

HAWAII REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE CONVENTION RULES 2019

SECTION 1. State Convention Officers

The elected officers of the State Convention (Convention) are the Chair and the Secretary. The Chair may appoint other officers and assistants. Prior to the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee, the Convention will elect temporary officers. After the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee, the temporary officers elected by majority vote shall preside over the remainder of the Convention. Both elections shall be conducted pursuant to Section 8B below.

SECTION 2. State Convention Committees

The Convention Committees are:

- Credentials Committee
- Election Committee
- Rules Committee (Standing Rules Committee)
- Platform/Resolutions Committee (Standing Issues, Programs & Platform/Resolutions Committee)

The membership of these committees is established under the Party Rules, in particular Section 209 for the Credentials Committee, Section 414 for the Issues, Program and Platform/Resolutions Committee, and Section 415 for the Rules Committee.

SECTION 3. Business

After the Call to Order and opening ceremonies, the Convention will proceed with the following business, in this order, or in the order established by the agenda, if different:

1. Temporary Organization and Election of Temporary Convention Officers
2. Reports and Addresses
3. Initial Credentials Committee Report
4. Adoption of Convention Rules
5. Election of Permanent Convention Officers
6. Approval of Final Agenda
7. Report of Rules Committee
8. Report of Platform/Resolutions Committee (if any)
9. Nominations and Elections of State Party Officers
10. Other Business
11. Adjourn

Delegates arriving late shall be seated by the Credentials Committee on an ongoing basis. Updates to the Credentials Committee report shall be provided to the Convention no more than hourly. Credentials will be received by the County Chairs and the County Credentials Chairs only.

SECTION 4. Amendments to State Party Rules

Adoption of an amendment to the State Party Rules requires approval by at least two-thirds of the Convention delegates present. A proposed amendment may be presented to the Convention only (1) if it is part of the report of the Rules Committee, or (2) if (a) it was submitted in writing to the Rules Committee not less than 10 days prior to the Convention, (b) it is submitted in

writing to the Convention Secretary with the signatures of 25 certified delegates supporting its adoption, and (c) a majority vote of the delegates present and voting consents to the consideration. Discussion on each proposed rule amendment shall be limited to five minutes per proposal.

SECTION 5. Platform and Resolutions

Adoption of the report of the Platform/Resolutions Committee, or of any resolution, requires approval by at least a majority of the Convention delegates present. A proposed resolution may be presented to the Convention only if (1) it is offered by the Issues, Program, and Platform/Resolutions Committee as part of its report, or (2) it has been submitted at least 10 days before the Convention to the Issues, Program and Platform/Resolutions Committee and its presentation has been approved by that committee, or (3) it arises in the normal course of other business of the Convention and a majority of the delegates present and voting consents to its consideration, or (4) it is purely ceremonial in nature. Any proposed resolution must be submitted to the Convention Secretary in writing, and be signed by the persons offering it.

SECTION 6. Debate

After being duly recognized, each speaker shall state his or her name and district. No person may speak more than two minutes on a subject and not more than twice on the same subject. No person will be recognized for a second time until others wishing to be heard have been recognized. During the reports of the Rules Committee and the Platform/Resolutions Committee, the presiding chair may divide the allotted time for the committee reports among the number of proposed amendments and/or resolutions. The presiding chair shall terminate debate on a section at the end of its allotted time or when no speakers remain for that section, whichever is sooner. Debate on any other motion will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes.

SECTION 7. Nominations & Presentations by Candidates for State Committee Officers

Nominations for State Committee Officers must be made in compliance with Section 404 of the State Party Rules. Each nominee will be allocated a specified period of time for his or her own presentation and for any nominating and seconding speeches, to be divided as the nominee decides. Nominating and seconding speeches are not required, but are permitted. Such speeches count against each nominee's presentation time limit. Nominees for State Chair will be allocated four minutes each. Other nominees will be limited to two minutes per nominee. A nominee who is unable to attend the Convention may designate another representative to speak on his behalf, subject to the time limits set forth herein.

SECTION 8. Voting

A. Elections for State Committee Officers

Elections will be held for the following offices: State Chair; Vice-Chair for Coordinated Campaigns; Vice-Chair for Candidate Recruitment and Training; Vice-Chair for Communications; Vice-Chair for Community Service; Vice Chair for Coalitions; Secretary; and Treasurer.

Nominations will not be accepted from the floor.

For positions for which there is only one nominee, the nominee will be deemed automatically elected by acclamation.

Contested elections will be decided by secret ballot. No fractional vote, cumulative vote, or absentee voting is permitted. Only official ballots provided by the State Convention may be cast. For each election, the names of all nominees shall be prominently displayed on screens. When a delegate approaches a ballot box to vote, a teller shall punch the delegate's credentials, view the ballot and, without violating its secrecy, verify that it is only one ballot. The teller shall then ensure the individual ballot is deposited in the ballot box. Blank ballots shall not be counted. In the event no candidate receives a clear majority of votes cast, there shall be a runoff election held between the top two vote-getters. Party headquarters will retain all ballots for a period of ten business days.

B. Other Votes

Voting is normally by voice vote, show of hands, or standing vote. On demand of not less than ten (10) District Chairs present, a roll call vote will be called by District, and each District Chair will poll his or her delegation and announce to the Convention the total number of votes for and against the proposition being voted on.

SECTION 9. Convention Participation

Seating for delegates shall be separate from seating for alternates and guests. Only delegates may be allowed into and seated in the delegates' section. For the respect and privacy of the delegates live-streaming, audio and video recording of the Convention proceedings by delegates, alternates or guests is not permitted, and offenders will be removed. If a delegate desires to replace himself or herself with an alternate, the delegate may so indicate to the Sergeant-At-Arms, and upon leaving the delegate badge with the Sergeant-At-Arms, the delegate may deliver his or her convention privileges to the designated alternate. Upon the delegate's return, the procedure may be reversed to permit a delegate to reclaim his or her seat and convention privileges.

SECTION 10. Parliamentary Procedure

The Rules of Parliamentary Procedure as laid down in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Rules of the Hawaii Republican Party, the Rules of the Republican Party, and these Convention Rules. Failure to conduct oneself in compliance with Convention Rules and Robert's Rules of Order will result in a warning being issued to the offending party. Repeated or serious violations may result in immediate removal of the offending party. Any person receiving three warnings will be automatically removed from the Convention.

SECTION 11. Temporary Rules

Sections 1 through 10 shall be temporary rules of the next state convention and its committees and subcommittees.