

# **RULES OF THE DENVER COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

## **Article I**

### **DISTRICT CAPTAINS**

Section 1.1.1 Election of Captains: Two District Captains shall be elected from each and every district. Said District Captains shall be elected by the Committeepeople pursuant to §3.1.2.

Section 1.1.2 District Captains: District Captains shall be nominated from the floor and an election shall be held. The Captains shall be elected at a meeting of each district held prior to February 1 in the odd numbered years. Written notice of the exact time, place, and purpose of such meeting shall be mailed, by the Captains then in office in the particular district or the County Chairman, to each and every Committeepeople then in office in the particular district at least ten (10) days but not more than twenty (20) days prior to such meeting. At least ten (10) days prior to the meeting the County Secretary or other elected County Officer shall make available a list of Committeepeople in office on the date of the last General Election and eligible to vote in the meeting. This list shall be available to all Committeepeople in the district and to all candidates for Captain.

To be elected a District Captain, an individual must be nominated as set forth above, and must receive the vote of a majority of the Committeepeople in office as of the last general election (who are present and voting). If more than two persons are nominated for an office of District Captain, and no one received the required majority vote on the initial balloting, the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be dropped and the voting continued. No proxies shall be permitted in connection with the elections of District Captains. The person presiding over such election shall be responsible for providing a written notification of the results of voting to the County Chairman and Secretary. The county Secretary shall certify the election results.

Section 1.1.3. Candidates: Candidates for Captain shall have the same qualifications as Committeepeople.

Section 1.2.1 Recall of Captains: A District Captain may be recalled from office at a meeting of the Committeepeople of the particular district. Said meeting will be called by the County Chairman within thirty (30) days after the Chairman is presented with a recall petition signed by at least thirty percent (30%) of the Committeepeople then in office. Written notice of the exact time, place and purpose of such meeting shall be mailed by the County Chairman to the incumbent Captains and certified Committeepeople eligible to vote on the date of mailing, at least ten (10) days in advance of any such meeting. At such a meeting, the vote of 60% of the Committeepeople who are

present and voting shall be necessary to recall the particular Captain. Voting by proxy is not permitted. If the recall is successful, the meeting will immediately proceed to elect a Captain pursuant to the procedure in Section 1.1.2. above.

Section 1.2.2 Removal of District Captains by Executive Committee: The Executive Committee may remove any District Captain it determines by majority vote, if he or she:

1. Had unexcused absence from three (3) consecutive District meetings or three (3) Executive Committee meetings after having received due notice thereof.
2. Provided public support, in a partisan election, of a non-Republican candidate.
3. Failed to deliver or arrange for the delivery, in a partisan election, of a Republican candidate's literature within the District.

Section 1.2.3 Appeal: In the event of the removal of a District Captain from office, that District Captain may appeal such removal at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee and shall be given full opportunity to present to the Executive Committee any statements or witnesses opposing such removal. Upon a majority vote, by secret ballot, of the Executive Committee the District Captain shall be reinstated.

Section 1.3 Vacancies in offices of Captains: Except as set forth in Section 1.2, a vacancy in an office of District Captain will be filled by a meeting of the Committeepeople of the particular district. Such a meeting will be called by the remaining District Captain and shall be called for such specific purpose. Written notice of the exact time, place and purpose of said meeting shall be mailed to all Committeepeople at least ten (10) days and no more than twenty (20) days in advance of such meeting. At such a meeting, a candidate must receive the vote of the majority of said Committeepeople who are present and voting in order to be elected to fill said vacancy. No proxies shall be permitted in connection with any such election.

A vacancy shall occur in the office of District Captain in the event of death, resignation or failure to maintain residence within the district, or as set forth in Section 1.2.

If a meeting to fill a vacancy is not in fact called by the remaining District Captain within fifteen (15) days after the occurrence of such a vacancy, then such a meeting shall be called with notices as set forth above, by any five (5) of the District Committee people then in office. In the event that neither said Captain(s) nor Committeepeople call such a meeting thirty days after the occurrence of such a vacancy, then the County Chairman shall call such a meeting with notice and all other procedures as set out in Section 1.1.2.

## Article II

### PRECINCT COMMITTEES

Section 2.1 Composition: Each Precinct Committee shall be composed of all Republicans who have resided in the Precinct for at least thirty-two days prior to the Caucus or other meeting at which they desire to vote, and have either (A) been registered as a Republican for at least two months as shown on the Registration Books of the Election Commission, or (B) are registered Republican Electors who have attained the age of 18 years or have become a naturalized citizen in the two months immediately preceding such Caucus or meeting.

Section 2.2 Officers: The Officers of a Precinct Committee shall be the duly elected or appointed Committeepeople of that precinct. In addition, said Committeepeople by appoint such other Officers, as they deem necessary or desirable to serve the Precinct at the direction and pleasure of said Committeepeople.

Section 2.3 Meetings: The regular meetings of the Precinct Committee shall be the Precinct Caucuses as required by state and local laws. Special meetings of a particular Precinct Committee may be called by the Committeepeople, as they deem necessary or desirable.

Section 2.4 Precinct Caucuses: The regular meetings of the Precinct Committee shall be the Precinct Caucuses as required by state and local rules and laws. Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Denver County Assembly and/or Convention shall be elected at Precinct Caucuses. Precinct Committeepeople shall be elected at the Caucus.

Each Caucus shall elect a Chairman, a Secretary, and Tellers for the Caucus elections. All names of candidates for Precinct Committeeperson and/or for Delegate shall be announced during the Caucus prior to election. Results of the elections shall be announced by the Precinct Officials in the presence of the voters and shall be certified to the County Central Committee by the Chairman and Secretary of the Caucus.

Section 2.5 Distribution of Delegates and Alternates. The Executive Committee shall set the total number of Delegates and Alternates to be elected from the various precincts to the County Assemblies and Conventions. Delegate and Alternate positions shall be assigned proportionately to each precinct based on the actual vote of each precinct for the Republican candidate for President or Governor in the preceding general election; provided, however, that a minimum of one Delegate and one Alternate shall be provided for each precinct.

Section 2.6 Election of Committeepeople and Elections of Delegates and Alternates to County Assemblies and Conventions. The Precinct Caucus shall elect two Precinct Committeepeople as provided by law. The names of those persons elected shall be certified to the County Assembly by the Officers of the Caucus. All disputes regarding the election of Precinct Committeepeople shall be determined by the Credentials Committee of the Republican County Assembly, except as otherwise provided by law.

Delegates and Alternates to the County Assemblies and Conventions shall be elected at the Precinct Caucuses. The persons receiving the highest number of votes at the Precinct Caucus shall be the Delegates to the County Assembly and/or Convention from such precinct. If two or more candidates receive an equal number of votes for last place in the election of Delegates to County Assemblies or Conventions at the Precinct Caucuses, then the Delegate shall be determined by lot.

Section 2.7.1 Election Judges: In each Precinct Caucus, Precinct Committeepeople shall contact and obtain the names of not less than three (3) nor more than ten (10) registered electors at least eighteen (18) years of age who reside in the Precinct, are affiliated with the Republican Party as shown on the registration books of the Election Commission and are physically and mentally capable and willing to attend a class of instruction for and to act as judges of election. Not more than ten (10) days after the Precinct Caucus, the Committeepeople shall deliver their list to the County Chairman. The Committeepeople shall certify that each person to be named has been contacted and is willing to serve.

Section 2.7.2 No later than the date provided by law in the even numbered years, the County Chairman shall certify to the Election Commission the names and addresses of not less than three (3) nor more than ten (10) registered electors, who shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, recommended to serve as judges of election in each of the Precincts in the County. The County Chairman shall certify that all persons named are qualified and willing to attend the class instruction for and to serve as judges of election.

Section 2.7.3 The county Chairman shall designate the order of his choice of such names, and the Election Commission shall select names from each list in the order to such designation. If the County Chairman certifies an order different from that submitted by the Committeepeople, the County Chairman shall attach a copy of their list to his designation. The County Chairman may designate only names, which are filed with him by the Precinct Committeepeople. If the Precinct Committeepeople do not furnish names to the County Chairman, the County Chairman may select the Electors to be recommended to the Election Commission

as judges of election, in which case the Precinct residence requirements may be waived if necessary.

Section 2.7.4. If the County Chairman does not submit any names for a Precinct, the Election Commission shall appoint the judges of election as provided by law. The Election Commission may also appoint the judges of election for a Precinct if the County Chairman does not submit sufficient names for a precinct prior to Certificates of Appointment being issued.

Section 2.8.1 (a) Vacancies in Office of Committeeperson: When any vacancy occurs in the office of a Committeeperson, it shall be filled by a Vacancy Committee elected at the County Central Committee meeting or by a subcommittee consisting of the County Chairman and the District Captains of the particular District involved, and a majority of such committee or subcommittee is empowered to act. A vacancy shall occur in the office of a Committeeperson in the case of death, resignation, moving from the Precinct, change of party affiliation, failure to meet legal qualifications or by removal.

Section 2.8.1 (b) Removal of Committeeperson. Upon the recommendation of the District Captains in office from that District, a Committeeperson may be removed from office by a unanimous vote of a subcommittee consisting of the District Captains in office in that District and the County Chairman, for any one of the following reasons, in addition to the reasons for the automatic creation of a vacancy as set forth in Section 2.8.1(a):

1. Unexcused absence from three (3) consecutive District Meetings, after having received due notice thereof.
2. Public support, in a partisan election, of a non-Republican candidate running.
3. Failure to deliver or arrange for the delivery, in a partisan election, of Republican candidates' literature within the Precinct.

In the event of the removal of a Committeeperson from office, that Committeeperson may appeal such removal at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee and shall be given a full opportunity to present to the Executive Committee any statements or witnesses opposing such removal, and shall be reinstated upon a majority vote, by secret ballot, of the Executive Committee.

Section 2.8.2 Suspension of Authority of Vacancy Committee to Act Prior to Certain Elections: The authority of this Vacancy Committee is suspended as of the last preceding General Election prior to the regular organizational meeting of the Denver County Central Committee in odd numbered years, until after said organizational meeting.

Section 2.8.3 The authority of this Vacancy Committee is suspended upon receipt by the County Headquarters of a recall petition for Captain(s) signed by at least 30% of the Committeepeople then in office until after said election.

Section 2.8.4 The authority of this Vacancy Committee is suspended as of the date of notice of election to fill a vacancy in Captain(s) until after said election.

### Article III

#### COUNTY ASSEMBLIES AND CONVENTIONS

Section 3.1 Conduct of Assemblies and Conventions. All Denver County Republican Assemblies and Conventions shall be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days after the Precinct Caucus at the time and place determined by the County Chairman.

County Assemblies or Conventions held to elect Delegates to any state, or Congressional Assembly or Convention, or a judicial senatorial or representative Assembly or Conventions shall not be called prior to the Call issued by the Chairman of such state or district committee. The County Chairman shall issue the Call for the County Assembly or Convention not later than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days prior to said Assembly/Convention and the Call shall set forth the number of Delegates/Alternates to be elected from such Assembly/Convention.

All County Delegates to every state or congressional Assembly or Convention or any multi-county senatorial or representative Assembly, shall be selected only at an open County Assembly or Convention called and held for such purpose or at caucuses, pursuant to a resolution adopted by a multi-county district as provided by law.

Each County Assembly shall select from among its members the number of Delegates and Alternates to the State, congressional, judicial, senatorial or representative Assemblies and each County Convention shall select the number of Delegates to the state or congressional Convention provided in the Call.

Section 3.1.1 Voting in Assemblies and Conventions: No proxies shall be allowed or recognized in an Assembly or Convention. What is commonly known as the "Unit Rule" shall not be enforced or adhered to. Any Delegate to any Assembly/Convention shall have the right to demand and have entered a roll call vote of his delegation upon any disputed question or vote thereof. If a Caucus fails to elect the assigned number of Delegates, the unelected Delegate positions may be filled by the Precinct's alternates. In no event may a Precinct cast more votes than the number of Delegate positions assigned to the Precinct under

Section 2.5 hereof nor than the total number of Delegate and Alternates elected at the Caucus of that Precinct, whichever is less.

Section 3.2 Election of Delegates and Alternates to State Assemblies and Conventions: In connection with the elections of Delegate and Alternates from the County Conventions to the State and Congressional District Assemblies and Convention, Delegate and Alternate allocations shall be assigned proportionately to the various districts based on the vote of each district for the Republican candidate for President or Governor in the preceding General Election.

Delegates and Alternates to the State and Congressional District Assemblies or Conventions are referred to as State Delegates; whereas, Delegates and Alternates to the County Assemblies or Conventions are referred to as County Delegates and Alternates. Meetings for each district shall be held at the County Convention for the purpose of electing the exact number of State Delegates and Alternates that were allocated to that district. The list of the elected State Alternates shall be in numerical order with the alternate receiving the greatest number of votes listed first. If there are more nominations for State Delegates than allocated and/or more nominations for State Alternates than allocated, then determination shall be made by written ballot for individual candidates. In the case of a tie, the designation shall be determined by lot. Proxies shall not be permitted. Only those Delegates (plus Alternates elevated to Delegate status) present at the County Convention/Assembly shall be eligible to cast one vote at the District Meeting. The Delegates/Alternates elected at the District Meeting shall be selected by a vote of the majority of the Delegates to the County Assembly present and voting. As a means of saving time at the County Assembly or Convention, District Captains may call a meeting of all Delegate and Alternates elected at Caucus within the District, to be held prior to the County Assembly and/or Convention, for the purpose of nominating Delegates and Alternates to the State and Congressional District Assemblies or Convention in the same manner as described above. Written notice of said meeting, stating time, place and purpose, shall be mailed to each County Assembly and/or Convention Delegate and Alternate within the district not less than five (5) days prior to said meeting. Absence from this meeting shall not preclude nomination of any Delegate or Alternate to the State and Congressional District Assemblies or Convention.

#### Article IV

#### VACANCIES IN DESIGNATIONS OR NOMINATIONS FOR OR IN OFFICES OF, ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Each State Representative Assembly and each Senatorial Assembly shall elect a Vacancy Committee to fill vacancies as provided by law.

## Article V

### AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

These Rules may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the County Central Committee, or by such vote at any special meeting of said Committee, which is called for such special purpose.

## Article VI

### CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY

Should any of these Rules be in conflict with state law or by-laws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee then the portion in conflict shall be deemed inoperative and ineffective to the extent of such prohibition without invalidating any of the other Rules or portions thereof. Any reference in these Rules to the singular shall, if the context so requires, include the plural and vice versa, and any use of male or female pronouns shall include the opposite sex as the context may require.

Article VII

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULES

These Rules, as amended, shall become effective, and shall thereafter be the Rules of the Republican Party of the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado, as of the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003, and thereafter, subject to subsequent amendment as provided above.

THE UNDERSIGNED, Lori Grohskopf, Secretary of the Denver County Republican Central Committee, does hereby attest and certifies that on February 12, 2003 at the Regular Meeting of the Denver County Republican Central Committee held pursuant to law, the Rules as set forth above were duly amended and Adopted by said

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Lori Grohskopf, Secretary

ATTEST

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Carolyn Metzler, Chairman

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Phil Maimone, Vice-Chairman