

1 **Bylaws of the Illinois Republican Party**

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20 **ARTICLE I. ESTABLISHMENT AND GOVERNANCE**

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22 A. The Illinois Republican Party is established hereby. The governing body of the  
23 Party shall be the Illinois Republican State Central Committee (referred to in these  
24 Bylaws as "State Central Committee").

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26 B. The purpose of the State Central Committee shall be to establish, organize, and  
27 promote the operations of the Illinois Republican Party.

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29 **ARTICLE II. MEMBERS OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

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31 A. Election. The members of the State Central Committee shall be the Republican  
32 State Central Committeemen or Committeewomen who are elected or appointed  
33 as provided by law and these Bylaws.

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35 1. No individual shall be eligible to serve as a member of the State Central  
36 Committee unless the individual has voted in the Republican Primary  
37 Election in each of the three (3) most recent General Primary Elections  
38 held in the State of Illinois as evidenced by the individual having  
39 requested a Republican ballot according to the official voting records of

1 the election jurisdiction in which the individual resides. This General  
2 Primary Election voting requirement shall not apply to an election in  
3 which an individual: (a) who did not vote and can demonstrate they were  
4 on active military duty at the time of the election, (b) was not of legal  
5 voting age at the time of the election, or (c) was not a resident of the  
6 State of Illinois at the time of the General Primary Election and the  
7 individual can show proof of voting Republican in the General Primary  
8 Election of the State in which the individual previously resided.  
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10 2. State Central Committeemen shall be elected in the same manner as  
11 provided by law for the election of officers of county central committees  
12 and such election shall follow the election of officers of county central  
13 committees. Each elected precinct committeeman who is present at a  
14 county convention shall cast their vote for State Central Committeeman,  
15 one vote for each ballot cast (i.e., "weighted vote") in their respective  
16 precinct in the last preceding General Primary Election. The "weighted  
17 vote" for vacant precincts, and precincts not represented at the county  
18 conventions by elected precinct committeemen, shall be allocated to  
19 each candidate for State Central Committeeman based on the  
20 proportion of weighted votes the candidate(s) received from the elected  
21 precinct committeemen present at that county convention.  
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23 3. Term limits. No member of the State Central Committee; deputy member  
24 of the State Central Committee; National Committeeman or  
25 Committeewoman; or State Chairman shall serve more than eight (8)  
26 consecutive years in the same office. This section is effective on January  
27 1, 2015 but shall not apply to terms that are the result of vacancies or  
28 terms that have commenced prior to the effective date.  
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30 B. Vacancy. A vacancy in the office of State Central Committeemen shall exist upon  
31 the State Central Committeeman's death, resignation, removal or disqualification  
32 by law. Any individual convicted of a felony shall be deemed to have vacated the  
33 office of State Central Committeeman. Vacancies in the office of State Central  
34 Committeeman shall be filled by appointment of the Republican congressional  
35 committee of the congressional district where the vacancy exists.  
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37 C. Notice of Vacancy. Upon receiving notice that a vacancy in the office of State  
38 Central Committeeman exists, the State Chairman shall issue a notice of vacancy  
39 to members of the Republican congressional committee for the congressional  
40 district wherein the vacancy exists, namely, as the case may be: the Republican  
41 county chairmen outside of Cook County; the Republican township committeemen  
42 within Cook County but outside the City of Chicago; and the Republican ward  
43 committeemen within the City of Chicago. The notice of vacancy shall state that a  
44 vacancy exists, and announce a time and place when the votes of the Republican  
45 congressional committee shall be cast to elect a successor State Central  
46 Committeeman.

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2 D. Election of Successor. At the announced time and place the outgoing State Central  
3 Committeeman for the congressional district, or in such person's absence, the  
4 State Chairman, shall call to order and chair a meeting of the individuals identified  
5 in Article II (C) above, who shall cast, in person or by written proxy, the "weighted  
6 vote" of that portion of the congressional district represented by each member for  
7 a successor State Central Committeeman. The meeting chairman shall declare a  
8 winner, and shall certify the winner as the new State Central Committeeman to the  
9 Illinois State Board of Elections and to the State Central Committee.

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11 E. Deputy Members. Each State Central Committeeman shall, within thirty (30) days  
12 of election, nominate a person of the opposite sex residing in their respective  
13 congressional district to serve as a deputy member of the State Central Committee  
14 and such nominations shall be ratified at the next meeting of the State Central  
15 Committee. Deputy members of the State Central Committee shall serve at the  
16 pleasure of the State Central Committeeman for their respective congressional  
17 district and, except as otherwise provided by law, shall have all the rights and  
18 responsibilities of members of the State Central Committee provided by these  
19 Bylaws and, in the absence of a State Central Committeeman from a meeting held  
20 pursuant to these Bylaws, the deputy member for an absent State Central  
21 Committeeman shall serve and vote as proxy for that absent State Central  
22 Committeeman. If the deputy member of the State Central Committee is not  
23 nominated by the State Central Committeeman within 60 days of election or  
24 vacancy, the State Chairman shall have the authority to nominate a deputy  
25 member meeting the requirements of this Section.

- 26  
27 1. No individual shall be eligible to serve as a deputy member of the State  
28 Central Committee unless the individual has voted in the Republican  
29 Primary Election in each of the three (3) most recent General Primary  
30 Elections held in the State of Illinois as evidenced by the individual  
31 having requested a Republican ballot according to the official voting  
32 records of the election jurisdiction in which the individual resides. This  
33 General Primary Election voting requirement shall not apply to an  
34 election in which an individual: (a) can demonstrate they were on active  
35 military duty at the time of the election, (b) was not of legal voting age at  
36 the time of the election, or (c) was not a resident of the State of Illinois  
37 at the time of the election and the individual can show proof of voting  
38 Republican in the General Primary Election of the State in which the  
39 individual previously resided.

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41 F. National Committeeman and National Committeewoman. The National  
42 Committeeman and the National Committeewoman shall have all the rights and  
43 privileges of a State Central Committeeman, other than the right to vote. The  
44 National Committeeman and National Committeewoman are, however, eligible to  
45 be appointed to any committee of the State Central Committee, and may serve as  
46 a voting member of such committee, if so authorized by the State Chairman.

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2 G. Advisory Members. The State Chairman may appoint persons who declare their  
3 support for the Republican Party as advisory members of the State Central  
4 Committee. Advisory members shall have none of the rights of State Central  
5 Committeemen.  
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7 ARTICLE III. OFFICERS  
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9 A. Terms. The elected officers of the State Central Committee shall include a  
10 Chairman (referred to in these Bylaws as "State Chairman"), a Vice Chairman, a  
11 Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected to four-year terms at the  
12 quadrennial organizational meeting of the State Central Committee.  
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14 B. State Chairman. The State Chairman shall be elected pursuant to law, shall be the  
15 Chief Executive Officer of the State Central Committee, and have all the powers  
16 and authority as provided by law and in these Bylaws. The State Chairman shall  
17 have the authority to make officer, committee and temporary task force  
18 appointments except as otherwise provided by law or in these Bylaws. The State  
19 Chairman shall have the authority to hire, supervise and release all staff of the  
20 State Central Committee, except that he shall obtain the advice and consent of the  
21 Executive Committee with respect to the hiring and release of the Executive  
22 Director. The State Chairman shall preside over all meetings and other  
23 proceedings of the State Central Committee, and shall determine points of  
24 parliamentary procedure or law as necessary. The State Chairman shall be a  
25 member ex-officio with the right to vote of all standing committees, committees,  
26 and temporary task forces except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.  
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28 C. Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall be elected from within the membership  
29 of the State Central Committee and continue to serve as a member of the State  
30 Central Committee. The Vice Chairman shall preside at meetings of the State  
31 Central Committee in the absence of the State Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall  
32 perform all duties of the State Chairman in the event of the State Chairman's  
33 permanent absence, death, removal, resignation, inability to act, or other vacancy  
34 of the office until a new State Chairman is elected and qualified. In such case, the  
35 Secretary shall within fourteen (14) days after the vacancy arises, call a meeting  
36 of the Central Committee to be held within sixty (60) days, but not less than seven  
37 (7) days, after the vacancy arises for the purpose of electing a new State Chairman  
38 to fill the unexpired term arising from the vacancy in the office of State Chairman.  
39 The Vice Chairman shall be a member ex-officio with the right to vote of all standing  
40 committees, committees, and temporary task forces. The Vice Chairman may have  
41 additional powers as assigned by the State Chairman.  
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43 D. Co-Chairman. A Co-Chairman may be appointed by, and be the opposite sex from,  
44 the State Chairman. At the discretion of the State Chairman, one additional Co-  
45 Chairman may be appointed by the State Chairman without regard to gender. A  
46 Co-Chairman shall be a member ex-officio and may have the right to vote of all

1 standing committees, committees, and temporary task forces except as otherwise  
2 provided in these Bylaws. A Co-Chairman may have additional powers as  
3 assigned by the State Chairman.  
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5 E. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be elected from the State Central Committee  
6 membership pursuant to law. The Treasurer shall retain the funds of the State  
7 Central Committee, report to the State Central Committee with regard to receipts  
8 and expenditures, present an annual State Central Committee budget and fund-  
9 raising plan, serve as chairman of the Finance Committee, and except as  
10 otherwise provided by these Bylaws, prepare and file all financial disclosure  
11 documents which may be required by State or Federal law. With the advice and  
12 consent of the State Chairman, the Treasurer may appoint one or more assistant  
13 treasurers for the purpose of preparing or executing financial disclosure  
14 documents. The Treasurer shall be a member ex-officio with the right to vote of all  
15 standing committees, committees, and temporary task forces. The Treasurer may  
16 have additional powers as assigned by the State Chairman.  
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18 F. Secretary. The Secretary shall be elected from the State Central Committee  
19 membership. The Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings of the State Central  
20 Committee and distribute the minutes to State Central Committee members. The  
21 Secretary shall be a member ex-officio with the right to vote of all standing  
22 committees, committees, and temporary task forces. The Secretary may have  
23 additional powers as assigned by the State Chairman.  
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25 G. Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be the Chief Operating Officer of  
26 the State Central Committee, with authority to manage the daily operations of the  
27 State Central Committee upon the advice and consent of the State Chairman.  
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29 H. Other Officers. Other Officers appointed by the State Chairman shall have only  
30 those powers and privileges assigned by the State Chairman.  
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32 I. Secretary, Treasurer, or Vice Chairman Vacancy. If the position of Secretary,  
33 Treasurer, or Vice Chairman becomes vacant, the State Chairman shall appoint  
34 an acting secretary, treasurer, or vice chairman until the State Central Committee  
35 elects a successor to complete the term.  
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37 J. Assistant Treasurer Vacancy. If a position of assistant treasurer becomes vacant,  
38 the Treasurer or acting treasurer, with the advice and consent of the State  
39 Chairman, may appoint a successor to complete the term.  
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41 K. Other Officer Vacancy. If an appointed officer position other than assistant  
42 treasurer becomes vacant, the State Chairman may appoint a successor to  
43 complete the term.  
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45 L. Removal of Officers. Any elected officer, including the State Chairman, may be  
46 removed for cause by the State Central Committee upon the affirmative weighted

1 vote of three-fifths (3/5<sup>th</sup>) of the State Central Committee. Except for assistant  
2 treasurers, any appointed officer may be removed with or without cause at any  
3 time by the State Chairman. Any assistant treasurer may be removed at any time  
4 with or without cause by the Treasurer.

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6 ARTICLE IV. STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY TASK  
7 FORCES

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9 A. Executive Committee. The State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary,  
10 Chair of the State Chairman's Advisory Committee, and such additional State  
11 Central Committeemen, or National Committee Representatives as the State  
12 Chairman may appoint, shall constitute the standing Executive Committee. At least  
13 two-thirds (2/3) of the individuals who serve on the Executive Committee shall be  
14 members of the State Central Committee. The Executive Committee shall have  
15 general supervision of the affairs of the State Central Committee between its  
16 meetings and shall have the authority to undertake any and all necessary actions  
17 to accomplish the goals and purposes of the State Central Committee.  
18 Expenditures of \$10,000 or more, except within ninety (90) days prior to a General  
19 Election, shall require the advice and consent of the Executive Committee.  
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21 B. Finance Committee. The State Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, and such  
22 additional persons as the State Chairman may appoint, shall constitute the  
23 standing Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall assist in the  
24 preparation of an annual budget and fund raising plan for the Central Committee,  
25 and shall have other duties specifically delegated by the State Chairman.  
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27 C. The State Central Committee may create by resolution, as appropriate, campaign  
28 committees. These committees shall function to work productively with Republican  
29 caucus committees for the Illinois House and Senate and with Congressional  
30 leadership to support Republican candidates for state and federal offices as  
31 authorized and permitted by state and federal law.  
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33 D. State Chairman's Advisory Committee. Members appointed by the State Chairman  
34 shall constitute the standing State Chairman's Advisory Committee. The State  
35 Chairman's Advisory Committee shall give advice to the State Chairman from time  
36 to time at the State Chairman's request. All members shall be appointed by and  
37 serve at the pleasure of the State Chairman.  
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39 E. Other Committees and Temporary Task Forces. The State Chairman may  
40 establish committees or temporary task forces to accomplish tasks beyond the  
41 capabilities of the State Central Committee or standing committees. The State  
42 Chairman shall appoint a member of the State Central Committee to chair any  
43 committee or temporary task force. Any person who declares allegiance to the  
44 Illinois Republican Party may be appointed by the State Chairman to serve on a  
45 committee or temporary task force. Unless otherwise stated, the term of  
46 appointment shall be at the pleasure of the State Chairman, to expire on the

1 anniversary of the quadrennial organizational meeting. The State Chairman,  
2 Secretary and the Treasurer shall be members ex-officio with the right to vote of  
3 all committees and temporary task forces established pursuant to Article IV(D).  
4 Committees and temporary task forces shall meet at the call of the appointed  
5 chairman. Committees and temporary task forces shall disband upon the  
6 conclusion of the task assigned or as otherwise directed by the State Chairman.  
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- 8 F. Replacement of Members. A member of a standing committee, committee, or  
9 temporary task force may be temporarily replaced by appointment of the State  
10 Chairman.  
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## 12 ARTICLE V. MEETINGS 13

14 A. Quadrennial Organization Meeting. The State Central Committee shall hold a  
15 quadrennial organization meeting in Springfield pursuant to law.  
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17 B. Meeting Frequency and Notice. The State Central Committee shall meet at least  
18 three times each calendar year. Meetings shall be called by the State Chairman.  
19 Written notice of the time and place of State Central Committee meetings shall be  
20 sent to all State Central Committee members and officers. Written notice shall be  
21 deposited in the U.S. Mail, with a delivery service or sent by electronic facsimile or  
22 e-mail so that it arrives at least seven (7) days before the meeting date. However,  
23 oral or written notice may be given by telephone or electronic facsimile upon  
24 shorter notice when the State Chairman certifies that an emergency exists.  
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26 C. Special Meetings. Pursuant to law, a special meeting of the State Central  
27 Committee may be called by the State Chairman, or by not less than twenty five  
28 percent (25%) of the State Central Committee members. Written notice of the time,  
29 place, and proposed items of business for the special meeting shall be sent to the  
30 State Central Committee members and officers. Notice shall be deposited in the  
31 U.S. Mail, with a delivery service or sent by electronic facsimile or e-mail so that it  
32 arrives at least five (5) days before the meeting date.  
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34 D. Meeting Notice List. The Executive Director shall maintain a meeting notification  
35 list, which shall include for each State Central Committee member, deputy  
36 member, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman and officer a  
37 current U.S. Mail address, telephone number, and if available, electronic facsimile  
38 number and e-mail address. Timely notices given to the addresses or numbers on  
39 the meeting notification list are deemed to have been given to the proper location.  
40 It shall be the responsibility of members and officers to update meeting notification  
41 list information.  
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43 E. Participation by Teleconference. A person entitled to attend or vote at a State  
44 Central Committee, standing committee, committee, or temporary task force  
45 meeting may attend and vote either in person or by telephone or video conference  
46 device.

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

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26 The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised  
27 shall govern the State Central Committee, standing committees, committees,  
28 temporary task forces and State Convention in all cases to which they are  
29 applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, state statute,  
30 and any special rules of order the State Central Committee or State Convention  
31 may adopt.  
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## 33 ARTICLE VII. STATE CONVENTION

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- 35 A. Call. The Illinois Republican Party shall periodically meet as the Illinois Republican  
36 State Convention (referred to as "Convention" in these Bylaws). The State  
37 Chairman shall issue a call for the Convention pursuant to law and shall chair such  
38 Convention. The Convention shall be called to order on the day specified by law.  
39 The State Chairman may call the Convention to order in perfunctory session on  
40 this date and recess the Convention subject to the call of the State Chairman.  
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42 B. Delegates. Convention delegates shall be selected pursuant to law and rules  
43 adopted by the Convention Committee on Rules and Procedures.  
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45 C. Convention Officers. Officers of the Convention shall include a Chairman and  
46 Secretary. The State Chairman shall serve as Chairman of the Convention, and



1 shall serve as permanent chairman of the Convention after adjournment. The State  
2 Chairman shall have the power to appoint the Convention Secretary and such  
3 other officers or aides as are necessary for the efficient conduct of the Convention.  
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5 D. Convention Quorum. A quorum of the Convention must be present to conduct any  
6 substantive business. A quorum shall consist of one more than one-half of all  
7 delegates to the Convention approved and reported by the Convention Credentials  
8 Committee.  
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10 E. Majority. When any business or motion is presented to the Convention for  
11 consideration and passage, the affirmative vote of an absolute majority of the total  
12 number of delegates as prescribed by law shall be required for adoption, unless a  
13 greater number is provided for in these Bylaws.  
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15 F. Roll Call and Proxies. Roll call voting shall not be required except at the direction  
16 of the State Chairman or at the request in writing of at least fifty (50) delegations.  
17 A delegate may execute a proxy in favor of the chairman of his or her delegation  
18 in the manner determined by the Committee on Rules and Procedures.  
19 Appearance by telephone or video device shall be permitted at any meeting of the  
20 convention or a convention committee as determined by the State Chairman.  
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22 G. Convention Committees. The Convention shall have the following committees and  
23 such other committees as may, from time to time, be required in the judgment of  
24 the State Chairman. Each State Central Committeeman or woman shall appoint  
25 one person to serve on:  
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- 27 i. The Convention Committee on Credentials
- 28 ii. The Convention Committee on Platform and Resolutions
- 29 iii. The Convention Committee on Rules and Procedures
- 30 iv. The Convention Committee on Arrangements
- 31 v. The Convention Committee On At-Large Delegates and Alternates
- 32 vi. The Convention Committee on Presidential Electors
- 33 vii. The Convention Committee to Nominate National Committeeman  
34 and National Committeewoman  
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36 Each convention committee shall consist of members appointed by State  
37 Central Committeemen, one from each congressional district, the committee  
38 chairman appointed by the State Chairman, and one or more committee co-  
39 chairman appointed by the State Chairman who shall sit ex-officio without vote.  
40 Committee members shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, their  
41 respective Member of the State Central Committee. Committee members may be  
42 appointed, removed, and/or replaced at any time at the sole discretion of their  
43 respective member of the State Central Committee.  
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45 Only an individual who is a registered voter of the congressional district from which  
46 he or she is appointed shall be eligible to serve as a convention committee

1 member. The State Chairman shall be member ex-officio with the right to vote of  
2 each convention committee. The State Chairman shall have the authority to  
3 appoint any person to fill a vacancy caused by absence or any other reason. The  
4 committee chairman may vote only to break a tie. The committee chairman and  
5 the co-chairman shall be appointed from among members of the State Central  
6 Committee by the State Chairman.  
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8 The State Central Committee shall serve as the Convention Committee on  
9 Presidential Electors. Each State Central Committeeman shall appoint one (1)  
10 individual from his or her Congressional District to serve as a Presidential Elector  
11 for the purpose of casting a vote for the Republican Presidential nominee. The  
12 State Chairman shall appoint two (2) electors. Each convention committee shall  
13 meet upon the call of the committee chairman, or the State Chairman, or upon the  
14 written request of eight (8) members of the committee submitted to the committee  
15 chairman within forty-eight (48) hours notice.  
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17 The convention committees may adopt rules, including the right to limit debates in  
18 committee, upon the affirmative vote of a majority of committee members, so long  
19 as the committee rules are not inconsistent with these Bylaws. Convention Rules  
20 and Procedures shall be published on the Illinois Republican Party website and  
21 made available in printed form to the chair of each delegation forty-eight (48) hours  
22 prior to the opening of the convention.  
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24 No minority report of any convention committee will be accepted by the Convention  
25 unless the subject matter is discussed in committee and such minority report is in  
26 writing, signed by seven (7) or more members of such committee and submitted  
27 to the Convention Secretary prior to or at the time the majority report is submitted  
28 to the Convention.  
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30 All committees of the Convention disband upon adjournment of the Convention or  
31 as otherwise directed by the State Chairman.  
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33 H. Debate. No delegate will be permitted to speak to any question for more than three  
34 (3) minutes nor more than once on any subject unless by special leave of the State  
35 Chairman, except that the maker of a motion or resolution, if debatable, shall have  
36 an additional three (3) minutes to close the debate.  
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38 I. Resolutions. All resolutions shall be submitted to the Convention by the Committee  
39 on Platform and Resolutions without reading or debate except as otherwise  
40 provided by these Bylaws. No resolution or any amendment thereto shall be  
41 reported out or made a part of any report of the Convention Committee on Platform  
42 and Resolutions unless it has been submitted to the committee in writing prior to  
43 its report to the Convention and shall have received the affirmative support of  
44 seven (7) members of that committee.  
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1 J. Motions. No motion or resolution from the floor shall be in order unless submitted  
2 in writing to the Convention Secretary and signed by the Chairmen of at least fifty  
3 (50) delegations, unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws. For the purpose  
4 of this Section, the Chairman of a delegation shall be defined as follows: The  
5 Chairman of a county delegation shall be the County Chairman. The Chairman of  
6 a Cook County Township delegation shall be the Township Committeeman. The  
7 Chairman of a City of Chicago Ward delegation shall be the Ward Committeeman.  
8 If, however, the Chairman of a delegation as herein defined is not in attendance at  
9 the Convention, as determined by the Credentials Committee, the respective  
10 County Chairman, Township Committeeman or Ward Committeeman may  
11 designate another member of the delegation to serve as Chairman of the  
12 delegation during Convention proceedings. Any such designation shall be made  
13 in writing, shall be signed by the delegation Chairman, shall be notarized or  
14 witnessed by that Chairman's member of the State Central Committee, and shall  
15 be submitted in writing to the Convention Secretary. In addition, if any county,  
16 township or ward is represented by only one delegate in attendance at the  
17 Convention, as determined by the Credentials Committee, said delegate shall  
18 serve as Chairman of the delegation during Convention proceedings. Any motion  
19 or resolution so submitted shall be placed in the appropriate place on the agenda  
20 for consideration by the Convention.

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22 K. Appeals. In any appeal taken from a ruling of the State Chairman or other presiding  
23 officer of the Convention, the State Chairman shall be sustained unless a majority  
24 of delegates votes to overrule the State Chairman.

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26 L. Convention Voting. All roll call votes shall be taken in the following manner by the  
27 Convention Secretary: First, all county delegations (except Cook) shall be called  
28 alphabetically. Second, all Cook County Township delegations shall be called  
29 alphabetically. Third, all City of Chicago Ward delegations shall be called in  
30 numerical ascending order beginning with the First Ward. When a delegation is  
31 called by the Convention Secretary for its vote, the chairman of the delegation shall  
32 announce the weighted vote of the delegation, as provided by state law. The unit  
33 rule shall be in effect for all delegations. No proxy voting of delegations shall be  
34 allowed. In the event of a dispute within a delegation as to how its vote shall be  
35 cast, that delegation shall be passed and an Assistant Secretary shall poll the  
36 delegation and report the results to the Secretary of the Convention for recording.  
37 The report of such Assistant Secretary shall be final. Following a roll call vote for  
38 election of a candidate to any position, the State Chairman, before reporting the  
39 final tally, shall ask "Shall the vote be declared unanimous?" If answered in the  
40 affirmative, the vote shall be so recorded.

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42 M. Convention Committee Meetings. No convention committee shall meet during the  
43 time the Convention is in session unless at the call of the State Chairman.

44  
45 N. Platform. In considering the report of the Convention Committee on Platform and  
46 Resolutions, three copies of the platform, all resolutions and all minority reports

1 shall be printed and distributed to the chair of each delegation. No platform,  
2 resolution or minority report shall be read to the Convention unless this rule is  
3 suspended, upon proper motion, approved upon affirmative vote of three-fifths  
4 (3/5) of the delegates.  
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6 O. Open Meetings. The proceedings of the Convention shall be open to the public.  
7 No votes either in committee or on the floor shall be taken by secret ballot.  
8 Meetings, however, may be closed if executive session is provided in Robert's  
9 Rules of Order.

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11 P. Suspension of Bylaws. These Bylaws may be suspended by the Convention only  
12 on proper motion, and the affirmative vote of three-fifths (3/5) of the delegates.  
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14 Q. Continuing Effect and Amendment of Article VII. This Article VII shall remain in  
15 effect for Illinois Republican State Conventions which shall meet from time to time.  
16 It may be changed or amended after consideration and recommendation of the  
17 Convention Committee on Rules and Procedures and adoption by the Convention;  
18 or by amendment from the floor approved by the affirmative vote of three-fifths  
19 (3/5) of the delegates.  
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21 R. Convention Minutes. The minutes of the Convention, together with convention  
22 committee reports, shall be maintained by the State Central Committee.  
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24 S. Appointments to Fill Alternate Vacancies. The State Chairman, with the advice and  
25 consent of the State Central Committee, shall appoint persons to fill vacancies for  
26 at-large alternates to the Republican National Convention when such vacancies  
27 occur after the Convention has adjourned.  
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## 29 ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION 30

31 A. Amendments. Amendments to these Bylaws, unless otherwise provided herein,  
32 may be adopted by the State Central Committee upon receiving two-thirds (2/3) of  
33 the weighted vote of those present on the question, or upon receiving a majority of  
34 the weighted votes of those present if a copy of the proposed amendment is  
35 received by each member thirty (30) days prior to the vote thereon.  
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37 B. Suspension. Any provision of these Bylaws, with the exception of Article VII may  
38 be suspended by the State Central Committee upon the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of  
39 the weighted vote.