

Standing Rules for the Republican Party of Shelby County Reorganization

- I. The Biannual Reorganization of the Republican Party of Shelby County (“RPSC”) shall be governed by the bylaws of the Tennessee Republican Party (“TRP”) except as provided herein.
- II. Notice
The Notice as required by Rule E, Section 5 of the TRP bylaws may be satisfied by sending an email to all RPSC members, the County Executive Committee, all presidents of each Established Republican Club, and the the RPSC’s mass email distribution list, and by placing the notice on RPSC website. Such notice shall satisfy the requirement for publicized notice in a local newspaper for the purpose of saving cost. All other provisions of Rule E Section 5 of the TRP Bylaws with regard to contents and timing of the notice remain effective as to the RPSC.
- III. Precinct Caucuses shall be held in accordance with the TRP Bylaws.
- IV. Convention
 - a. Order of Business
The Order of business shall be:
 - i. Call to Order
 - ii. Invocation
 - iii. Pledge of Allegiance
 - iv. Introduction of outgoing County Executive Committee
 - v. Introduction of honored guests, if any
 - vi. Roll Call to determine presence of quorum
 - vii. Report of Contest and Credentials Committee
 - viii. Consideration of any appeals from the action of the Contest and Credentials Committee
 - ix. Remarks of outgoing Chairman
 - x. Report of Convention Secretary on nominations filed
 - xi. Speeches of those nominated for Officer and At-Large positions
 - xii. Election of Officers and At-large Members of the County Executive Committee
 - xiii. Announcement of newly elected officers and At-Large Members

- xiv. New Chairman makes opening remarks
- xv. Election of District Members of the County Executive Committee (At this time the main meeting will recess, the delegates from each legislative district will conduct separate caucuses, and each such legislative district will elect a District Representative for the County Executive Committee.)
- xvi. Announcement of winners of the District Representative positions
- xvii. Resolutions
- xviii. Speeches directed to resolutions
- xix. Voting on Resolutions
- xx. Adjournment

b. Quorum

The presence of delegates representing a majority of the precincts which held caucuses constitutes a quorum.

c. Appeals from the Contest and Credentials Committee

Appeals shall be dealt with in the manner prescribed by the bylaws of the TRP. Additionally,

- i. Contestants shall be allowed to appear on the floor and present their appeals.
- ii. The proponent of the appeal may address the convention for 2 minutes. The delegate or alternate challenge, his representative, or the Contest and Credentials Committee Chairman shall have 2 minutes to respond.

d. Nominations

- i. The method of nominating candidates shall be: Any person seeking to nominate another person for any officer or at-large position must submit to the Convention Secretary in writing the name of the person nominated, the position for which he or she is nominated, and the name of the nominator. No seconds are required for any nominations. Nominations must be filed before the Secretary gives her report on the nominations. Nominations for district positions shall take place in district caucus.
- ii. The Convention Secretary shall announce the names of all persons nominated.

- iii. No nominating speeches will be permitted for any candidate. The Convention Secretary's Report will state: "Mr. Chairman, _____ has been properly nominated for the office (or position) of _____."
- iv. At the conclusion of the Convention Secretary's report on nominations, each candidate who is running in a contested race will be allowed to speak on his or her own behalf or to have speech made for him or her by any persons of his or her choice. Candidates or their spokesperson will be asked to cease speaking the moment they are notified by the Chair that their time has expired. The time for those speeches will be limited as follows:

Chairman	5 minutes
Officer	3 minutes
At-Large/District Member	2 minutes

e. Voting

Elections shall be conducted in the following manner:

1. When all nominations of have been made, the Chair may deem all nominees who do not have opposition are elected by acclamation.
2. Each election for a contested office, position, resolution or motion shall be determined by a majority of votes cast. Each election shall be determined by run-off between the highest candidates if necessary.
3. When determining a contested election, the Chairman, in his or her sole discretion, may first call for a voice vote followed by a show of hands or standing vote, if necessary, to determine the outcome.
4. On any divided vote, a roll call may be requested by the Chairman or by a majority of the precincts represented. When calling for a roll call vote, only a precinct chairman may address the convention floor. The roll shall be called by precinct in numerical order and, if a dispute arises within any precinct, in alphabetical order among the delegates representing that precinct. The method of collecting the roll call vote may be by paper ballot (one per precinct) or another electronic voting means as selected in the Chairman's discretion.

The Chairman shall make the final determination for the method of collecting the roll call vote.

5. Each precinct shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each delegate elected at its precinct caucus. Delegates and delegations shall not be permitted to use the unit rule. In the event that an insufficient number of delegates or alternates is present to cast the entire number of votes to which each precinct is entitled, the majority of the delegates or substituted alternates present from such precinct shall be entitled to cast the absent vote or votes proportionally. Absent votes shall be apportioned in whole numbers as closely as possible to the proportion among delegates or substituted alternates present. No fractional votes shall be made or counted.

f. Election of District Members

Voting for the election of District Members of the County Executive Committee shall be held in district caucus. The newly elected Chairman shall appoint a Chairman for each district caucus. Each district caucus shall by a majority vote of the delegates or substituted alternates present from such district elect one member of the County Executive Committee. Should there be a tie that the district caucus is unable to break, the newly elected County Executive Committee shall elect the District Member at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the County Executive Committee.

g. Resolutions

- i. All Resolutions must be filed in writing no less than 5 calendar days before the Convention at the address provided in the Notice for the Convention. The written copy of the resolution shall include the full text of the Resolution along with the name of the delegate proposing the Resolution and the delegate who seconds the Resolution.
- ii. The proponent of the Resolution shall have 3 minutes to speak in support of their Resolution. An opponent of the Resolution shall have 3 minutes to respond. If either the proponent or the opponent desires to divide his or her time with one or more speakers, he or she must inform the Chair before

speaking to the passage or the defeat of the resolution. Proponents shall speak first, but they may reserve up to one minute of their time for rebuttal, providing they inform their Chair before they begin speaking.

h. Floor Privileges

At all times during the convention, only the Chairman, Convention Chairman (if appointed), Convention Secretary, Arrangements Committee (if appointed), members of the Contest and Credentials Committee, delegates and seated alternates shall be allowed on the convention floor.

i. Robert's Rules of Order

Except as otherwise specified in these Rules, the Reorganization of the Shelby County Republican Party shall be conducted in substantial compliance with the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised.

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