

SECTION 101. PURPOSE.

The Hawaii Republican Party is established as a political party under Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 11 , Part V. The Party is an association of voters united to promote these common goals: greater individual freedom, respect for the United States Constitution, which guarantees limited government and guarantees the protection of the people and their rights, and more effective participation of the people in the government of the State of Hawaii and the United States of America. The Party supports candidates for public office who will carry out these goals while representing the people of the State of Hawaii. [The Party retains the common law right to control and authorize the use of "Republican," "GOP," or any derivative of its name in connection with official political activity within Hawaii. Any use of the name or any derivative of the name that in any way implies, states or misrepresents an affiliation or relationship with or endorsement by the Hawaii Republican Party is strictly prohibited and shall not be recognized. Any prior use of the name or any derivative of the name within Hawaii shall not be recognized as a waiver of the Hawaii Republican Party's right to claim exclusive use of its name within Hawaii as the Republican National Committee-recognized state party. The Party further retains the common law right to control and authorize the use of the Republican symbol- the commonly used elephant - as well as any other symbol or logo associated with the Republican Party in connection with official political activity within Hawaii. Any use of the Republican symbol or any other symbol or logo associated with the Republican Party that in any way implies, states or misrepresents an affiliation or relationship with or endorsement by the Hawaii Republican Party is strictly prohibited and shall not be recognized. Any prior use of the name or any derivative of the Republican symbol or any other symbol or logo associated with the Republican Party within Hawaii shall not be recognized as a waiver of the Party's right to claim exclusive use within Hawaii.]

SECTION 103. MEMBERS.

Members of the Party include all United States citizens registered to vote in Hawaii in Federal or State elections who have submitted to the State or County Party organization an application for membership (written or online) on a form approved by the State Committee that includes the declaration: "I am a Republican. I will support the principles of the Republican Party and abide by its rules."

SECTION 105. LIST OF REPUBLICANS.

An official list of all Party members shall be kept in the GOP Datacenter [at Party Headquarters]. Except for correction of names and addresses, no membership records shall be changed or destroyed without the approval of the State Committee. Upon receipt of a newly signed membership application card or online application, Party Headquarters shall promptly forward the information to the appropriate County, District, and Precinct Chairs. County, District, and Precinct Chairs shall update the individuals GOP Datacenter record to indicate membership by editing OBSERVED PARTY to reflect REPUBLICAN, and adding record TAG "Registered Member of the Republican Party of Hawaii." The State Party Secretary is to establish an official list immediately prior to each caucus election period and each State or County convention delegate appointment period.

SECTION 109. AMENDMENTS.

These Rules may be amended at any State Convention by a vote in favor by at least two-thirds of the delegates present but only if the amended rules have been reviewed and approved by a majority of the Rules Committee members. Notification of any amendments to these rules can be made by either email or the calling of a Rules Committee meeting. In an odd-numbered year where amendments of the Rules will be brought forth to the State Convention for voting, the delegates at the convention will be allowed the opportunity to discuss the possible changes.

SECTION 113. INTERPRETATION OF RULES.

Any Party member may submit a written request to the Chair of the Rules Committee for an interpretation of these Rules. Not more than 10 days after receiving the request, after an investigation or comment by other interested persons and members of the State Executive Committee, the Chair shall provide the interpretation. The Chair shall immediately send a copy of any decision to the person requesting the interpretation, to other persons directly affected by the rule interpretation, to members of the Rules Committee, the State Executive Committee, and to Party Headquarters.

Section 117. APPEAL OF DECISIONS:

Any decision concerning the interpretation of these Rules, an election challenge, a review of removal from office, or an objection to action taken, may be appealed by any member of the Party directly affected by the decision by submission of a written statement of appeal within 10 days after the announcement of the decision. Appeals of rule interpretations and election challenges shall be submitted to the Chair of the Rules Committee, for referral to the Rules Committee. Appeals of removal from office shall be submitted to the State Chair, for referral to the State Committee. Appeals of decisions made in response to objections to action taken shall be submitted to the chair of the pertinent supervising body, for referral to that supervising body. After receiving such a statement of appeal, the appropriate Chair shall call a meeting of the pertinent body or committee to decide by majority vote of those present, the appeal within 30 DAYS [a reasonable period of time].

SECTION 201. STATE CONVENTIONS.

A State Convention will be held during the second quarter of each year. In odd-numbered years, the State Convention will be held in the County of Hawaii, Kauai or Maui, in rotation. The business of the Convention in those years includes the adoption of the Party platform. [The business of the Convention in those years includes the election of the State officers and the adoption of Party rule changes.] In even-numbered years, the State Convention will be held in the City & County of Honolulu. The business of the Convention in those years includes the election of the State officers and the adoption of Party rule changes. [The business of the Convention in those years includes the adoption of the Party platform.] No later than the end of February of even-numbered years, the respective host County Committee shall accept or decline to host the next State Convention. If declined, the Convention will be held in the City and County of Honolulu. In addition, in each Presidential election year, the State Convention will elect a National Committeeman and a National Committeewoman to serve on the Republican National Committee. Convention dates will be announced no less than 60 days prior to convening the State Convention. In extraordinary circumstances, the State Committee may set the location of a State Convention without regard for the rotation schedule in this section.

SECTION 206. VACANCIES.

Any vacancy in a precinct shall be filled by promoting the alternate highest on the list of alternates elected at a precinct meeting. Any delegate vacancy which remains after all the elected alternates have been promoted and any vacancy in a position of alternate may be filled by appointment by the precinct chair, or in the case of a vacant precinct chair position the district chair. Delegates appointed must be residents of the precincts for which they are being appointed. The names of any persons so appointed as alternates shall be placed on the list of alternates below the names of any alternates elected at a precinct meeting. [Thirty days prior to convention, if the precinct delegations have not been filled, District Chairs may appoint delegates and alternates from their respective precincts to the maximum number allowed.] In an unorganized district, district with no precinct or district chair, the County Chair may make these appointments. The County Chair shall submit the final list of delegates and alternates [Any such appointment must be reported in writing] to the appropriate County Chair and State Party Headquarters, [the respective County Chair, and the respective Precinct Chair, if any,] no later than ten days before the convening of a convention. [Delegates appointed must be residents of the precincts for which they are being appointed. The names of any persons so appointed as alternates shall be placed on the list of alternates below the names of any alternates elected at a precinct meeting.]

SECTION 215. ELECTION PROCEDURE

B. VOTING.

All voting at Republican Presidential caucuses shall be by secret ballot. Each voter shall vote for only one Presidential candidate.

There shall be no voting for individual delegates. Voters shall use only ballots approved by the Hawaii Republican Party. All ballots shall indicate the Congressional District of the voter. The names of Presidential delegates shall not be listed on the ballot.

There shall be designated no-electioneering zone 50 feet [around the ballot boxes] from the entrance. The Hawaii Republican Presidential Caucuses shall take the form of a party-run election and shall not feature debates or speeches. While balloting is open, Precinct, District, and County Republican organizations, Republican candidates, and recognized Republican auxiliary organizations may meet or conduct other party business with those who have already cast ballots and exited the no-electioneering zone. Presidential campaign electioneering must be conducted more than 50 feet from the entrance door to the caucus site.

SECTION 412. DUTIES OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The State Executive Committee has all the powers of an executive committee provided in these Rules. It has the full powers, duties and responsibilities of the State Committee, [including but not limited to determining eligibility for membership,] in-between meetings of the State Committee. The State Executive Committee is authorized to fill any ballot vacancy caused by the death, withdrawal, or disqualification of any Party candidate after filing, under Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 11-118, or other pertinent law.