

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

Attached is a copy of proposed Amended and Restated By-Laws of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District.

A vote to adopt such Amended and Restated By-Laws will be taken at the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Assembly on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

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Gabriel Schwartz Acting Chairman

**1<sup>ST</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
COLORADO**

**AMENDED AND RESTATED**

**BY-LAWS  
Effective  
May 29, 2008**

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# 1<sup>ST</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

## COLORADO

### BY-LAWS

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### ARTICLE I NAME

1. This organization shall be known as the First Congressional District Republican Central Committee of the State of Colorado.
2. Any and all references herein to the "1<sup>st</sup> CD" shall be construed to refer to the aforescribed First Congressional Republican Congressional District of the State of Colorado.

### ARTICLE II PURPOSE

To provide an organization for the election of Republicans from Colorado's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District to the following:

1. The United States House of Representatives
2. The Colorado State Board of Education
3. The Board of Regents of the University of Colorado
4. Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention in Presidential election years.

### ARTICLE III POLICY

1. All applicable provisions of: First: The laws of the United States of America. Second: The statutes of the State of Colorado, and Third: The Colorado Republican Party By-Laws shall be considered a part of the Rules and By-Laws of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee, and shall supersede, as enumerated above, any provision of these rules & by-laws which are in conflict.
2. All reference to male includes the female, and the masculine pronoun includes the feminine.
3. No Republican candidate for any designation or nomination for public office shall be endorsed or supported by the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee as an entity, or by its officers, before the primary election, unless such candidate is unopposed in the primary.

## ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

1. Regular voting membership of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee shall be composed of:
  - a. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Legal Officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee.
  - b. Chairman and Vice-Chairman of each of the Republican County Central Committees entirely or partially within the 1<sup>st</sup> CD
  - c. The elected Republican 1<sup>st</sup> CD Member of Congress.
  - d. The elected Republican 1<sup>st</sup> CD Member of the Colorado State Board of Education.
  - e. The elected Republican 1<sup>st</sup> CD Member of the University of Colorado Board of Regents.
  - f. The elected Republican State Senators and Representatives who reside within the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District.
  - g. Two (2) “bonus members” from each county, or portion thereof, within the 1<sup>st</sup> CD, that polled ten thousand (10,000) votes at the last preceding general election for the Republican candidate for Governor of Colorado, or the Republican candidate for President of the United States: two (2) additional “bonus members” for each additional ten thousand (10,000) votes, or major portion thereof, so polled in such county or portion thereof within the 1<sup>st</sup> CD.
    - Bonus members shall be elected at County Central Committees during their organizational meetings.
    - Bonus member vacancies shall be filled by the county entitled to make the original selection, in accordance with that county’s by-laws.
  - h. No county shall increase its voting strength by electing multiple officers.
    - For example, counties with more than one vice-chairman must determine which one is the voting member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee or said vote shall be split fractionally among the county’s vice-Chairmen.
  - i. A person holding multiple office shall not be entitled to more than one vote.
2. All members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee shall reside within the 1<sup>st</sup> CD, the county they represent, and be registered as Republicans, all as shown on the registration records of their respective County Clerk and Recorder.

EXCEPTION:

-The Colorado Republican Party By-Laws  
do NOT require  
the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the several Republican  
county central committees,  
which exist entirely or partially within the 1<sup>st</sup> CD  
to reside in the 1<sup>st</sup> CD  
in order to be voting members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional  
District Republican Central Committee.

**ARTICLE V OFFICERS**

1. The officers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. All officers shall be registered Republicans residing in the 1<sup>st</sup> CD.
3. At the organizational meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee, held each odd-numbered year, officers shall be elected by secret ballot (unless there is but one candidate for a given office). Upon election, each officer shall serve for two years, or until a successor is elected.
4. The Treasurer shall be an appointed officer who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman.
5. Duties of the Officers:
  - a. The Chairman:
    - Shall observe & enforce the Rules & By-Laws of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee.
    - Shall execute the prerogatives of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee.
    - Shall fix the time & place of regular meetings and preside.
    - Shall fix the time & place for District Assemblies and Conventions and preside.
    - Shall appoint a Treasurer.
    - Shall authorize the Treasurer to expend the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee funds.
    - Shall establish subcommittees and appoint subcommittee Chairmen.
    - Shall represent the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee on the Colorado Republican State Central Committee as a voting member.

- b. The Vice-Chairman:
  - Shall advise the Chairman on relevant political matters.
  - Shall assume the duties of the presiding officer in the event of the vacancy, inability, or refusal of the Chairman to perform the assigned duties of office.
  - Shall represent the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee on the Colorado Republican State Central Committee as a non-voting member.
- c. The Secretary:
  - Shall keep a written record of all meetings of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee and its Executive Committee.
  - Shall file all reports required by law.
  - Shall assume the duties of Vice-Chairman in the event of the vacancy, inability, or refusal of the Vice-Chairman to perform the assigned duties of office.
- d. The Treasurer:
  - Shall be the chief financial officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee.
  - Shall keep accurate records of all financial transactions.
  - Shall file all financial reports required by Law.
  - Shall not disburse 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee funds without specific authorization from the Chairman.
- e. Legal Officer:
  - Shall advise the Chairman, other officers and committees of legal requirements in the conduct of the affairs of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District.

6. Officers shall be removed from office with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee present and voting at a special meeting called for that purpose.

**ARTICLE VI REPRESENTATIVE TO STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. The Executive Committee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee shall elect, by majority vote, one member of said Central Committee, to sit on the Executive Committee of the Colorado Republican Party.
2. The 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee's Representative shall serve a term of two (2) years, or until a successor is elected.
3. The 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee's Representative may be removed from office in accordance with ARTICLE V, Section 6, of these By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VII THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of all officers of the Congressional District Republican Central Committee and the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee's Representative to the State Executive Committee.
2. The Chairman shall convene the Executive Committee ad hoc to perform the tasks sanctioned by the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee. Members of the Executive Committee shall be notified at least 48 hours in advance of the date, time and place of such meetings.
3. The duties of the Executive Committee are:
  - a. Advise the Chairman on relevant political matters.
  - b. Execute the prerogatives of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee.
  - c. Resolve party controversies within the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee's purview whenever such issues do not warrant, or permit, as the Chairman shall determine, the unscheduled assembly of the full 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee.

## **ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS**

1. The Organizational Meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee shall be held between February 15<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> of each odd-numbered year, for the purpose of electing officers, and for any other lawful purpose.
2. The Chairman shall call no fewer than one regular meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee per calendar quarter.
3. Special meetings of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee may be called at any time in the following instances:

-At the discretion of the Chairman.

-By a consensus of the Executive Committee.

-At the request of eight 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee members.

4. The official call shall be in writing and mailed to the last address of each member on file with the Secretary of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee.

-The mailing shall be made at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. It shall state the time, date and place of the meeting, the business to be conducted provided that the call shall not limit the business to those items, except for “requested meetings”.

5. A quorum for any meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee shall consist of an absolute majority of the current membership.

6. No proxy voting is permitted.

7. Meetings may be open to the public, but shall reconvene in “executive session” for 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee members only at the discretion of the Chairman or by majority vote of the members present and voting.

#### **ARTICLE IX ASSEMBLIES & CONVENTIONS**

1. Every even-numbered year the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee shall plan and conduct an Assembly to be held pursuant to the call as provided by law for the designation of Republican District candidates for the Primary Election Ballot.

2. Every presidential election year the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee shall plan and conduct a combined Assembly/Convention for the designation of Republican District candidates for the Primary Election Ballot and for the election of delegates and alternates to the quadrennial Republican National Convention.

3. Assemblies and Conventions, as well as the selection of delegates and alternates to said assemblies and conventions, shall be held and conducted as required by Law and the non-conflicting procedures set forth in the Colorado Republican Party By-Laws.

4. Assemblies and Conventions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee may be held separately or in conjunction with other Republican assemblies and conventions at the direction of 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee.

5. Voting in assemblies and conventions:

- a. No proxies shall be allowed or recognized in any assembly or convention. Any vacancy shall be filled by an alternate present, selected from the list of alternates by numerical order, beginning with the first alternate.
  - b. What is commonly known as the “unit rule” by which the entire vote of a delegation is cast according to the majority vote within that delegation, shall not be permitted.
  - c. Cumulative voting, which allows delegates to give more than one vote to a single candidate for National Convention Delegate or Alternate, shall not be permitted.
  - d. Convention delegates may by the Colorado Republican Party By-Laws, vote for the total number of national convention delegates to be elected.
  - e. Any delegate to any Assembly and/or Convention shall have the right to demand a roll call of his/her county or state representative district caucus’ delegation (as applicable) upon any disputed vote.
  - f. A quorum at any Assembly and/or Convention shall consist of those delegates present.
6. Any person who wishes to be a candidate for nomination to the office of Congress person from this congressional district or to be a delegate or alternate to the Republican National Convention shall, except as otherwise required by the laws and By-Laws as referred to in Article III, paragraph 1 hereof, be required to:
- a. Have resided in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District at least sixty (60) days prior to the most recent Republican caucus of the precinct in which the candidate resides.
  - b. Have attended the most recent Republican caucus of the precinct where the candidate has resided for sixty (60) days prior thereto, as certified in writing by the Republican District Captain in which such precinct is located.
  - c. Must be a delegate or alternate to the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Assembly/Convention at which the selection of the candidate, delegates, and alternates takes place.
  - d. Must be designated as a Republican nominee for the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District general election by the vote of a majority of the delegates attending the nominating Assembly/Convention.
  - e. Must be designated as a delegate or alternate to the National Convention of the Republican party by the vote of a majority of the delegates attending the Assembly/Convention at the which such delegates and alternates are elected.

## **ARTICLE X VACANCIES**

1. Vacancies in an office of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee shall be filled by election at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee or as otherwise required by law.
2. The Executive Committee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee shall serve as the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee Vacancy Committee.
3. If sufficient evidence exists to declare a vacancy in a designation for the Primary Election Ballot, or a vacancy in a nomination for the General Election Ballot, the Executive Committee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee shall fill such vacancies by majority vote pursuant to Law.
4. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Representative in Congress, procedures set forth by Law, the Colorado Republican Party By-Laws and these By-Laws shall govern.

## **ARTICLE XI VACANCY CONVENTIONS**

1. Pursuant to Law, a special convention shall be convened for the nomination of a Republican candidate for Congressional Vacancy Election, when need of such an election is declared by the Governor of the State of Colorado and required by law. For both continuity and to facilitate the tasks detailed in the previous clause, the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee recommends that the Republican delegates and alternates most recently elected by their respective counties or state representative districts to a First Congressional District Republican Assembly and/or Convention, and who continue to remain qualified, shall convene as the First Congressional District Republican Vacancy Convention no later than twenty (20) days from the date the Governor has issued the order that a Congressional Vacancy Elections be held.

## **ARTICLE XII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Any procedural or parliamentary matters not specifically covered by Law, Colorado Republican Party By-Laws or the Rules and By-Laws of 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee shall be governed by the latest version of Robert's Rules of Order.

## **ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS**

These Rules and By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members thereof Congressional

District Republican Central Committee present at any such meeting, provided that proposed amendment has been submitted in writing the members thereof at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the adoption of said amendments are to be considered.

**ARTICLE XIV ENACTMENT**

These By-Laws supersede any previous sets of rules & by-laws enacted by any previous 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee, and shall be effective immediately upon their adoption.

Dated: May 29, 2008

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gabriel Schwartz  
Acting Chairman  
1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Nevin  
Secretary  
1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Republican Central Committee