating such purpose, to each member of said committee at least five (5) days prior to such meeting. If the town chair and vice-chair shall fail to act, a member of the state committee representing the district in which such Town Chair resides shall call the meeting.
(c) Whenever party-endorsed candidates are selected by town or city convention, it shall be the duty of the town chair, or in the event of such chair's failure to act, the vice-chair, to call such town or city convention, designating the time, place and day by publishing said call in a newspaper having a circulation in such town, at least five (5) days before the day of such town or city convention. If the Town Chair and vice-chair shall fail to act, the state party chair shall call such town or city convention.

Section 14. Local Party Rules and Amendments

(a) Each town committee shall adopt local party rules. Local party rules may be amended by one (1) of the three (3) following methods:
(1) By a caucus of the enrolled party members called in the same manner as a caucus for selecting party-endorsed candidates as provided in Section 13(a) of this Article; or
(2) By a convention of delegates chosen by enrolled party members in a manner prescribed in such local party rules; or
(3) By its town committee at a meeting called in the same manner as a town committee meeting to choose party-endorsed candidates as provided in Section 13(b) of this Article.

Whenever the third (3rd) method is used, local party rules may also be amended by the first (1st) or second (2nd) method in accordance with the provisions of Section 9-375 of the general statutes.

Any amendments adopted pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be effective sixty (60) days after the date on which they are filed with the Secretary of the State.

(b) In any municipality in which the town committee has not so adopted and of one voting district or in the event of such chair's failure to act, the vice-chair, shall call a caucus within twenty (20) days, upon the filing with the Registrar of Voters of such party in such municipality of a petition signed by at least five (5) percent, but not more than five hundred (500) of its enrolled party members, to take action on such petition.
(c) In all other municipalities the town chair, or in the event of such chair's failure to act, the vice-chair, shall call a convention within thirty (30) days upon the filing with the Registrar of Voters of such party in such municipality of a petition signed by at least five (5) percent, but not more than five hundred (500) of its enrolled party members, to take action on such petition.
A convention shall consist of three (3) delegates from each voting district elected at a caucus of the enrolled party members of that district. It shall be the duty of the town chair, or in the event of such chair's failure to act, the vice-chair, to call such caucuses, which shall be held on the same day, designating the time, place and day by publishing said call in a newspaper having a circulation in such municipality, at least five (5) days before the day of such caucuses.
(d) In the event the enrolled Republicans or the town committee in any town shall fail to adopt a method for amending the local party rules as provided by Section 9-375 of the General Statutes, the method of amending said local party rules of said municipality shall be the same as the method used to select party-endorsed candidates until such time as a method of amendment is lawfully adopted and filed by the proper authority.

Section 15. Party Assistance Not To Be Provided in Primaries

No town committee or officer thereof shall expend any party funds, or provide party services of value on behalf of any candidate in a pre-endorsement contest or primary.

Section 16. Removal of Town Committee Officers

(a) A town chair, vice-chair or other elected officer of a town committee may be removed by the affirmative vote of two4hirds (2/3rds) of the entire authorized membership for the town committee at a duly warned meeting called for that purpose by one-third (1/3rd) of the members of the town committee.
(b) Not less than five (5) days written notice shall be given of any meeting called under subsection (a) of this section.
(c) Proxy voting shall not be permitted in any meeting held under subsection (a) of this section.

ARTICLE III

STATE CONVENTIONS

Section 1. Time of Convention

(a) Each convention shall originate by call of the state party chair, vice chair, or by such person authorized by vote of the state party committee. Such call shall be published, at least thirty (30) days but not more than sixty (60) days before such Convention is to be held, in a newspaper or newspapers published and circulated within the state.
(b) If no call has been published in accordance with subsection (a), notice of the time and place of the convention shall be mailed or delivered in writing to each delegate by the state party chair.

Section.2 Representation

(a) Town Representation

(1) Each town shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each seven hundred and fifty (750) votes or fraction thereof, cast for the Republican candidate for Governor at the most recent election provided no town shall have fewer than two (2) delegates.
(2) In addition to the delegates provided under subdivision (1) of this subsection, each town giving the most recent Republican candidate for Governor a plurality at the most recent election shall be entitled to one (1) delegate.
(3) In those towns split into two or more senatorial districts, the delegates from such senatorial districts to the state convention shall be selected proportionately from each senatorial district within said towns
(4) As used in this subdivision "population" shall mean the population of a town as determined by the last census of the United States. For the purposes of this subsection, Republicans shall be deemed to be in control of a town when: (i) The elected chief executive officer is a Republican; or (ii) If the chief executive officer is not an elected official, Republicans hold a majority of the seats on the governing body of such-town.
A town in which Republicans, on January 1 of the even-numbered year, control the government of such town shall be awarded state convention delegates in accordance with the following formula:

POPULATION	DELEGATES
0-19,999	1
20,000-49,999	2
50,000 and over	3

(5) The delegates awarded pursuant to subdivision (4) of this section shall be applicable to state conventions only and shall not affect the number of delegates that each town may send to a district convention.
(6) Not later than January 15 of each even-numbered year, the state chair shall certify the number of delegates that each town is entitled to under the provisions of this rule.

(b) The following Republicans shall be, by virtue of their offices, delegates to each Republican State Convention:
(i) Each Republican United States Senator; (ii) Each Republican United States Representative. (iii) Any Republican serving as Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Comptroller, or Attorney General, (iv) Each Republican State Senator and State Representative, (v) The officers and members of the Republican State Central Committee; and Each member of the Republican National Committee from Connecticut.
No person serving as a delegate pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be entitled to appoint a proxy or alternate to act in his place.
No person serving as a delegate pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall serve as a delegate or alternate delegate from any town. No such person shall be entitled to more than one vote regardless of the number of offices that person may hold.
In the event that this subsection is invalidated, district delegates shall be selected in the same-manner that they were prior to the adoption of this rule.

Section 3. Qualifications

All delegates and alternates must be enrolled Republican electors in the town or district they represent at the time they act.

Section 4. Date of Primaries

The dates for holding primaries for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention held for the purpose of nominating candidates shall be the third (3rd) Tuesday in May in each even numbered year.

Section 5. Selection of Party-Endorsed Delegates

In each town, endorsement of all delegates to state convention shall be made by the enrolled members of the Republican party present and voting at a caucus, or by the town committee, in accordance with local party rules and the general statutes. Such endorsements shall be made in accordance with the general statutes. The chair or presiding officer, together with the secretary of the town committee or caucus, as the case may be, shall certify the party-endorsed delegates to the clerk of the municipality in compliance with the general statutes. No proxy voting shall be permitted for

endorsement of delegates to any convention.

Section 6. Delegates and Alternates

(a) Delegates shall be deemed to be lawfully chosen or elected when: (1) No opposition slate has been qualified; (2) Such delegates are duly elected as a result of a primary, or; (3) otherwise lawfully chosen as delegates.
(b) Each delegate after being lawfully chosen or elected may designate in writing an alternate to act for such delegate in the delegate's absence. In the event of the inability of the alternate to act, the elected delegate may designate in writing a substitute alternate. In the event of the inability of an elected delegate to act for any reason, including the provisions of Section 3 of this Article, the designated alternate or the substitute alternate shall have all of the powers and duties of such delegate.
In the event of the written resignation of a delegate, the remaining delegate or delegates from the town or district the resigned delegate represented shall designate a new delegate to act in the resigned delegate's place. The new delegate shall then designate an alternate in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. In the event of the inability of both the delegate and the designated alternate to act, including the provisions of Section 3 of this Article, the remaining delegate or delegates from the town or district the delegate and alternate represented shall designate a substitute alternate to act if no substitute has been named by the delegate.

Section 7. Slate of Delegates

Delegates to any convention shall be equal in number to the number of delegates to which the town or district is entitled. Delegates may be voted on individually or by slate as determined by the endorsing authority in accordance with the rules for procedure and election it adopts.

Section 8. Certification of Delegates

It shall be the duty of the chair of each town committee to send a list of the town delegates to the state party secretary at the offices of the state committee immediately after the election of such delegates. Certifications of delegates not filed with the state party secretary within three (3) weeks of their lawful election as provided in Section 6 of this Article shall be declared delinquent and subject to review by the committee on credentials of the state convention.

Each delegation must select a chair from among its members by majority vote and the town chair must file with the state party secretary at the offices of the state committee the name and address of the delegate that has been chosen as chair of such delegation.

Section 9. Voting

(a) No person shall have more than one vote in the convention, whether as a delegate or alternate. No action shall be valid unless carried by a majority of all delegates present and voting in person or by alternate, except that the presiding officer shall cast a vote to break a tie. This vote, if necessary, shall be in addition to any other voting rights such presiding officer may have.

(b) In all state conventions for the endorsement of candidates held after 1967, all roll call votes at each such convention shall be conducted by congressional districts, in numerical order, starting with the first district in the first such convention held after 1967, the second district in the next such convention, and continuing such rotation in subsequent conventions until the highest numbered district has been the first called in a state convention, after which convention, the rotation shall recommence with the first district and so continue in perpetuity. Within congressional districts, each such vote shall be taken alphabetically by towns.

Section 10. Convention Organization

(a) The temporary chair and other officers of each such state convention shall be designated by the state committee at a meeting held not more than thirty-five (35) days prior to such state convention.

(b) Each state convention shall have the following committees: a committee on credentials; a committee on permanent organizations; a committee on rules, and; a committee on resolutions, each such committee consisting of one member residing in each senatorial district.

The members of said committees shall be elected at senatorial district conventions of the delegates residing within each such senatorial district, held on a date fixed by the state committee, which date shall be not later than ten (10) days before the state convention. Such conventions shall also elect an alternate member of each such committee who shall act in the event

of the absence or inability to act of the committee member. Voting in such senatorial district conventions shall be governed by the District Convention rules set out in Section 10 of Article IV of these rules.

Upon the request of the state party chair the members of the state committee representing such senatorial district shall determine the hour and place of each such senatorial district convention. In the event that such members are unable to agree, or fail to act by the date specified in the state party chair's request, the hour and place shall be determined by the state chair who shall give not less than five (5) days written notice thereof to each delegate to such senatorial district convention.

The presiding officer and secretary of each such senatorial district convention shall immediately certify in writing the names and addresses of the committee members and alternate committee members so elected to the state party secretary. The members and alternate members of each committee shall take office immediately. Such committees may meet prior to the convention at the call of the state party chair who shall give at least five (5) days written notice thereof to each member and at such subsequent times and places as each committee determines.

(1) The state party chair shall call the members of the committee on credentials to meet on a date at least five (5) days prior to the day on which the state convention is scheduled to convene Members may waive written notice in writing or by attending such meeting.

The staff of the state committee assigned to the committee on credentials shall be designated and announced by the state party chair at or before this first meeting of the committee on credentials. The state party chair shall designate the person in charge of said staff.

At such meeting, the committee on credentials shall elect a chair and a secretary of the committee, and each member present shall be given, by the state party chair or by his designee, at the beginning of such meeting, a true and complete roll of the delegates to said state convention as filed with the state party secretary up to that time.

The committee on credentials shall thereafter, in addition to any other meetings, meet at a time and place designated by the state party chair on the evening prior to the day on which the state convention is scheduled to convene. The state party chair shall give notice of this meeting by mail to each of the members of the committee and to each town committee chair and state committee member at least five (5) days prior to the date for which such meeting is scheduled. At such meeting the committee on credentials shall hear and decide upon challenges of delegates and alternates presented to it, and shall review such proposed changes in the roll of delegates and alternates as may have been filed, but not heard and decided, by that time.

All designations of alternates and substitute alternates must be in writing and filed with the staff of the committee on credentials convention. The staff shall note on each designation the time and date that it is received and the

name of the staff person receiving such change. The staff shall immediately place the name of the designated alternate or substitute alternate on the roll of delegates and alternates. The staff shall keep a record of the filed designations. This record shall be available for inspection by delegates and. No change shall be official until approved by the committee on credentials.

The committee on credentials shall convene one hour prior to the scheduled opening of each session of the state convention at a place designated by the state party chair, who shall give notice thereof to the same people and in the same manner as prescribed in this section. At such meeting, the committee on credentials shall review the proposed changes to the roll of delegates and alternates, hear and decide any challenges to the list of delegates and alternates not already heard and decided, adopt a roll of delegates and alternates to be presented to the state convention, and transact such other business as may be necessary to fulfill its functions.

The state chair shall designate, no later than ninety (90) days preceding the scheduled opening of the state convention, forms for designating alternates and substitute alternates in accordance with these rules and bylaws and shall forthwith furnish an adequate supply of same to each town chair and member of the state committee.

(2) The state party chair shall call a meeting of the committee on permanent organizations for a date prior to the day on which the state convention is to convene by mailing to each member notice of such committee meeting at least five days before the scheduled meeting date. Members may waive such notice in writing or by attending such meeting. At such meeting the committee shall elect a chair and a secretary of the committee.

The committee on permanent organizations shall by majority vote, determine the list of permanent convention officers that the committee will recommend to the state convention.

(3) The state party chair shall call a meeting of the committee on resolutions for a date prior to the day on which the state convention is to convene by mailing to each member notice of such committee meeting at least five days before the scheduled meeting date. Members may waive such notice in writing or by attending such meeting. At such meeting the committee shall elect a chair and a secretary of the committee.

The committee on resolutions shall review all resolutions submitted to it in writing. The committee shall determine, in accordance with convention rules, those resolutions that shall be in order for consideration by the state convention. If the committee on rules has not yet adopted rules for he current state convention, the applicable rules for the most immediate previous state convention shall govern.

The committee on resolutions shall meet once after the state convention convenes to consider any resolutions submitted in writing to the convention secretary.

(4) The state party chair shall call a meeting of the committee on rules for a date prior to the day on which the state convention is to convene by mailing

to each member notice of such committee meeting at least five days before the scheduled meeting date. Members may waive such notice in writing or by attending such meeting. At such meeting the committee shall elect a chair and a secretary of the committee.
The committee on rules shall draft the "Rules Governing the State Convention" for the current state convention. Such draft shall contain any items of business not included in Section 11 of this Article III. Such draft shall be the temporary rules of the convention and shall remain in force until permanent rules are adopted by the state convention.

Section 11. Convention Procedures

Each state convention shall follow these initial procedures:

(a) The state party chair shall:
(1) Call the convention to order
(2) Announce the names of the committee chairs
(3) Introduce the temporary officers
(b) The committee on rules shall report
(c) The rules governing the convention shall be adopted
(d) The committee on permanent organizations shall report
(e) The permanent officers of the convention shall be elected.

Section 12 Certification

Each candidate endorsed at the state convention shall file with the Secretary of the State, a certificate, signed by him, stating that he was endorsed by such state convention, together with his name, his full residence address and the title and district, if applicable, of the office for which he was endorsed. Such certificate shall be attested by either (1) the permanent chair or presiding officer of the state convention or (2) the secretary of such state convention and shall be filed in accordance with the general statutes.
If applicable, upon the close of such state convention the permanent chair or presiding officer or the secretary of the state convention shall file with the Secretary of the State, the name and full residence addresses of persons selected by such state convention as the nominees of the Republican party for electors of President and Vice President of the United States in accordance with the general statutes.

Within fourteen (14) days following the close of the state convention, a candidacy for nomination by the Republican party to a state office may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon the last completed enrollment list of the Republican party in any municipality within the state and who has received at least 15% of the votes of the state convention delegates present and voting on any roll call vote taken on the

endorsement or proposed endorsement of such candidate for such state office, whether or not such candidate was endorsed, by the filing with the Secretary of the State, of a certificate, signed by such candidate and attested by either (1) the permanent chair or presiding officer of the state convention; or (2) the secretary of the state convention, that such candidate received at least 15% of such votes and that he consents to be a candidate in a primary of the Republican party for such state office. Such certificates shall specify the name and full residence address of the candidate, and the title of the office for which the candidacy is being filed.

Section 13. Presidential Electors

The state party chair shall submit for nomination by the convention a slate of Presidential Electors. The state party chair shall certify that each member of the slate is qualified under the provisions of the United States Constitution and the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 14. Vacancies in Candidacies and Nominations

The state committee shall fill vacancies occurring for any reason among the party endorsed candidates named by a state convention as provided in the general statutes and any vacancy occurring for any reason among the party nominations for state office and shall certify to the Secretary of the State the names of such vacancy endorsements or nominations.

ARTICLE IV

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Section 1. Date of Convention

Convention dates to endorse candidates for district offices shall be set by the state committee, and the call shall be issued by the chairman of the state committee, who shall select from among the duly elected delegates to said convention, a delegate to call said convention to order.

Section 2. Hour and Place of Convention

Upon the request of the state party chairman the hour of the day and the place where such conventions are to be held shall be set by a state committee member representing such districts. In the event that such member fails to act by the date specified in the state party chair's request, the hour and place shall be determined by the state party chair. Such time and place shall be included in the call of the respective conventions.

Section 3. Qualifications

All delegates and alternates must be enrolled Republican electors in the town or district they represent at the time they act.

Section 4. Representation at District Conventions

The basis of representation in the respective conventions of districts consisting of two or more towns shall be as follows:

(a) Each town wholly within an assembly district shall be entitled to the same number of delegates at the assembly district convention as it is entitled to have at state conventions under Article III, Section 2(a).
Each town partially within an assembly district shall be entitled to the proportionate number of delegates that its active Republican enrollment within said district bears to the total active Republican enrollment of said town.
(b) Each town wholly within a senatorial district shall be entitled to the same number of delegates from such town at the senatorial district convention as it is entitled to have at state conventions, under Article III, Section 2(a).
Each town partially within a senatorial district shall be entitled to proportionate number of delegates that its active Republican enrollment

within said district bears to the total active Republican enrollment of said town

(c) Each town wholly within the congressional district shall be entitled to the same number of delegates from such town at the congressional district convention as it is entitled to have at state conventions under Article III, Section 2 (a).

Each town partially within a congressional district shall be entitled to the proportionate number of delegates that its active Republican enrollment within said district bears to the total active Republican enrollment of said town.

(d) Each town within the probate district shall be entitled to the same number of delegates from such town to the probate district convention as it is entitled to have in. state conventions under Article III, Section 2(a).

Section 5. Time for Primaries for Delegates

All primaries for delegates to congressional district, senatorial district, assembly district and probate district conventions shall be held on the same date as primaries for state convention delegates.

Section 6. Selection of Party-Endorsed Delegates

In the several towns and districts composed of a single town or part of a town, endorsement of all delegates to district conventions shall be made by the enrolled members of the Republican Party present and voting at a caucus or by the town committee, pursuant to local rules. Such endorsement shall be made in the several towns in accordance with the general statutes.

The chairman or presiding officer and the secretary of the town committee, or caucus, as the case may be, shall certify the party-endorsed delegates to the clerk of the municipality in compliance with the general statutes..

No proxy voting shall be permitted for endorsement of delegates to any convention.

Section 7. Slates of Delegates.

Delegates to any convention shall be equal in number to the number of delegates to which the town or district is entitled. Delegates may be voted on individually or by slate as determined by the endorsing authority in accordance with the rules for procedure and election it adopts.

Section 8. Delegates and Alternates

(a) Delegates shall be deemed to be lawfully chosen or elected when: (1) no opposition slate has been qualified; (2) they are duly elected as a result of a primary; (3) otherwise lawfully chosen as delegates.

(b) Each delegate, after being lawfully chosen or elected may designate in writing an alternate to act for such delegate in the delegate's absence. in the event of the inability of any alternate to act, the elected delegate may designate in writing a substitute alternate.
(c) In the event of the inability of both the elected delegate and the-designated alternate to act, or substitute alternate to act, or in the case of the resignation of a delegate, the remaining delegates shall act in the same manner as set forth in Article III, Section 6 (b).

Section 9. Certification of Delegates

It shall be the duty of the chairman of each town committee to send a list of the delegates to the state party secretary immediately after their election.

Section 10. Voting

No person shall have more than one (1) vote in the convention, whether such vote be as a delegate or as an alternate for another, except the permanent chairman shall cast a vote to break a tie. This vote, if necessary, shall be in addition to any other voting rights such permanent chairman may have. No action shall be valid unless carried out by a majority of all delegates present and voting, in person or by alternate.

Section 11. Officers of Convention

Each convention shall elect a permanent chairman and a secretary. If no candidate for permanent chairman has received a majority of the votes cast on five (5) roll calls, no permanent chairman shall be elected, and the delegate selected to call the convention to order pursuant to Section 1 of this Article shall preside over the entire convention but shall have no power to cast a vote to break a tie.

Section 12. Duties of Officers - Certification

The district convention shall choose the party endorsed candidate for nomination to the district office and the certificate of endorsement shall be signed and filed with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the general statutes. In addition, a candidacy for nomination to a district office may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon the last completed enrollment list of the Republican Party within any municipality or part of a municipality forming a component part of such district and who has received at least 15% of the votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll call taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for such district office, whether or not the party-endorsed candidate for such office received a unanimous vote on the last ballot, by

filing with the Secretary of State a certificate in accordance with general statutes.

Section 13. Vacancy Committee

Each district convention shall elect a "Committee on Vacancy" consisting of five (5) members. Said committee is authorized to fill any vacancy of any party-endorsed candidate under Sections 9-426, 9-428, 9-429 and 9-430 of the general statutes, or any nomination under Section 9-460 of the general statutes, and shall certify to the Secretary of the State the names of such vacancy endorsements or nominations.

ARTICLE V

PRIMARIES AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Section 1. Eligibility to Vote in Republican Primaries

(a) Any elector enrolled as a member of the Republican party shall be eligible to vote in primaries for nomination of candidates for statewide office and candidates for office in the municipality, county or district, as the case may be, in which such elector resides and is enrolled.
(b) Eligibility to vote at any state, county, district or local Republican primary shall be governed solely by these state party rules.

Section 2. Party Funds Not To Be Spent in Primaries

Neither the state committee nor any committee or officer thereof shall expand any funds of the state committee, unless specifically contributed for such purpose, on behalf of any candidate in a pre-convention contest or in a primary.

Section 3. Rules for Multi-Town District Contest for State Office

(a) If a special election is called by the governor to fill a vacancy in any district office other than that of state senator or state representative in any district consisting of two or more towns or portions of two or more towns, the state party chair shall set the date for the primary for the election of delegates to a convention to select the party-endorsed candidate for such vacancy, and shall set the day, hour and place of the convention.

(b) If a special election is called by the governor to fill a vacancy in the office of state senator or state representative in any district consisting of two or more towns or portions of two or more towns, the members of the state committee from that district shall recall the delegates to the senatorial or assembly district convention from the last state election, at a time and place determined by them to select a candidate to fill such vacancy, and in the event the members of the state committee shall fail to act within five (5) days of the warning of the election, the state party chair shall recall such delegates into convention at a time and place to be determined by the state party chair. Whenever it is necessary to reconvene any convention, written notice of such reconvened convention shall be given to each delegate to the original convention. Such notice shall include the date, time, place and purpose of the reconvened convention and may include such other information as the state party chair considers appropriate.

Whenever a vacancy arises among the delegates to such reconvened convention such vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided in Section 8 of Article IV.

Section 4. Rules for Municipal Offices in State Elections

(a) The state committee shall set the date for selection of party-endorsed candidates for the municipal offices of state senator in a senatorial district or state representative in an assembly district composed of a single town or part of a town; judge of probate in a probate district composed of a single town; justice of the peace and registrar of voters.
(b) Primaries shall be held on the fifty-sixth (56th) day preceding the day of the election.
(c) Any vacancy occurring in the party-endorsed candidates for municipal office in state elections before a primary, or in the party nominations for municipal office in state elections before an election under the conditions stated in Section 9-426, 9-428, 9-430, 9-460 of the general statutes, shall be filled by the town committee or in such other manner as local rules may provide.
(d) Whenever a special election is called to fill a vacancy in the office of state senator in a senatorial district composed of a single town or part of a single town or state representative in any assembly district composed of a single town or part of a single town, a meeting shall be called in the manner prescribed by local rules to select a candidate to fill said vacancy. In the event the local rules do not provide for the calling of said meeting, the state party chair shall call the meeting to select a candidate to fill the vacancy, which meeting shall be held at a time and place determined by the state party chair.

Section 5. Rules for Municipal Office Subject to Primary

(a) Unless otherwise provided by local rules the town committee shall set the date for the selection of party endorsed candidates for town, city, and borough offices not earlier than the fifty-sixth (56th) day nor later than the forty-ninth (49th) day preceding the primary. The town chair thereof shall certify the same to the clerk of the municipality not later than the forty-eighth (48th) day preceding the primary. In the selection of a party-endorsed candidate or candidates for an office or position for which only the electors of a political subdivision of a municipality may vote only the members of the town committee the delegates to a town or city convention elected from such political subdivision, or the enrolled-Republican electors within such political subdivision at a caucus, as the case may be, may participate. No proxy voting shall be permitted on any endorsement.
(b) Primaries shall be held on the fifty-sixty (56th) day preceding the day of the election.

(c) Any vacancy occurring in the party-endorsed candidacies for municipal office before a primary or in the party nominations for municipal office before an election, under the conditions stated in Sections 9-426, 9-428, 9-429, 9-430, 9-460 of the general statutes, shall be filled by the town committee or in such other manner as local rules may provide.

ARTICLE VI

COVERAGE

Section 1. Filing of the Party Rules

These rules are to be filed with the Secretary of State and the clerk of each municipality in the State and shall be deemed to cover the operations of the Republican Party in that municipality until such time as the party within such municipality adopts a rule on the same subject matter not inconsistent with the State Primary Law and these State Rules, and files the same with the clerk of the municipality and the Secretary of the State in accordance with Sections 9-375 and 9-374 of the general statutes.

Section 2. Amendments

These rules may be amended by:

(a) A majority of the delegates or alternates present and voting at a state convention.
(b) A vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the state central committee at any meeting with respect to changes made necessary by changes in the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut or in the National Republican Party rules.
(c) A vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the state committee at a meeting following the meeting at which the amendment was presented in writing, with respect to any other changes.

Any changes or amendments made by the state central committee shall be in force only until the next succeeding state convention at which convention they must be submitted for ratification or rejection.

Section 3. Local Rules May Not Conflict with Party Rules

Except as expressly provided in these rules, no town committee, caucus or convention shall adopt local rules which conflict with these rules or the statutes of the state of Connecticut.

ARTICLE VII

HISTORY

Adopted at Hartford, Connecticut, on June 17, 1958 by the Republican State Convention.

Amended:

June 07, 1960
June 05, 1962
Jan. 15, 1964
June 13, 1964
Dec. 16, 1965
Jan. 09, 1966
Feb. 25, 1966
Mar. 29, 1966
June 18, 1966
Aug. 03, 1966
Sept 30, .1967
June 15, 1968
June 20, 1970
Feb. 29, 1972
July 26, 1974
Sept 20, 1975
July 29, 1978
June 07, 1980
July 26, 1980
Jan. 14, 1984
July 16, 1988
Sept 07, 1991
July 22, 1994
Sept 16, 1995
July 25, 1998
July 22, 2000
July 12, 2002
May 20, 2006