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7 **WEBER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY BYLAWS**
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9 Whereas the Utah Republican Party has approved a platform, which unites members
10 in purpose and principle; we, the duly elected and qualified member of the
11 Republican Central Committee of the Weber County Republican Party of Utah,
12 meeting in special session, in accordance with the law, do hereby ordain and establish
13 the following Bylaws.
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17 **ARTICLE I**
18 **PRINCIPLES, POLOCIES, OBJECTIVES**
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20 The Weber County Republican Party of Utah (called the “Party” below) shall seek to
21 improve the well-being of all citizens of the county, by promoting principles set forth
22 in the county, state, and national Republican Party Platforms, by organizing like-
23 minded citizens. We help party members to elect government and party officials who
24 support the principles of the platforms. We help such officials communicate with,
25 connect with, and get support from party membership. We bring to light actions
26 which are contrary to good government as outlined by the platforms.
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28 Party business shall be conducted in accordance with the most current edition of
29 Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised.

30 **ARTICLE II**
31 **MEMBERSHIP**
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33 Party membership is open to any resident of Weber County, Utah who identifies
34 himself or herself with the Party, and supports Party policies, principles, and
35 platforms or voted for a majority of the Party’s candidates in the last general election.
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37 To comply with the requirements established by the Utah State Republican Party
38 Central Committee during 1999 the following rules apply:
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- 40 **a)** Those who wish to participated at a Republican caucus or convention must not be
41 simultaneous officer, delegate, or registered affiliated voter of any other rival
42 registered political party. (Democrat, Libertarian, Ind. American, etc.)
43 **b)** The County Executive Committee shall remove any county or precinct officer,

44 county or state delegate who is not in compliance.

45 **ARTICLE III**

46 **COUNTY PARTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

- 47
- 48 1. County Chair
 - 49 2. County Vice Chair
 - 50 3. County Secretary
 - 51 4. County Treasurer
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53 These four positions are filled by election in the County Organizing Convention,
54 held in odd numbered years, for a term of two (2) years.

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56 **Legislative Districts**

57 Weber County is divided into seven (7) Districts according to population.

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59 **Organization:**

- 60 1. Legislative District Chair
 - 61 2. Legislative District Vice Chair
 - 62 3. Secretary (optional)
 - 63 4. Treasurer
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65 These three or four positions are filled by election in the Legislative District
66 caucus meeting held during the County Organizing Convention, in odd numbered
67 years, for a term of two (2) years.

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69 **County Voting Precincts**

70 All Voting Precinct Officers and County Delegates elected shall be registered
71 Republicans. A voting precinct is designated by voting population as determined
72 by the State Legislature.

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74 **Organization:**

- 75 1. Chair
 - 76 2. Vice Chair
 - 77 3. Secretary
 - 78 4. Treasurer
- 79

80 These four positions are filled by election in their voting Precinct Caucus
81 Meetings, held in numbered years, for a term of two (2) years.

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83 **C. Weber County Republican Auxiliary Organizations**

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- 85 1. Republican Women
- 86 2. Young Republicans (25-40 Yr.)
- 87 3. College Republicans

88 4. Teenage Republicans
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90 These four (4) auxiliaries have a chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer, but are
91 organized under the rules and bylaws of the State Republican Party.
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93 **D. Executive Committee Membership**
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95 In order to perform Party business efficiently, there is formed a Party Executive
96 Committee. County Party Officers must be registered affiliated Republicans on
97 their voter registration. The Executive Committee is organized as follows:
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- 99 1. Chair
100 2. Vice Chair
101 3. Secretary
102 4. Treasurer
103 5. Legislative District Chair (7 Districts)
104 6. Legislative District Vice Chair (7 Districts)
105 7. Republican Women Chair
106 8. Young Republican Chair
107 9. College Republican Chair
108 10. Teenage Republican Chair
109 11. One Representative from the Weber County Republican Officials elected to a
110 County office
111 12. One Republican Representative elected to the Utah State Legislature
112 13. Immediate past County Party Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
113 14. Other persons (up to five) added to the Party Executive Committee on an
114 ad hoc basis by the Party Chair by a simple majority vote of the Executive
115 Committee
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117 The County Executive Committee shall meet at least monthly, unless otherwise
118 approved by the Executive Committee, to conduct the business of the Party and shall
119 be subject to direction from the Party Central Committee. A quorum shall be a
120 majority of those in attendance at any regularly scheduled meeting. Voting members
121 of the committee are limited to the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Legislative
122 District Chair, and Legislative Districts Vice Chairs (items 1-6 above).
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124 Republican Elected Officials are members of the Executive Committee and may
125 attend the Meetings. However, they will not have voting privileges.
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127 The Party Chair may appoint sub-committees as determined by the Executive
128 Committee.
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130 **E. County Party Central Committee Membership**
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133 The power to conduct Party business shall be vested in the County Party Central
134 Committee as stated above. The Administrative Officers shall serve as the Central
135 Committee Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The County Central
136 Committee shall meet at least once per year. A quorum shall be a majority of those
137 credentialed voting members registered at any regularly scheduled meeting. A
138 meeting of the Party Central Committee may be called by the Party Chair or by 25%
139 of the member of the Party Central Committee.

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141 1. Voting Members

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143 a. Voting precinct Chairs
144 b. Voting precinct Vice Chairs
145 c. Party Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Legislative District Chairs, and
146 Legislative District Vice Chairs
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148 2. Honorary members (as defined in the most current edition of Roberts Rules of
149 Order Newly Revised)

- 150 a. All other Executive Committee members not listed in 1.c above
151 b. Republican officials elected in Weber County to a partisan office
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152 **ARTICLE IV**

153 **EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

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155 The Party Administrative Officers shall consist of the Party Chair, Vice Chair,
156 Secretary and Treasurer, and they shall meet as needed to discuss party business.
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158 During the County Organizing Convention (in odd numbered years, when there is not
159 a general election), the delegates (elected at the Party Caucus for each voting precinct
160 the previous year) shall elect a Party Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
161

- 162 1. Term. The Party Administrative officers shall be elected for the term of two
163 years commencing and ending after the State Party Convention when their elected
164 successor's term will begin.
165 2. Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Party Chair, Vice Chair,
166 Secretary, or Treasurer, the Party Central Committee shall meet within thirty (30)
167 days after the vacancy occurs for the purpose of electing a successor. The
168 successor shall complete the unexpired term of the vacancy to be filled.
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170 **A. Duties of Party Administrative Offices**

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172 1. The Party Chair shall be Chief Administrative Officer of the Party and
173 shall
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175 a. serve as chair of the Executive Committee, Chair of the Central
176 Committee, and as ex officio member of appointed sub-

- 177 committees in the contemplation and transaction of party
178 business.
- 179 **b.** carry out the policies determined by said committees, and may
180 vote at any of the said committee meetings to break a tie.
- 181 **c.** perform the duties imposed by these bylaws and as may be
182 assigned by the Executive Committee or Central Committee.
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- 184 **2.** The Party Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the duties of his or her
185 office, and shall exercise the powers of the Chair during his or her absence
186 or disability and shall
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- 188 **a.** be a member of the Party Executive Committee and Party Central
189 Committee.
- 190 **b.** also perform such other duties as may be assigned.
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- 192 **3.** The party Secretary shall be Secretary of the Party Executive Committee
193 and Party Central Committee and shall
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- 195 **a.** prepare Executive Committee meeting agendas in sufficient
196 quantities, and shall transmit them to the committee members as
197 least one week prior to committee meetings (unless emergency
198 meeting notification timing precludes such mailing).
- 199 **b.** keep the minutes of the Executive Committee and Central
200 Committee meetings, and shall deliver copies of them to all
201 committee members.
- 202 **c.** be custodian of the files and records of the Party, Executive Committee
203 and Central Committee and ensure that all files,
204 records and lists be disclosed in accordance with the State
205 Party Constitution, Article XII, Section 1, Paragraph E.
- 206 **d.** also perform such other duties as may be assigned
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- 208 **4.** The Party Treasurer with the County Chair shall receive all monies of the
209 Party and shall
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- 211 **a.** be a member of the Party Executive Committee and Party Central
212 Committee.
- 213 **b.** be chair of the Party Finance Committee.
- 214 **c.** keep regular accurate records of all contribution to the Party and
215 expenses of the Party and submit a report to the Executive
216 Committee.
- 217 **d.** at any time, when directed to do so by the Executive Committee or
218 Central Committee submit financial records and vouchers for
219 examination or audit.
- 220 **e.** make no payments without the approval of the Chair and/or
221 Executive Committee.

- 222 f. file the necessary financial reports as required by the Utah Code
- 223 g. also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chair
- 224 h. promote fundraising for the Party and train legislative district
- 225 and precinct treasurers to promote fundraising in their
- 226 respective districts or precincts with an emphasis on grassroots
- 227 donations.

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230 **B. Legislative District Officers**

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232 Delegates to the County Organizing Convention (held in odd-numbered years when
233 there is no general Election) shall meet in individual Legislative District causes
234 held in conjunction with the convention to elect Legislative District Officers.
235 Delegates attending a Legislative District Caucus shall have been elected the previous
236 year at a Voting Precinct Party caucus for the Legislative District.

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1. Legislative District Officers shall consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair,
238 Treasurer/Secretary.

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2. Term. Legislative District Officers shall be elected for a term of two (2)
240 years commencing after the State Convention and shall serve until their
241 successors are elected.

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243 **C. Duties of Legislative District Officers**

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1. Legislative District Chair shall

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- a. preside over Legislative District Caucuses held at County
246 Conventions during his or her term of office.
- 247 b. ensure that a Party caucus is held for each voting precinct within the
- 248 Legislative District.
- 249 c. ensure that Party registrars and judges of elections are appointed in
- 250 each voting precinct.
- 251 d. assist the Party Chair by distributing Party caucus materials obtained
- 252 from the Party Chair to the voting precinct caucus and in returning
- 253 them including all contribution to the Party Chair the same evening
- 254 after the caucuses are finished
- 255 e. initiate activities within the Legislative District as deemed valuable in
- 256 furthering the principles, policies, and objective of the Party.
- 257 f. train, inspire and coordinate the efforts of voting precinct officers with
- 258 the Legislative District.
- 259 g. be a member of the Party Executive Committee and Party Central
- 260 Committee.
- 261 h. also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Party Chair.

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2. Legislative District Vice Chair shall

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- 266 a. assists the Legislative District Chair in the duties of their office and
267 shall exercise the powers of the Chair during the absence or disability
268 of the chair.
269 b. be a member of the Party Executive committee and Party Central
270 Committee.
271 c. perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Legislative
272 District Chair.
273 d. assume the position of the Legislative District Chair in the event of a
274 vacancy.
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276 3. Legislative District Secretary/Treasurer shall
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- 278 a. promote fundraising in his or her district,
279 b. help train precinct treasurers with an emphasis on grass roots
280 donations,
281 c. receive all money from Precinct Officers and deliver all money
282 received from the Legislative District to the County Party
283 Treasurer
284 d. assist the Legislative District Chair by performing assigned duties,
285 including those duties requiring the maintenance of records.
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287 **ARTICLE V**
288 **VOTING PRECINCT OFFICERS**

289 At a Voting Precinct Party Caucus (held in even numbered years during which there is no
290 general election), Party members residing in the voting precinct shall elect a Voting
291 Precinct Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
292

293 **A. Term.**
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295 Voting Precinct Officers shall be elected for a term of approximately two (2) years,
296 and shall serve until their successors are elected or until they are duly replaced.
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298 **B. Duties of the Voting Precinct Officers.**
299

300 **1. Voting Precinct Chair shall**

- 301 a. assist the Legislative District Chair in arranging and organizing his or
302 her Voting Precinct Party Caucus. (Voting precinct Party Caucuses
303 shall be held in even numbered years.)
304 b. preside over the voting precinct Party caucus in which elected,
305 effective upon election and until a successor has been elected.
306 c. assure that Party registrars and judges of elections are appointed in his
307 or her voting district.
308 d. train, inspire and coordinate the efforts of Party members to further
309 the principles, policies and objectives of the Party within the voting
310 precinct.

- 311 e. be a member of the Party Central Committee.
312 f. perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Legislative
313 District Chair.
314 g. appoint precinct officers in the event of a vacancy except for the
315 positions of the Voting Precinct Chair.
316

317 **2. Voting Precinct Vice Chair shall**

- 318 a. assist the Voting Precinct Chair in the duties of his or her office and
319 shall exercise the powers of the Chair during his or her absence or
320 disability.
321 b. be a member of the Party Central Committee.
322 c. perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Voting Precinct
323 Chair.
324 d. assume the position of Voting Precinct Chair in the event of a
325 vacancy.
326

327 **3. Voting Precinct Secretary shall**

- 328 a. keep the minutes of the Voting Precinct Party Caucus, circulate the
329 Voting Precinct Party Caucus attendance form, and be custodian of the
330 files and records of the district.
331 b. return Voting Precinct Party Caucus packets to the Legislative District
332 Chairman.
333 c. take responsibility for the registration of members at the Caucus.
334 d. perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Voting Precinct
335 Chair.
336

337 **4. Voting Precinct Treasurer shall**

- 338 a. receive and with the voting District Vice Chair shall jointly account
339 for all monies collected in the voting precinct for the Party. They
340 shall transfer to the Legislative District Treasurer all said funds
341 immediately after they are received.
342 b. make his or her books and records of account available for audit
343 and/or inspection at any time, upon the request of the Party Treasurer,
344 the Party Executive Committee. He or she shall also perform such
345 other duties as may be assigned by the Voting Precinct Chair.
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347 **5. Party Officers** shall consist of the Party Executive Officers, Legislative
348 District Officers, County Elected Officials, and State or Federal Officials who
349 reside in Weber County.

350 **ARTICLE VI**
351 **COUNTY AND STATE DELEGATES**

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353 **A. County Delegates** are elected, by simple majority vote, in the Voting
354 Precinct Caucus Meeting held in even numbered years for a term of two (2)
355 years. The total number of County Delegates shall be six hundred fifty (650).

356 The number of Delegates to be elected in any Voting Precinct is allotted by the
357 County Party in accordance with the number of Republican votes cast for the
358 top four (4) candidates (Governor/Lieutenant Governor, Attorney
359 General, State Auditor, State Treasurer excluding the vote for any candidate
360 who had no opposition) in that Voting Precinct. Delegates should provide a
361 written convention report to the Precinct Chair within seven (7) days of the
362 convention.

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364 **B. State Delegates** are elected in their Voting Precinct Caucus Meeting held in
365 even numbered years for a term of two (2) years. The State Party designates
366 the number of delegates each County may have. This number is then
367 allocated to the voting precincts in accordance with the number of Republican
368 votes cast for the top four (4) candidates (Governor/Lieutenant Governor,
369 Attorney General, State Auditor, State Treasurer, excluding the vote for any
370 candidate who had no opposition) in the most recent general election.
371 Delegates should provide a written convention report to the Precinct Chair
372 within seven (7) days of the convention.

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374 **C. Alternate Delegates.** Alternate county and state delegates may only be
375 appointed according to approved processes or as required by law.

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377 **D. Multiple Ballots and Preferential Voting.** When electing delegates to the
378 State Convention they shall be elected by simple majority vote.

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380 **E. Vacancies:** In the event that a Legislative District Vice Chair, Secretary or
381 Treasurer, is unable to serve due to death, resignation, moving from the
382 district, or is disqualified, a replacement may be recommended to the
383 Executive Committee within 60 days, by the Legislative District Chair from
384 that district, the ratification requires a simple majority of the Executive
385 Committee.

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387 If an elected delegate dies, resigns, or is disqualified prior to the convention, the
388 County Party precinct chair shall appoint a replacement from the precinct of the
389 deceased or disqualified delegate. If the replacement is for a county delegate,
390 approval must occur at least 7 days prior to the convention.

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392 Removal notification of a state delegate must be made via certified mail to the
393 State Republican Party at least ten (10) days prior to the State Convention.

394 Removed State Delegates may appeal to the elected members of the State
395 Executive Committee at least five (5) days prior to the State Convention.

396 A simple majority vote of the members present shall be required for the reinstatement.

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398 **F. Each delegate shall cast one vote for each office to be filled.**

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400 In the event that three or more candidates are nominated for the same office, the

401 convention may use multiple ballots or preference voting to choose Party
402 nominees. The County Central Committee shall certify the method of election at
403 least 6 months prior to the convention. ~~A candidate for an office that receives~~
404 ~~60% or more of the votes cast at any point in the balloting process at the county~~
405 ~~convention shall become the Party's endorsed candidate without the necessity of~~
406 ~~running in the primary election.~~

407 **ARTICLE VII**
408 **STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

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410 **A. Delegation Size.**

411
412 The number of State Central Committee members to which the Party is entitled will
413 be determined by the Utah State Republican Party.

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415 **B. Responsibilities and Selection.**

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417 Members of the Party delegation to the State Central Committee shall represent the
418 Party at State Central Committee meetings. They shall be selected as detailed below.

- 419
420 **1. Executive Committee Members.** The Party Chair and Vice Chair shall
421 serve as members of the State Central Committee during their term of
422 office.
423
424 **2. Elected Members.** Members of the Party State Central Committee (other
425 than #1 above) shall be those Legislative District Chair, elected by the
426 delegates at the Organizing County Convention (In odd numbered years,
427 when there is not a general election).
428
429 a.) Term. Elected members of the Party State Central Committee
430 delegation shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, and shall serve
431 until their successors are elected.

432 **ARTICLE VIII**
433 **STATE LEGISLATIVE AND PARTISAN COUNTY OFFICE VACANCIES**

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435 **A. Vacancies in State Legislature**

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437 When and as authorized by state law, when a vacancy occurs for any reason in the
438 office of Representative or Senator in the state legislature for districts whose
439 boundaries are entirely within Weber County and if the prior officeholder was a
440 Republican, the County Party Chair shall submit to the State Party Chair the name of the
441 replacement(s) selected as follows:

- 442
443 1. Within thirty (30) days of a vacancy in the office of Senator, the County
444 Party Chair shall call a special caucus of the Precinct Chairs and Precinct
445 Vice Chair residing in and representing the legislative district, who shall

446 elect the replacement to fill the legislative vacancy.
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- 448 2. Within thirty (30) days of a vacancy in the office of Representative, the
449 Legislative District Chair in consultation with the Party Chair shall call a
450 special caucus of the Precinct Chairs, Precinct Vice Chairs, Legislative
451 District Chair, and Legislative District Vice Chair residing in and
452 representing the legislative district, who shall elect the replacement to fill
453 the legislative vacancy.
454
- 455 3. Notice of the caucus shall be transmitted to the qualified participants as
456 described above at least fourteen (14) days prior to the caucus. A quorum
457 for the purpose of conducting business shall consist of any number of
458 qualified participants attending. Candidates shall file in writing to the
459 Party Secretary at least 7 days prior to the caucus. The caucus shall elect
460 the replacement(s) to fill the vacancy using the same voting method as was
461 used at the prior county nominating convention except that any candidate
462 who receives more than fifty (50) percent of the votes cast shall be elected
463 if state law requires that only a single name be provided. Tie votes shall be
464 decided with a coin toss.
465
- 466 4. If the vacancy occurs during a regular session of the Legislature, the Party
467 Chair or District Chair as applicable to the vacant office may declare the
468 caucus an emergency. In that case, notice of the caucus may be given by
469 notifying at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the qualified participants in person by telephone at
470 least 72 hours prior to the caucus, a quorum shall consist of at least $\frac{1}{2}$ of the
471 total number of qualified participants residing in the district, and nominations
472 shall be accepted from the floor. A written report documenting advance
473 notification of at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the qualified participants shall be provided to all
474 caucus attendees and be approved by them prior to the caucus election.
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477 **B. Vacancies in County Partisan Offices** 478

479 When and as authorized by state law, when a vacancy occurs for any reason in a
480 county partisan office and if the prior officeholder was a Republican, the Party Chair
481 shall submit to the State Party Chair the name of the replacement selected as follows:
482

- 483 1. Within twenty (20) days of a county office vacancy the Party Chair upon
484 approval by the Executive Committee shall call a special County Party
485 Central Committee meeting which shall elect the replacement(s) to fill the
486 legislative vacancy.
487
- 488 2. Notice of the meeting shall be transmitted to the Party Central Committee at
489 least ten (10) days prior to the caucus. A quorum for the purpose of
490 conducting business shall consist of any number of qualified Central
491 Committee members attending. Candidates shall file in writing to the Party

492 Secretary at least 7 days prior to the meeting. The meeting shall elect the
493 replacement(s) to fill the vacancy using the same voting method as was used
494 at the prior county nominating convention except that any candidate who
495 receives more than fifty (50) percent of the votes cast shall be elected if state
496 law requires that only a single name be provided. Tie votes shall be decided
497 with a coin toss.

498 **ARTICLE IX**
499 **Call to Convention**

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501 Call to Convention shall be transmitted no later than fourteen (14) days before the
502 County Convention noting the date, time and location along with the Convention
503 Rules, Credentials and any other pertinent information to the following:
504

- 505 1. Executive Committee
- 506 2. Republican Elected Officials
- 507 3. County Delegates

508
509 All ballots for the County Convention shall list candidates for voting, under one of the
510 two categories below. The Convention agenda shall also list candidates under one of the
511 two categories below.

- 512
513 1. Republican “Convention-Only Candidate” who **respect** the will of the
514 delegate vetting process exclusively.
- 515 2. Other Candidates.

516
517 The County Party Chair shall read aloud the following statement, to the delegates,
518 immediately prior to the candidate speeches:
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- 520 a. “Our party was forced, by the Utah Legislature under 2014 S.B. 54, to allow
521 candidates who have gathered the specified number of signatures to
522 participate at our convention and be placed on the primary ballot, in spite of
523 the Party Constitutional vetting requirements and regardless of the delegate
524 voting outcome at this convention. This means that candidates of all other
525 parties and ideologies may be forced upon us. However this does not mean
526 that we need to support such candidates with our votes, our endorsement, or
527 our resources. The ballots clearly identify which candidates respect the voice
528 of the delegates at this convention.”

529 **ARTICLE X**
530 **CAUCUS-CONVENTION CANDIDATE PRIVILEGES**

531 ~~1. “Convention-only candidates” shall have the privilege of maintaining a booth~~
532 ~~at the Convention, speaking to the delegates as part of the Convention program,~~
533 ~~and potentially securing support and an endorsement of the Weber County~~
534 ~~Republican Party.~~
535 ~~For purposes of section (1), “Convention-only candidate” means any candidate~~
536 ~~who has (a) been a registered Republican for at least the immediate nine months~~

537 preceding the Convention, and (b) who has not sought the nomination of the
538 Party under the signature gathering process permitted by Utah law.
539 If a candidate provides proof of having legally withdrawn qualifications from
540 other than “Convention-only” means, prior to Convention then they shall have as
541 many “Convention-only candidate” privileges restores as practical within the time
542 available.

543 ~~2. Candidates who have qualified for the Primary Election prior to the convention~~
544 ~~shall not be afforded the privilege of maintaining a booth at the Convention, nor~~
545 ~~shall they be placed on the agenda to speak as part of the program, nor be~~
546 ~~included in the delegate voting process.~~
547 ~~For purposes of section (2) the term “Candidate” shall include the candidate’s~~
548 ~~campaign, family, political action committee, and any other supporter.~~

549 ~~3. In contested races, the Party’s nominee shall be any legally qualified~~
550 ~~“convention-only candidate” who receives at least sixty percent (60%) of the~~
551 ~~delegate vote for the appropriate office at the Convention. The Party’s nominee~~
552 ~~who receives at least sixty percent (60%) shall receive the full support and~~
553 ~~endorsement of the Party.~~

554 ~~4. In the event that three or more “convention-only candidates” are nominated for~~
555 ~~the same office, and none of them receive at least sixty percent (60%) of the~~
556 ~~vote, then the Convention may use multiple ballots or preference voting to choose~~
557 ~~up to two Party nominees who will qualify for the Primary Election. The County~~
558 ~~Central Committee shall certify the method of election at least 6 months prior to~~
559 ~~the Convention.~~

560 1. In contested races, if no candidate has sought the nomination via methods other than
561 the Republican caucus/convention method in the current election cycle, the Party’s
562 nominee shall be any legally qualified candidate who receives at least sixty percent
563 (60%) of the delegate vote for the applicable office. In the event that no candidate
564 receives 60% or more of the delegate vote, then the top two candidates shall be place
565 on the ballot as the Republican candidates.

566 2. During the current election cycle, if any candidate has sought the nomination for the
567 Primary Election via methods other than the Republican caucus/convention method,
568 the convention-only candidate who receives the majority of the vote shall:
569 a. qualify for the Primary Election;
570 b. receive the support and endorsement of the Party.

571 3. In the event that more than one candidate has sought the nomination via methods
572 other than the caucus/convention method during the current election cycle, the
573 convention-only candidate who receives the most votes that equals at least 30 percent
574 (30%) of the vote shall:
575 a. qualify for the Primary Election,
576 b. receive the support and endorsement of the Party.

577 4. “Convention-only candidate” means any candidate who
578 a. has been a registered Republican for at least the immediate nine months
579 preceding the Party Convention, and
580 b. who has not sought qualification for inclusion on the general election ballot by
581 any means other than the Republican caucus/convention.

582 ARTICLE XI

583 **RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENT**

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585 **A. Ratification**

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587 These Bylaws shall be effective immediately upon ratification by a majority of the

588 duly elected and qualified members of the Party Central Committee present and

589 meeting in special session, in accordance with the law.

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591 **B. Amendment.**

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593 **1. Submittal.** A proposed amendment to these Bylaws shall be submitted,

594 typewritten, to the Party Secretary.

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596 **2. Consideration.** A proposed amendment to these Bylaws shall be considered in

597 the normal course of business at a Party Executive meeting occurring within 45 but

598 no earlier than 10 days after proper submittal. Action shall be taken by the Party

599 Executive Committee within 60 days after first consideration.

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601 **3. Ratification.** An amendment shall be presented to the Party Central Committee

602 for ratification within 90 days after approval. It shall be effective immediately upon

603 ratification by a majority of the duly elected and qualified members of the Party

604 Central Committee present and meeting special session, in accordance with law.

605 Proposed amendments may be taken directly to the Central Committee.