

Missouri Republican State Committee

2012 Call to Convention

SELECTION OF DELEGATES & ALTERNATES TO THE 2012 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

All Missouri Republicans are cordially invited to participate in selecting Missouri's delegates and alternate delegates to the 2012 Republican National Convention that is to be held August 27-31, in Tampa, Florida.

MISSOURI REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

Pursuant to the Rules of the Republican National Committee, a State Convention of the Missouri Republican Party is called for Friday, June 1st, 2012, and Saturday, June 2nd, 2012 in Springfield, Missouri, unless otherwise designated by the State Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee.

The first convention session will convene at 9 a.m., on Saturday, June 2nd, 2012. The session will be devoted to electing convention officers, appointing committees, considering reports from the Rules and Credentials Committees, introducing candidates for certain offices in Missouri, and the presentation of a keynote address. This session will also convene for the following purposes:

- (1) Electing 25 delegates-at-large to the 2012 Republican National Convention, scheduled for August 27th through August 31st, 2012;
- (2) Electing 25 alternates-at-large to the 2012 Republican National Convention, and specifying the method by which alternates will be designated to serve;
- (3) Pledging all delegates and alternates to support a Republican Presidential Candidate as provided in this Call to Convention;
- (4) Selecting two Presidential Electors at-large to be voted on in the 2012 General Election;
- (5) Ratifying the selection of one Presidential Elector previously elected at each of the eight Congressional District Conventions.
- (6) Electing a man and a woman to serve as members of the Republican National Committee from the state of Missouri;
- (7) Transacting any other business that may properly come before the convention.

The second session will be at 2 p.m., on Saturday, June 2nd, 2012. This session will be devoted to completing any business unfinished from the morning session and the discussion and adoption of a platform declaring our Party's principles and positions on various state and national issues.

If any of the foregoing arrangements are not feasible, this schedule may be amended by the Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee.

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SELECTION OF THE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

In each Congressional District of the State of Missouri, provided by statute as enacted by the 96th General Assembly, a Congressional District Convention shall be held on Saturday, April 21st, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., unless otherwise designated by the State Chairman, for the purpose of:

- (1) Nominating a Presidential Elector to be voted for at the General Election to be held on November 6, 2012;
- (2) Electing three (3) delegates to the 2012 Republican National Convention;
- (3) Deciding on a procedure for electing delegates and alternates to the National Convention;
- (4) Electing three (3) alternates to the 2012 Republican National Convention and specifying the method by which alternates will be designated to serve;
- (5) Pledging all delegates and alternates to support a Republican Presidential Candidate as provided in this Call to Convention;
- (6) Considering the draft of a State Platform and voting on proposed changes, additions and deletions recommended by local caucuses. Recommended State Platform amendments must be forwarded to the State Chairman within 48 hours of the meeting's adjournment. Any changes not so forwarded shall be deemed null and void.

Notice of each Congressional District Convention shall be published by the State Chairman in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the Congressional District not less than 15 days prior to the date of convention in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15(d)(3) of the Republican National Committee.

It is the responsibility of the State Chairman to call the Congressional District Convention.

PROCEDURES FOR CALLING LOCAL CAUCUSES

Each Republican county committee and its chairman, and the St. Louis City Committee and its chairman shall be responsible for conducting the delegate and alternate selection process within its jurisdiction.

The delegates and alternate delegates to the State Convention and to the Congressional District Conventions shall be elected at local caucuses in such manner, and from such counties, cities, wards and areas as shall be prescribed by the county or city Republican committees. Hereafter, we refer to county, ward, township and other area meetings for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to the Congressional District Conventions and State Convention by the term "*Local Caucuses*" and to each of the areas themselves as a "*Local Caucus Area*."

Each such local caucus area and its delegate and alternate allotment must be clearly designated in the local caucus area's notice of the local caucus.

If delegates are to be elected at other than countywide or citywide caucuses, the county or city committee must submit a plan for approval by the Missouri Republican State Committee at its meeting in February, 2012. Each local caucus area must have cast a minimum of 700 votes for the Republican nominee for President in the 2008 General Election.

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Notice of each local caucus shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the local caucus area not less than 15 days before the date of the local caucus in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15(d)(3) of the Republican National Committee.

It is the responsibility of each county or city committee and its Chairman to call the local caucus. The Chairman of each county or city committee shall notify the Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee not less than 20 days prior to the local caucus of the time and location of the local caucus. Notice shall be sent to the State Chairman at 105 East High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

If any county or city Republican committee fails to call, hold, publish notice or advise the State Chairman of the date, time and location of the local caucus, the State Chairman or the State Chairman's designee may call such meeting on 15 days notice.

Unless otherwise designated or approved by the State Chairman, all local caucuses in any county and in the city of St. Louis shall be held on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at 10 a.m. They shall be free and open and held in a suitable place. Only residents who are registered to vote in the local caucus area shall be allowed to vote at the local caucus. Any person or group of persons who present or file a list of candidates, delegates or alternates to be voted on at any local caucus shall, upon request, be permitted to name at least one teller to assist in supervising the casting and counting of votes.

The agenda for each local caucus shall be as follows:

- (1) Call to order by the Chairman or the Chairman's designee of the county or city Republican committee;
- (2) Election of a Caucus Chairman, who immediately takes the chair;
- (3) Election of a Caucus Secretary;
- (4) Caucus Secretary reads pertinent sections of the 2012 Call to Convention from the Missouri Republican State Committee;
- (5) Certify a list of people present and qualified to vote;
- (6) Decide on procedure for voting on delegates and alternates;
- (7) Election of delegates and alternates to the Congressional District Convention and specifying the method by which alternates will be designated to serve;
- (8) Election of delegates and alternates to the 2012 Missouri Republican State Convention and specifying the method by which alternates will be designated to serve;
- (9) Discussion of the Platform, including voting on any text which the local caucus would like to have amended or included in the State Platform;
- (10) Other business which may properly come before the committee;
- (11) Caucus Chairman and Secretary prepare certifications of election of delegates and alternates for submission to the State Chairman and other appropriate officials within 72 hours of adjournments,
- (12) Adjournment.

The local caucus must forward to the State Chairman within 72 hours of the adjournment of the local caucus any additions or changes to the proposed Platform. Any change not so forwarded shall be deemed null and void.

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ALLOCATION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Accompanying this Call is the “Document of Allocation of Votes to Each Congressional District Convention and State Convention”. It is prepared on the basis of one delegate and alternate to the Congressional District Convention and State Convention for each 700 votes cast for the Republican Presidential Nominee in 2008. Any number representing a fraction shall be increased to the next whole number. Within each area named in the Document of Allocation, the committee calling a given caucus or convention must allot the given number of delegates and alternates to subordinate areas. At all times the committee shall adhere to the principles of open participation, equal representation, and full public notice.

Audrain, Camden, Clay, Jackson, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis, and Webster Counties shall apportion their delegates and alternates to appropriate local jurisdictions and shall also apportion said delegates and alternates to the appropriate Congressional Districts because these jurisdictions are represented by multiple Congressional Districts.

Any questions about the accuracy of this allocation shall be settled by the Missouri Republican State Committee at the February 2012 meeting of the Credentials Committee of the 2012 Republican State Convention.

The State Convention, each Congressional District Convention and each local caucus shall be the sole judge of the qualifications and election of its own members. A member thereof whose participation has been certified and is contested shall take and hold their seats until the contest is determined, but shall have no vote in the contest. All contests of district delegates and alternates to the 2012 Republican National Convention shall be determined at the State Convention pursuant to Rule 20 of the Republican National Committee.

CONTEST OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

No contest shall be considered unless it meets the following conditions:

- (1) If contesting a delegate to the State Convention, the challenge must be filed in writing and must be physically in the office of the Missouri Republican State Committee not later than 5 p.m., on Tuesday, March 27th 2012. Challenges may be mailed or hand delivered to 105 East High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Such challenges shall be settled at the State Convention.
If contesting a delegate to a Congressional District Convention, the challenge must be filed in writing with the congressional district chairman not later than 5 p.m., on Tuesday, March 27th, 2012. A copy must also be physically in the office of Missouri Republican State Committee not later than Tuesday, March 27th, 2012. Challenges may be mailed or hand delivered to 105 East High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Such challenges shall be settled at the Congressional District Convention.
- (2) Each contest must be in writing. It must request a specific action by the appropriate Credentials Committee: who by name and address should be seated, and who by name and address should be denied seating. The challenge must state reasons for action to be taken and must be supported by evidence or testimony.

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The State Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee shall appoint a Credentials Committee of 11 individuals. The Credentials Committee will prepare for the State Convention a temporary roll of delegates and alternates, and recommend action on any challenges submitted in proper form. The temporary roll will include all names of delegates and alternates certified to the State Chairman by the secretaries of the various local caucuses except those whose credentials are contested in the above specified form.

Unless otherwise designated by the State Chairman, the Credentials Committee may meet on Thursday, April 26th, 2012, at a time and location to be determined by the State Chairman, to determine which challenges, if any, have been submitted in proper form. The Credentials Committee shall notify all challengers who have not fulfilled the above requirements and explain that the delegates they contested will appear on the convention floor. For each challenge in proper form, the Credentials Committee shall notify those persons whose credentials are questioned that their certification has been contested and when they may appear before the Credentials Committee to answer allegations, at the address listed on the affidavit of election or affidavit of contest, whichever is appropriate. Such letters must be mailed by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9th, 2012.

This Credentials Committee will be the official Credentials Committee of the 2012 Missouri Republican State Convention, and will have full authority before that convention unless countermanded by a vote of the Missouri Republican State Committee. All other recommendations are subject to approval by assembled delegates of the State Convention.

REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

At the discretion of the State Chairman, a meeting of the Missouri Republican State Committee may be called by the Chairman to meet at the State Convention, to transact proper and necessary business.

RULES GOVERNING CAUCUS & CONVENTION PARTICIPATION

Only strong and faithful Republican voters, residing and registered to vote in the district involved, shall be allowed to participate in any caucus or convention. Only Republicans who are registered voters residing in the district of their election shall be elected as delegates or alternates. No delegate shall cast a fractional vote.

In accordance with Rule 15(d)(6) of the Republican National Committee, there shall be no proxies at any convention for the purpose of selecting delegates or alternates to the 2012 Republican National Convention and following Rule 15(c)(9) of the Republican National Committee, no delegate or alternate shall be required to pay a fee of any kind or any type of assessment as a condition of serving as a delegate or alternate to any local caucus, Congressional District Convention or State Convention.

Participation in any Republican caucus or convention, held for the purpose of selecting any of the delegates or alternates above called for, shall in no way be abridged for reasons of sex, race, religion, color, age or national origin.

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In keeping with the open-door policy, party leaders are urged to fully inform all citizens how they may participate in the delegate and alternate selection procedures. Within this framework and allowing for the size of the delegation and prior voting pattern, each unit should strive to apportion representation by sex, youth, minority and heritage groups, and senior citizens as fairly as possible.

No delegate to the Republican National Convention shall be bound by the results of any Republican Presidential Primary held before March 6, 2012. Upon being nominated and prior to any vote to elect national convention delegates or national convention alternate delegates, each nominee for national convention delegate or national convention alternate delegate shall notify the chair of the Congressional District Convention or of the State Convention, as appropriate, of the Republican Presidential Candidate who that nominee pledges to support on the first ballot at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida. No nominee shall identify more than one Republican Presidential Candidate who that nominee pledges to support if elected as a national convention delegate or national convention alternate delegate. Prior to any vote to elect national convention delegates or national convention alternate delegates, the chair shall announce the Republican Presidential Candidate who each nominee will be pledged to support. National convention delegates and national convention alternate delegates chosen at the Conventions must pledge their support to the Republican Presidential Candidate who they identified at the Convention at which they were elected and will be bound to cast their vote for said candidate on the first ballot at the Republican National Convention.

National convention delegates and alternates are released from any applicable binding pledge to any Presidential Candidate by the withdrawal of that Presidential Candidate from contention for the Republican Party's nomination or by written release of that Presidential Candidate to the chairperson of the national convention, whichever is earliest.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CAUCUS & CONVENTION OFFICERS

Each caucus or convention shall elect a Chairman, a Secretary, and such other officers as it deems necessary. The Chairman shall preside over the meeting, casting a vote only in the case of a tie. The Secretary shall read pertinent sections of this Call to the Convention and keep careful minutes of the proceeding.

Within 72 hours following adjournment of the local caucus, the Chairman and Secretary of each local caucus shall file a copy of the following documents with the State Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee at 105 East High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101:

- (1) A signed set of minutes for the meeting;
- (2) A list signed by the Caucus Chairman and Caucus Secretary of delegates and alternates elected to the 2012 Congressional District Convention, including names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses;
- (3) A list signed by the Caucus Chairman and Caucus Secretary of delegates and alternates elected to the 2012 Republican State Convention, including names, addresses and phone numbers, and e-mail addresses;
- (4) A list signed by the Caucus Chairman and Caucus Secretary of all Republicans attending the local caucus meeting, including names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses;
- (5) Proof that the Call for the local caucus was published at least 15 days prior to the caucus date in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the area.

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In addition, the Chairman and Secretary of each local caucus shall file a copy of the following documents with the Chairman of the Congressional District Republican Committee:

- (1) A signed set of minutes for the meeting;
- (2) A list signed by the Caucus Chairman and Caucus Secretary of delegates and alternates elected to the 2012 Republican Congressional District Convention, including names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses;
- (3) Proof that the Call for the local caucus was published at least 15 days prior to the local caucus date in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the area.

Upon adjournment of each Congressional District Convention, the Convention Chairman and Secretary must, within 72 hours, mail or deliver by hand to the office of the Missouri Republican State Committee at 105 East High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101:

- (1) A signed set of minutes for the meeting;
- (2) A list of delegates and alternates elected to the 2012 Republican National Convention, including their names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses;
- (3) The name, address, phone numbers and email addresses of the chosen presidential elector, and the minutes of the proceedings;
- (4) Proof that the Call for the Congressional District Convention was published at least 15 days prior to the convention date in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the area.

RULES AND PLATFORM COMMITTEE

The State Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee shall appoint a Rules Committee of 11 individuals. The Rules Committee is directed to meet at a time and place to be determined by the State Chairman to review the “*Standing Rules to Govern the State Convention*” and recommend changes to the State Committee. The committee must submit these rules for approval by the Missouri Republican State Committee at its meeting in September 2011.

The State Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee shall appoint a Platform Committee of 11 individuals. The Platform Committee is directed to prepare a draft platform not later than Monday, February 20th, 2012. This draft will be distributed to each County or City Chairman for discussion at each local caucus and to each Congressional District Chairman for discussion at each Congressional District Convention. Hearings on the proposed platform may be held on a date, time and location to be determined by the State Chairman. The Platform Committee will consider amendments and submit its recommendations for a vote of the delegates present at the 2012 Missouri Republican State Convention.