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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT VIA BOB HARTMANN

FROM:

GWEN ANDERSON *GA.*

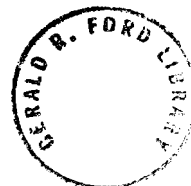
SUBJECT:

REPUBLICAN PARTY RULES

Attached are two sets of rules pertaining to the Republican Party. The first set are those adopted by the 1972 Republican National Convention and will apply to the 1976 Convention.

The second set of rules are those passed this last weekend by the Rule 29 Committee. They need to be ratified by the Republican National Committee and the 1976 Convention. If adopted, these rules would not go into effect until after the 1976 Convention. The rules concerning the RNC would become effective directly after the Convention, but those regarding the nomination process would apply to the 1980 Convention.

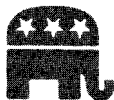
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# RULES

Adopted by  
**REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**Held at Miami Beach, Florida**  
**August 21, 1972**



ISSUED BY  
**REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE**  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Statements in Boldface are changes  
from the 1968 Rules

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**RESOLVED**, That the Republican Party is the Party of the open door. Ours is the party of equality of opportunity for all—favoritism for none.

It is the intent and purpose of these rules to encourage the broadest possible participation of all voters in the Republican Party activities at all levels; to assure that the Republican Party is open and accessible to all answerable ultimately to the people in the true American tradition.

It is the further purpose of these rules to make certain that the Republican Party stands for the principle that while we are the Party open to all, we are also the Party of opportunity for all—opportunity for everyone of every race, religion, color, national origin, age or sex. They provide for full participation with equal opportunity for men and women, for minorities and heritage groups, for all Americans regardless of age or social or economic status.

These rules mandate that the Republican Party shall be a nation-wide Party, purposeful and strong in all sections of the country—North, South, East and West; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, *That the following be adopted as the rules of business of this Convention; the rules for the election and government of the National Committee; and the rules under which Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be allotted to the respective States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, in the next Convention; how their election shall be conducted and contests shall be considered. Whenever used in the rules, "State" or "States" shall be taken to include the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, unless the context in which the word "State" or "States" is used clearly make such inclusion inappropriate.*

**PROCEEDINGS IN THE CONVENTION**

**RULE NO. 1**

The Convention shall proceed in the order of business prepared and printed by the Republican National Committee.

**RULE NO. 2**

No person, except members of the several Delegations, Officers of the Convention, and members of the Republican National Committee shall be admitted to the section of the Convention Hall apportioned to Delegates.

**RULE NO. 3**

When the Convention shall have assembled and the Committee on Credentials shall have been appointed, the Secretary of the National Committee shall deliver to the said Committee on Credentials all credentials and other papers forwarded under Rule No. 34.

**RULE NO. 4**

No person on the temporary roll of the Convention and whose right to be seated as a Delegate or Alternate is being contested (except those placed on the temporary roll by affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members of the National Committee), shall be entitled to vote in the Convention or in any Committee thereof until by vote of the Convention the contest as to such person has been finally decided and such person has been permanently seated.

**RULE NO. 5**

In the absence of any Delegate at Large, or Delegate from any Congressional District, the roll of Alternates for the State or District shall be called in the order in which the names are placed upon the roll of the Convention, unless the State or District Convention or the law of the State or District electing the absent Delegate shall otherwise direct, in which event the Alternates from the State or District shall vote in the order established by the State or District Convention or the law of the State.

**RULE NO. 6**

Each Delegate in the Convention shall be entitled to one (1) vote, which may be cast by his Alternate in the absence of the Delegate.

**RULE NO. 7**

(a) The Rules of the House of Representatives of the United States shall be the Rules of this Convention, except that "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall be the Rules for Committees and Subcommittees of this Convention, so far as they are applicable and not inconsistent with the Rules herein set forth, provided, however, the Convention may make its own rules concerning the reading of Committee reports and resolutions.

(b) No votes in the Committees or Subcommittees of the Convention shall be taken by secret ballot.

**RULE NO. 8**

When the previous question shall be demanded by a majority of the Delegates from any State, and the demand is likewise seconded by two (2) or more States, and the call is sustained by a majority of the Delegates of the Convention, the question shall then be proceeded with and disposed of according to the Rules of the House of Representatives of the United States in similar cases.

#### RULE NO. 9

A motion to suspend the Rules shall be in order only when made by authority of a majority of the Delegates from any State and seconded by a majority of the Delegates from not less than two (2) other States, severally.

#### RULE NO. 10

It shall be in order to lay on the table a proposed amendment to a pending measure and such motion, if adopted, shall not carry with it or prejudice such original measure.

#### RULE NO. 11

No member shall speak more than once upon the same question or longer than five (5) minutes, unless by leave of the Convention, except in the presentation of the name of a candidate for nomination for President or Vice President.

#### RULE NO. 12

Upon all subjects before the Convention the States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands shall be called in alphabetical order.

#### RULE NO. 13

The report of the Committee on Credentials shall be disposed of before the report of the Committee on Resolutions is acted upon, and the report of the Committee on Resolutions shall be disposed of before the Convention proceeds to the nomination of candidates for President and Vice President.

#### RULE NO. 14

(a) The Delegates from each State, elected to the National Convention, immediately after they are elected shall select from the delegation their members of the Resolutions, Credentials, Rules and Order of Business and Permanent Organization Committees of the National Convention one (1) man and one (1) woman for each Committee, and shall file notice of such selection with the Secretary of the National Committee; provided, however, that no Delegate may serve on more than one (1) Committee of the National Convention. Alternates may not serve as members of the Convention Committees.

(b) All resolutions relating to the Platform shall be referred to the Committee on Resolutions without reading and without debate.

#### RULE NO. 15

When a majority of the Delegates of any six (6) States severally shall demand that a vote be recorded, the same shall be taken by the States in the order hereinbefore established.

#### RULE NO. 16

(a) Candidates for the Presidency shall demonstrate majority support from each of three (3) State delegations.

(b) In making the nominations for President and Vice President and voting thereon, in no case shall the Call of the Roll be dispensed with. The total time of the nominating speech and seconding speeches for any candidate for **President and Vice President shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes.**

#### RULE NO. 17

When it appears at the close of the Roll Call that any candidate for the nomination for President or Vice President has received the majority of the votes entitled to be cast in the Convention, the Chairman of the Convention shall announce the question to be: "Shall the nomination of the candidate be made unanimous?" If no candidate shall have received such majority the Chairman shall direct the vote to be taken again and shall repeat the taking of the vote until some candidate shall have received a majority of votes.

#### RULE NO. 18

(a) In the balloting, the vote of each State shall be announced by the Chairman of the respective Delegations; and in case the vote of any State shall be divided, the Chairman shall announce the number of votes for each candidate, or for or against any proposition; but if exception is taken by any Delegate to the correctness of such announcement by the Chairman of his Delegation, the Chairman of the Convention shall direct the roll of members of such Delegation to be called and the result shall be recorded in accordance with the vote of the several Delegates in such Delegation. No Delegate or Alternate shall be bound by any attempt of any State or Congressional District, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands to impose the unit rule.

(b) In balloting, if any delegation shall pass when its name is called, then at the conclusion of the roll call all Delegations which passed shall be called in alphabetical order; and no Delegation will be allowed to change its votes until all Delegations which passed shall have been given a second opportunity to vote.

### REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

#### RULE NO. 19

(a) A National Committee shall be elected by each National Convention, called to nominate candidates for President and Vice President, and shall consist of two (2) members from each State, **the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands**, and an additional member as hereinafter provided. **The Committee** shall have the general management of the affairs of the Republican Party in the United States and its territories subject to direction from time to time of the National Convention.

(b) The duly elected and acting Chairman of each State, **the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands** shall be a member of the National Committee during his tenure of office.

#### RULE NO. 20

The roll shall be called and the Delegation from each State shall nominate, through its Chairman, one (1) man and one (1) woman to act as members of the National Committee.

#### RULE NO. 21

When the law of any State provides a method for the selection of members of the National Committee of political parties, the nomination of the members of the Republican National Committee in accordance with the provisions of such law shall be considered nominations to be carried into effect by the Delegation from such State provided, however, that this rule shall not apply to the membership on the National Committee by the State Chairman.

#### RULE NO. 22

Where the laws of a State do not provide a method for the selection of members of the National Committee of political parties, instructions by State and District Conventions to Delegates to the National Convention as to nominations for membership in the National Committee shall be obeyed by such Delegates; and if not obeyed, may be made operative by a vote of the National Convention or referred to the National Committee with full power to act. It is provided, however, that this rule shall not apply to a State Chairman who is entitled to membership under Rule 19.

#### RULE NO. 23

When a majority of the Delegates from each State shall have so nominated a member of the National Committee, the Convention shall thereupon elect the person so nominated to serve as a member of the Committee until the meeting of the National Committee elected by the next National Convention.

#### RULE NO. 24

(a) The National Committee shall issue the Call for the next National Convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice President of the United States at least four (4) months before the time fixed for said Convention; and Delegates and Alternates to such Convention shall be chosen in such manner, and the Call shall be issued and promulgated in such manner as the National Committee shall provide, but not, however in a manner inconsistent with these Rules.

(b) At the time of the issuance of the Call, the Chairman of the Republican National Committee shall appoint from among the members of the National Committee, a Committee on the Call, a Committee on Arrangements, a Committee on Rules, and a Contest Committee consisting of at least seven (7) members. The Chairman of the Contest Committee and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules shall be members also of the Arrangements Committee. Each member of the Republican National Committee shall be appointed to one of these Committees.

#### RULE NO. 25

The Officers of the National Committee shall consist of a Chairman; eight (8) Vice Chairmen, one (1) man and one (1) woman from each region nominated by the Committee members of the four (4) regions as defined by the regional State Conferences and who shall be residents of and represent those four (4) regions; a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Committee shall deem necessary, all to be elected by the National Committee. The Chairman shall appoint a General Counsel for the Committee, a Chairman of the Republican Finance Committee, and a Co-Chairman who shall be of the opposite sex of the Chairman.

#### RULE NO. 26

(a) The National Committee is authorized and empowered to select an Executive Committee, to consist of fifteen (15) members; in addition the following shall serve as ex officio members of the Executive Committee: The Chairman, the Co-Chairman, the Vice Chairmen, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the General Counsel, the Chairman of the Republican Finance Committee, the President of the National Federation of Republican Women, the Chairman of the Republican State Chairmen's Advisory Committee, the Chairman of the Young Republican National Federation, the Chairman of the College Republican National Committee, the Chairman of the National Republican Heritage Groups Council, a representative of Black Republican organizations as designated by the Chairman, the Republican Leader of the U.S. Senate, the Republican Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Chairman of the Republican Governors Association.

(b) The Executive Committee shall exercise all of the Executive and Administrative functions required of the National Committee between meetings of the full Committee. It shall meet on the call of the Chairman, and such meetings shall be held at least twice a year at times other than those when the National Committee is meeting.

(c) The Chairman, with the consent of the National Committee, may appoint such other committees and assistants as he may deem necessary; whenever such committees are appointed, they shall consist of a chairman and an equal number of men and women.

#### RULE NO. 27

Vacancies in the National Committee shall be filled by the Committee upon the nomination of the Republican State Committee in and for the State in which the vacancy occurs; the National Committee shall, however, have power to declare vacant the seat of any member who refuses to support the nominees of the Convention, which elected such National Committee, and to fill such vacancy.

## RULE NO. 28

The first meeting of the National Committee shall take place within fifteen (15) days after the convening of the National Convention electing such Committee, upon the call of the member senior in time of service upon the previous National Committee; and thereafter upon call of the Chairman, or, in case of vacancy in the Chairmanship, upon call of the Vice Chairman, senior in time of service on the National Committee, but such call shall be issued at least ten (10) days in advance of the date of the proposed meeting. **Provided, however, that if one of the purposes of a meeting of the Republican National Committee is to fill a vacancy in the office of Republican candidate for President or Republican candidate for Vice President, then only five (5) days notice of the purpose, date, and place of said meeting shall be required.** Upon written petition of sixteen (16) or more members of the National Committee, representing not less than sixteen (16) States, filed jointly or separately with the Chairman, asking for a meeting of the National Committee, it shall be the duty of the Chairman within ten (10) days from receipt of said petition to issue a call for a meeting of the National Committee, to be held in a city to be designated by the Chairman, the date of such called meeting to be not later than twenty (20) days or earlier than ten (10) days from the date of the call.

## RULE NO. 29

(a) "Robert's Rules of Order Revised" shall govern in all meetings of the National Committee insofar as they are applicable and not inconsistent with these Rules. The Committee shall make its own rules governing the use of proxies at any meeting. **The Republican National Committee is hereby directed to recommend the adoption of "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" as the Rules of Order for the 1976 Republican National Convention Committee on Rules and Order of Business for the temporary and permanent committees and subcommittees of that Convention.**

(b) The Chairman of the Republican National Committee shall appoint a committee broadly representative of the Republican Party, including members of the Republican National Committee, to review, study and work with the States and territories relating to the Rules adopted by the 1972 Republican National Convention, and the relationship between the Republican National Committee, Republican State Committees, and other Republican organizations. A preliminary report shall be submitted to the Republican National Committee no later than June 30, 1974, and a final report no later than January 1, 1975. The Republican National Committee shall consider and act upon the final recommendations of the Committee within ninety (90) days of receiving same.

## MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION

### RULE NO. 30

The membership of the next National Convention shall consist of:

#### A. DELEGATES

1. **Six (6) Delegates at Large** from each of the fifty (50) States.

2. **Three (3) District Delegates for each Representative in the United States House of Representatives** from each state.

3. **Fourteen (14) Delegates at Large** for the District of Columbia, **four (4) Delegates at Large** for Guam, **eight (8) Delegates at Large** for Puerto Rico, and **four (4) Delegates at Large** for the Virgin Islands.

4. **From each State casting its electoral vote, or a majority thereof, for the Republican Nominee for President in the last preceding election: Four and one-half (4½) Delegates at Large plus the number of the Delegates at Large equal to 60% of the electoral vote from each such State. In addition, one Delegate at Large shall be awarded to a State for any and each of the following public officials elected by such State in the year of the last preceding Presidential election or at any subsequent election held prior to January 1, 1976:**

(a) **A Republican United States Senator: Provided, That no such additional Delegate at Large award to any State shall exceed two;**

(b) **A Republican Governor: Provided, That no such additional Delegate at Large award to any State shall exceed one; or**

(c) **A Republican membership of at least half of the State's delegation to the United States House of Representatives: Provided, That no such additional Delegate at Large award to any State shall exceed one.**

**In the computation of the number of Delegates at Large, any sum of the four and one-half (4½) plus the 60% representing a fraction shall be increased to the next whole number.**

5. **If the District of Columbia casts its electoral vote, or a majority thereof, for the Republican Nominee for President in the last preceding Presidential election: Four and one-half (4½) Delegates at Large, plus the number of Delegates at Large equal to 30% of the fourteen (14) Delegates at Large allotted to the District of Columbia. In the computation of the number of Delegates at Large, any sum of the four and one-half (4½) plus the 30% representing a fraction shall be increased to the next whole number.**

6. **Any State which would receive fewer Delegates under all provisions of this Rule than it received to the 1972 Republican National Convention shall have its number of Delegates increased to the same number of Delegates it received to the 1972 Republican National Convention.**

7. **In the event this Rule No. 30 is the subject of**

litigation and is finally adjudicated in the courts to be invalid, then this Rule No. 30 shall be of no force and effect and the Republican National Committee is hereby authorized to adopt the formula which will determine the membership of the next National Convention. No new formula may be so drawn by the Republican National Committee after October 31, 1975.

8. Should it become the duty of the Republican National Committee to implement Section 7 of Rule 30 in voting in said Committee, the Committee members representing any State, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands shall be entitled to cast the same number of votes as said State, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands were entitled to cast in the 1972 Republican National Convention.

### B. ALTERNATE DELEGATES

One (1) Alternate Delegate to each Delegate to the National Convention.

### ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

#### RULE NO. 31

Delegates at Large to the National Convention and their Alternates and Delegates from Congressional Districts to the National Convention and their Alternates shall be elected in the following manner:

(a) By primary election in accordance with the applicable laws of such States as required by law, the election of Delegates to the National Conventions of political parties by direct primary and in the District of Columbia in accordance with its law; provided, that in any of these in which Republican representation upon the Board of Judges or Inspectors of Elections for such primary election is denied by law, Delegates and Alternates shall be elected as herein-after provided.

(b) By Congressional District or State Conventions, as the case may be, to be called by the Congressional District or State Committees, respectively. Notice of the Call for any such Convention shall be published in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the Congressional District or State, as the case may be, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of said Convention.

(c) In selecting Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention, no State law shall be observed which hinders, abridges or denies to any citizen of the United States, eligible under the Constitution of the United States, to the office of President or Vice President, the right or privilege of being a candidate under such State law for the nomination for the President or Vice President; or which authorizes the election of a number of Delegates or Alternates from any State to the National Convention different from that fixed in these Rules.

(d) By the Republican State Committee or Governing Committee in any State in which the law of such State specifically authorizes the election of Delegates or Alternates in such manner.

(e) In a Congressional District where there is no Republican Congressional Committee, the Republican State Committee shall issue the Call and make said publication.

(f) All Delegates from any State may be chosen from the State at Large, in the event that the laws of the State in which the election occurs, so provide.

(g) Alternate Delegates shall be elected to said National Convention for each unit of representation equal in number to the number of Delegates elected therein and shall be chosen in the same manner, at the same time, and under the same rules the Delegates are chosen; provided, however, that if the law of any State shall prescribe the method of choosing Alternates they shall be chosen in accordance with the provisions of the law of the State in which the election occurs.

(h) The election of Delegates and Alternates from the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands shall be held under the direction of the respective recognized Republican Governing Committee therein in conformity with the Rules of the Republican National Committee or the laws of the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

(i) Election of Delegates and Alternates shall be certified in every case where they are elected by Conventions, by the Chairman and Secretary of such Conventions, respectively, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Republican National Committee, and in the case of election by Primary, they shall be certified by the proper official and all certificates shall be forwarded by said duly elected Delegates and Alternates in the manner herein provided.

(j) All Delegates and Alternates shall be elected not later than thirty-five (35) days before the date of the meeting of said National Convention, unless otherwise provided by the laws of the State in which the election occurs.

(k) Delegates and Alternates at Large to the National Convention when serving as Delegates and Alternates shall be duly qualified voters of their respective States. All Delegates and Alternates allocated as Delegates and Alternates at Large shall be elected at Large in the several States unless otherwise provided by State law.

(l) Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention, representing Congressional Districts, shall be residents and qualified voters in said districts respectively when serving as Delegates and Alternates. All Delegates and Alternates allocated to represent Congressional Districts shall be elected by the Congressional District of the several States unless the laws of the State shall otherwise provide.



(m) **No Delegate or Alternate Delegate shall be required to pay an assessment or fee in excess of that provided by the law of the State in which the election occurs as a condition of serving as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the Republican National Convention.**

#### ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTIONS

Delegates to Congressional District and State Conventions shall be elected under the following rules:

(n) Only legal and qualified voters shall participate in a Republican primary, caucus, mass meeting, or mass convention held for the purpose of selecting Delegates to a County, District, or State Convention, and only such legal and qualified voters shall be elected as Delegates to County, District and State Conventions; provided, however, that in addition to the qualifications provided herein the governing Republican Committee of each State, shall have the authority to prescribe additional qualifications not inconsistent with law. Such additional qualifications shall be adopted and published in at least one daily newspaper having a general circulation throughout the State, such publication to be at least ninety (90) days before such qualifications shall become effective.

(o) No Delegates shall be deemed eligible to participate in any convention to elect Delegates to the said National Convention, who were elected prior to the date of issuance of the Call of such National Convention.

(p) District Conventions shall be composed of Delegates who are legal and qualified voters therein, and Delegates to State Conventions shall be qualified voters of the respective districts which they represent in said State Conventions. Such Delegates shall be apportioned among the counties, parishes, and cities of the State or District having regard to the Republican vote therein.

(q) **There shall be no proxies at a convention held for the purpose of selecting Delegates to the Republican National Convention. If Alternate Delegates to such selection Convention are selected, the Alternate Delegate, and no other shall vote in the absence of the Delegate.**

(r) **There shall be no automatic Delegates at any level of the Delegate selection procedures who serve by virtue of Party position or elective office.**

(s) **The Republican National Committee shall assist the States in their efforts to inform all citizens how they may participate in Delegate selection procedures. The Republican National Committee in cooperation with the States shall prepare instructive material on Delegate selection methods and make it available for distribution.**

#### RULE NO. 32

(a) Participation in a Republican primary, caucus, any meeting or convention held for the purpose of selecting Delegates and Alternates to a County, District, State or National Convention shall in no way be abridged for reasons of sex, race, religion, color, age or national origin. **The Republican National Committee and the Republican State Committee or governing committee of each State shall take positive action to achieve the broadest possible participation by everyone in party affairs, including such participation by women, young people, minority and heritage groups and senior citizens in the delegate selection process.**

(b) **Unless otherwise provided by the Laws of the State in which the election occurs, in those states where Delegates and Alternates are elected through the convention system or a combination of convention and primary systems, the precinct, ward, township or county meetings shall be open meetings, and all citizens who are qualified shall be urged to participate.**

(c) **Each State shall endeavor to have equal representation of men and women in its delegation to the Republican National Convention.**

#### RULE NO. 33

No State shall elect a greater number of persons to act as Delegates and Alternates than the actual number of Delegates and Alternates respectively to which they are entitled under the Call for the National Convention, and no unit of representation may elect any Delegate or Delegates, or their Alternates, with permission to cast a fractional vote.

#### RULE NO. 34

Thirty (30) days before the time set for the meeting of the National Convention, the credentials of each Delegate and Alternate shall be filed with the Secretary of the National Committee for use in making up the temporary roll of the Convention, except in the case of Delegates or Alternates elected at a time or times in accordance with the laws of the State in which the election occurs rendering impossible, filing of credentials within the time above specified.

#### RULE NO. 35

(a) At the time of appointing the Arrangements Committee there shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Republican National Committee a Contest Committee, consisting of at least seven (7) members of the Republican National Committee.

(b) Where more than the authorized number of Delegates from any State are reported to the Secretary of the National Committee, a contest shall be deemed to exist and the Secretary shall notify the several claimants so reported and shall submit all such credentials and claims to the whole Republican National Committee for decision as to which claim-

ants reported shall be placed upon the temporary roll of the Convention; provided, however, that the names of the Delegates and Alternates, presenting certificates of election from the canvassing board or officer created or designated by the law of the State in which the election occurs, to canvass the returns and issue Certificates of Election to Delegates or Alternates to National Conventions of political parties in a primary election, shall be placed upon the temporary roll of the Convention by the National Committee.

(c) All contests arising in any State electing District Delegates by District Conventions, shall be decided by its State Convention, or if the State Convention shall not meet prior to the National Convention, then by its State Committee; and only contests affecting Delegates elected at Large shall be presented to the National Committee; provided, however, if the contest regarding a District Delegate arises out of the irregular or unlawful action of the State Committee or State Convention, the National Committee may take jurisdiction thereof and hear and determine the same under the procedure provided in Rule 35.

(d) Notices of contests shall be filed thirty (30) days before the time set for the meeting of the National Convention, with the Secretary of the National Committee, except in the case of Delegates or Alternates elected at a time or times in accordance with the laws of the State in which the election occurs rendering impossible the filing of the notice of contest within the time above specified, stating the grounds of the contest.

(e) Not less than twenty-two (22) days before the convening of the Republican National Convention, each of the contesting persons or groups shall file with the Secretary of the Republican National Committee at least three (3) printed or typewritten copies of the brief in support of their claim to sit as Delegates or Alternates in the National Convention. The Secretary of the Republican National Committee upon receiving the brief of a contesting person or group shall furnish the opposing contesting person or group a copy of said brief.

Each brief shall begin with a summary of not more than one thousand (1,000) words setting forth succinctly a synopsis of the brief and a definite statement of the points relied upon.

(f) The Contest Committee shall make up a report of each contest filed, showing the grounds of contest, the statute and rule, if any, under which the contest is waged, and the contentions of each party thereto. The report shall conclude with a statement of the points of issue in the contest, both of fact and law, and shall be signed by the Chairman. When the Contest Committee has prepared such report stating the issues of law and fact, a copy of the statement of such issues shall be forthwith submitted to a person in the convention city, whom the contestants must appoint

at the time of filing the contest, to receive such statement; and a copy shall forthwith be served by the Chairman of the Contest Committee upon the contestants by registered mail.

(g) The contestants shall have eight (8) days to file written objections to the Contest Committee's statement of the issues of fact or law or both unless the Republican National Committee acting as a committee of the whole is called to act upon the contest sooner, in which case such objections shall be made before the meeting of the whole committee. In case the contestants reside in the States of Alaska or Hawaii, or in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands or Guam, they shall be entitled to ten (10) days to file written objections.

The objections shall contain any additional statement of issue of either law or fact or both, claimed by the contestant submitting the same, to be involved in and necessary to be decided in the contest.

(h) The Contest Committee shall hear and decide the statement of law and fact at once and make its decision as to what issues are involved and submit these issues, either in law or fact, or both, to the National Committee sitting as a committee of the whole, and such issues shall be the sole and only issues passed upon and determined by the committee of the whole, unless the National Committee shall by a majority vote extend or change the same.

If the Contest Committee for any reason shall fail to state the issues either of law or fact, the National Committee shall decide upon what issues the contest shall be tried, and the hearing shall be limited to such issues, unless the National Committee by a majority vote shall decide otherwise.

(i) When the National Committee is called to pass upon any contest that may arise, the members of the Credentials Committee of each State shall also be notified of the time and place of such meeting and shall have the right to attend all hearings of all contests but without the right to participate in the discussion or to vote.

(j) If an appeal is taken from any ruling of the National Committee on any contest, notice of such appeal must be filed with the Secretary of the National Committee within twenty-four (24) hours after the decision and shall specify the grounds upon which the appeal is taken, and only the grounds so specified shall be heard by the Credentials Committee upon such appeal. No evidence other than that taken before the National Committee shall be taken up by the Credentials Committee, unless it shall, by a majority vote of all of its members, so direct.

# RULES

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RESOLVED, That the Republican Party is the Party of the open door. Ours is the party of equality of opportunity for all -- favoritism for none.

It is the intent and purpose of these rules to encourage the broadest possible participation of all voters in the Republican Party activities at all levels; to assure that the Republican Party is open and accessible to all, answerable ultimately to the people in the true American tradition.

It is the further purpose of these rules to make certain that the Republican Party stands for the principle that while we are the Party open to all, we are also the Party of opportunity for all -- opportunity for everyone of every race, religion, color, national origin, age or sex. They provide for full participation with equal opportunity for men and women, for minorities and heritage groups, for all Americans regardless of age or social or economic status.

These rules mandate that the Republican Party shall be a nation-wide Party, purposeful and strong in all sections of the country -- North, South, East and West; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following be adopted as the rules of business of this Convention; the rules for the election and government of the National Committee; and the rules under which Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be allotted to the respective States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, in the next Convention; how their election shall be conducted and contests shall be considered. Whenever used in the rules, "State" or "States" shall be taken to include the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, unless the context in which the word "State" or "States" is used clearly make such inclusion inappropriate.



## RULE NO. 1

The Convention shall proceed in the order of business prepared and printed by the Republican National Committee.

## RULE NO. 2

(a) No person, except members of the several Delegations, Officers of the Convention, members of the Republican National Committee, Members of the Senate of the United States, Members of the United States House of Representatives, and Governors shall be admitted to the section of the Convention Hall apportioned to Delegates.

(b) Press and staff shall be admitted to the section(s) of the hall authorized for them.

## RULE NO. 3

When the Convention shall have assembled and the Committee on Credentials shall have been appointed, the Secretary of the National Committee shall deliver to the said Committee on Credentials all credentials and other papers forwarded under Rule No. 34.

## RULE NO. 4

No person on the temporary roll of the Convention and whose right to be seated as a Delegate or Alternate is being contested (except those placed on the temporary roll by affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members of the National Committee, shall be entitled to vote in the Convention or in any Committee thereof until by vote of the Convention the contest as to such person has been finally decided and such person has been permanently seated.



RULE NO. 5

(a) *Whenever used in the Rules, "State" or "States" shall be taken to include the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.*

(b) In the absence of any Delegate at Large, or Delegate from any Congressional District, the roll of Alternates for the State or District shall be called in the order in which the names are placed upon the roll of the Convention, unless the State or District Convention or the law of the State or District electing the absent Delegate shall otherwise direct, in which event the Alternates from the State or District shall vote in the order established by the State or District Convention or the law of the State.

RULE NO. 6

Each Delegate in the Convention shall be entitled to one (1) vote, which may be cast by his Alternate in the absence of the Delegate.

RULE NO. 7

(a) The Rules of the House of Representatives of the United States Shall be the Rules of this Convention, except that "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall be the Rules for Committees and Subcommittees of this Convention, so far as they are applicable and not inconsistent with the Rules herein set forth, provided, however, the Convention may make its own rules concerning the reading of Committee reports and resolutions.



(b) Committees and subcommittees may set time limits for speaking on any question by a simple majority vote.

(c) The Rules of the House of Representatives, as modified by the Convention Rules, shall be promulgated in condensed form by the Republican National Committee and shall be disseminated to all Delegates and Alternates on the Temporary Roll at the time of receipt of their credentials and shall be referred to the Committee on Rules of the National Committee.

(d) No votes in the Committees or Subcommittees of the Convention shall be taken by secret ballot.

#### RULE NO. 8

When the previous question shall be demanded by a majority of the Delegates from any State, and the demand is likewise seconded by two (2) or more States, and the call is sustained by a majority of the Delegates of the Convention, the question shall then be proceeded with and disposed of according to the Rules of the House of Representatives of the United States in similar cases.

#### RULE NO. 9

A motion to suspend the Rules shall be in order only when made by authority of a majority of the Delegates from any State and seconded by a majority of the Delegates from not less than ~~two~~ (2) five (5) other States, severally.

#### RULE NO. 10

It shall be in order to lay on the table a proposed amendment to a pending measure and such motion, if adopted, shall not carry with it or prejudice such original measure.



RULE NO. 11

No member shall speak more than once upon the same question or longer than five (5) minutes, unless by leave of the Convention, except in the presentation of the name of a candidate for nomination for President or Vice President.

RULE NO. 12

~~Upon all subjects before the Convention the States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands shall be called in alphabetical order.~~

*Upon all subjects before the Convention requiring a Roll Call vote, the States shall be called in alphabetical order, beginning with the first State drawn by lot, which drawing shall be made by the Secretary of the Convention.*

RULE NO. 13

The report of the Committee on Credentials shall be disposed of before the report of the Committee on Resolutions is acted upon, and the report of the Committee on Resolutions shall be disposed of before the Convention proceeds to the nomination of candidates for President and Vice President.





RULE NO. 14

(a) The Delegates from each State, elected to the National Convention, immediately after they are elected shall select from the delegation their members of the Resolutions, Credentials, Rules and Order of Business and Permanent Organization Committees of the National Convention one (1) man and one (1) woman for each Committee, and shall file notice of such selection with the Secretary of the National Committee; provided, however, that no Delegate may serve on more than one (1) Committee of the National Convention. Alternates may not serve as members of the Convention Committees.

(b) All resolutions relating to the Platform shall be referred to the Committee on Resolutions without reading and without debate.

RULE NO. 15

When a majority of the Delegates of any six (6) States severally shall demand that a vote be recorded, the same shall be taken by the States in the order hereinbefore established.

RULE NO. 16

(a) Candidates for the Presidency shall demonstrate majority support from each of ~~three-(3)~~ five (5) State delegations.

(b) In making the nominations for President and Vice President and voting thereon, in no case shall the Call of the Roll be dispensed with. The total time of the nominating speech and seconding speeches for any candidate for President and Vice President shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes.



RULE NO. 17

When it appears at the close of the Roll Call that any candidate for the nomination for President or Vice President has received the majority of the votes entitled to be cast in the Convention, the Chairman of the Convention shall announce the question to be:

"Shall the nomination of the candidate be made unanimous?"

If no candidate shall have received such majority the Chairman shall direct the vote to be taken again and shall repeat the taking of the vote until some candidate shall have received a majority of votes.

RULE NO. 18

(a) In the balloting, the vote of each State shall be announced by the Chairman of the respective Delegations; and in case the vote of any State shall be divided, the Chairman shall announce the number of votes for each candidate, or for or against any proposition; but if exception is taken by any Delegate to the correctness of such announcement by the Chairman of his Delegation, the Chairman of the Convention shall direct the roll of members of such Delegation to be called and the result shall be recorded in accordance with the vote of the several Delegates in such Delegation. No Delegate or Alternate shall be bound by any attempt of any State or Congressional District, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands to impose the unit rule.

(b) In balloting, if any delegation shall pass when its name is called, then at the conclusion of the roll call all Delegations which passed shall be called in alphabetical order; and no Delegation will be allowed to change its votes until all Delegations which passed shall have been given a second opportunity to vote.



RULE NO. 19

~~(a) A National Committee shall be elected by each National Convention, called to nominate candidates for President and Vice President, and shall consist of two (2) members from each State, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, and an additional member as hereinafter provided. -- The Committee~~  
*The Republican National Committee shall have the general management of the affairs of the Republican Party in the United States and its territories subject to direction from time to time of the National Convention. The members of the National Committee shall be elected by the various states and shall consist of one man and one woman from each State.*

~~(b) The duly elected and acting Chairman of each State, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands shall be a member of the National Committee during his tenure of~~  
*in office.*

~~(c) Two (2) members each of the Republican Governors Association, Republican membership of the United States Senate, and the Republican membership of the United States House of Representatives shall be elected by their respective organizations as full voting members of~~  
*the National Committee.*

~~(d) The Chairman or President of the official national Republican auxiliaries (The National Federation of Republican Women, The Young Republican National Federation, The College Republican National Committee, The National Republican Heritage Groups Council, and the National Black Republican Council) and the Chairman of the Republican Finance Committee~~  
*shall be ex officio full voting members.*



(e) Additional auxiliaries of the Republican National Committee may be recognized only by the Republican National Convention.

(f) The Republican National Committee shall operate under a permanent set of bylaws adopted by the Republican National Committee. These bylaws shall enumerate such standing committees as may be deemed necessary by the Republican National Committee.

(g) The chairman of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Republican National Committee, subject to the approval by the Republican National Committee. They shall be nominated from the floor and must have at least two (2) votes in three (3) States in order to have their names put in nomination.

#### RULE NO. 20

~~The roll shall be called and the Delegation from each State shall nominate, through its Chairman, one (1) man and one (1) woman to act as members of the National Committee.~~

(a) At each Republican National Convention called for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice President, the roll shall be called and the delegation from each state shall report through its Chairman the names of the elected National Committee members whose election shall be ratified by the Convention.

(b) The Chairman of the Republican National Committee shall set the temporary roll for Republican National Committee meetings.



RULE NO. 21

When the law of any State provides a method for the selection of members of the National Committee of political parties, the nomination of the members of the Republican National Committee in accordance with the provisions of such law shall be considered nominations to be carried into effect by the Delegation from such State provided, however, that this rule shall not apply to the membership on the National Committee by the State Chairman.

*State laws providing a method of election for National Committee members shall be binding on the Republican National Committee.*

RULE NO. 22

Where the laws of a State do not provide a method for the selection of members of the National Committee of political parties, instructions by State and District Conventions to Delegates to the National Convention as to nominations for membership in the National Committee shall be obeyed by such Delegates, and if not obeyed, may be made operative by a vote of the National Convention or referred to the National Committee with full power to act. It is provided, however, that this rule shall not apply to a State Chairman who is entitled to membership under Rule 19.

*Where State laws do not provide a method for the election of National Committee members, a National Convention delegation shall be bound by the State party rules. The National Convention may enforce these rules if they are not obeyed by the State's National Convention delegation. This rule shall not apply to State Chairmen.*



RULE NO. 23

When a majority of the Delegates from each State shall have so nominated a member of the National Committee, the Convention shall thereupon elect the person so nominated to serve as a member of the Committee until the meeting of the National Committee elected by the next National Convention.

*Republican National Committee members shall serve from the adjournment of the quadrennial National Convention until the adjournment of the following quadrennial National Convention.*

RULE NO. 24

(a) The National Committee shall issue the Call for the next National Convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice President of the United States at least four (4) months before the time fixed for said Convention, and Delegates and Alternates to such Convention shall be chosen in such manner, and the Call shall be issued and promulgated in such manner as the National Committee shall provide, but not, however, in a manner inconsistent with these Rules, prior to January 1 of the year in which the Convention is to be held. The National Committee shall issue and promulgate the Call in a manner consistent with these rules.

(b) National Convention Delegates and Alternates shall be chosen in a manner consistent with these rules unless otherwise provided by state law.



~~(b)~~ (c) ~~At the time of the issuance of the Call, the~~

The Chairman of the Republican National Committee shall appoint from among the members of the National Committee, a Committee on the Call, a Committee on Arrangements, a Committee on Rules, and a Contest Committee consisting . Each Committee shall consist of at least seven (7) members. The Chairman of the Contest Committee and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules shall be members also of the Arrangements Committee. Each member of the Republican National Committee shall be appointed to one of these Committees.

(d) *All Republican candidates for President and Vice President shall agree prior to their nomination that the Chairman of the Republican National Committee shall be named as a designated agent of the candidate in accordance with the Federal Elections Campaign Act of 1971. No expenditures in excess of \$1000.00 (one thousand dollars) shall be made on behalf of the candidates following the Republican National Convention without the co-authorization of the Chairman of the Republican National Committee. This shall include all such committees above the state level which are organized by the candidate.*

(e) The Chairman shall appoint a Site Committee no later than two years following the Presidential election.



*The Southern States Association: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia;*

(3) a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers as the Committee shall deem necessary, all to be elected by the National Committee.

(b) *The Chairman, Co-Chairman, standing committee chairmen and all other officers except the Vice Chairmen shall be elected for two-year terms. The terms shall run from the first National Committee meeting following the National Convention until June of the next even-numbered year and from that June until the termination of the next quadrennial National Convention. All officers except the Vice Chairmen shall be nominated from the floor and candidates must have at least two (2) votes in three (3) states in order to have their names put in nomination. There shall be no nominating committee.*

(c) *The eight (8) Vice Chairmen shall be elected at regional caucuses by the National Committee members of the four (4) regions and shall be residents and National Committee members from their respective regions. The election shall take place at the first meeting after the quadrennial National Convention. The election of Vice Chairmen does not need confirmation by the Republican National Committee.*

(d) *The Chairman shall appoint a General Counsel for the Committee and a Chairman of the Republican Finance Committee, both of whom shall be confirmed by the Republican National Committee no later than its next meeting.*





RULE NO. 26

~~(a) The National Committee is authorized and empowered to select an Executive Committee, to consist of fifteen (15) members; in addition the following shall serve as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee: The Chairman, the Co-Chairman, the Vice Chairmen, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the General Counsel, the Chairman of the Republican Finance Committee, the President of the National Federation of Republican Women, the Chairman of the Republican State Chairmen's Advisory Committee, the Chairman of the Young Republican National Federation, the Chairman of the College Republican National Committee, the Chairman of the National Republican Heritage Groups Council, a representative of Black Republican organizations as designated by the Chairman, the Republican Leader of the U.S. Senate, the Republican Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Chairman of the Republican Governors Association.~~

(a) *The Executive Committee of the National Committee shall consist of the following:*

- (1) the officers of the National Committee,*
- (2) the eight (8) Vice Chairmen,*
- (3) the Chairman of the Republican Finance Committee,*
- (4) the Chairman or President of the official national Republican auxiliaries, and a representative of the membership of the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives, the Republican Governors Association (each elected by their respective membership), the Chairman of the Republican State Chairmen's Advisory Committee.*



(5) The General Counsel shall be a non-voting member.

Chairmen of the standing committees will be non-voting members.

(b) The Executive Committee shall exercise all of the Executive and Administrative functions required of the National Committee between meetings of the full Committee, *with the exception of the following:*

- (1) *election of officers of the National Committee,*
- (2) *election of members of the Republican National Committee or the Executive Committee,*
- (3) *issuance of the Call and designating the time and place for holding the quadrennial National Convention.*

~~It~~ The Committee shall meet on the call of the Chairman, and such meetings shall be held at least twice a year ~~at times other than those when the National Committee is meeting~~ *in addition to those meetings which shall be held in conjunction with National Committee meetings.* The minutes of all Executive Committee meetings shall be distributed *immediately to all Republican National Committee members.*

(c) The Chairman, with the ~~consent~~ approval of the National Committee, may appoint such ~~other~~ special committees and assistants as he may deem necessary; whenever such committees are appointed, they shall consist of a chairman and an equal number of men and women.

(d) Upon written petition of at least 25% (twenty-five per cent) of the members of the Executive Committee, the Chairman shall within ten (10) days call a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in a city to be designated by the Chairman. The date of such meeting shall fall between ten (10) and twenty (20) days from the date of the Call.



RULE NO. 27

Vacancies in the National Committee shall be filled *ratified* by the Committee upon the ~~nomination-of-the-Republican-State-Committee~~ election by the State Republican Party in and for the State in which the vacancy occurs ; . The National Committee shall however have the power to declare vacant the seat of any member who refuses to support the Republican nominees for President and/or Vice President. ~~of-the-Convention,-which-elected-such-National-Committee,-and-to-fill-such~~ vacancy.

RULE NO. 28

(a) The first meeting of the National Committee shall take place within fifteen (15) days after the convening of the National Convention electing ~~such-Committee~~, upon the call of the member senior in time of service upon the previous National Committee; and thereafter upon call of the Chairman, or, in case of vacancy in the Chairmanship, upon call of the Vice Chairman, senior in time of service on the National Committee, but such call shall be issued at least ten (10) days in advance of the date of the proposed meeting. Provided, however, that if one of the purposes of a meeting of the Republican National Committee is to fill a vacancy in the office of Republican candidate for President or Republican candidate for Vice President, then only five (5) days notice of the purpose, date, and place of said meeting shall be required. Upon written petition of sixteen (16) or more members of the National Committee, representing not less than sixteen (16) States, filed jointly or separately with the Chairman, asking for a meeting of the National Committee, it shall be the duty of the Chairman within ten (10) days from receipt of said petition to issue a call for a meeting of the National Committee, to be held in a city



to be designated by the Chairman, the date of such called meeting to be not later than twenty (20) days or earlier than ten (10) days from the date of the call.

(b) The Republican National Committee shall meet at least twice a year. The agenda for each meeting shall be mailed to the membership at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The minutes (including all resolutions and motions) shall be mailed to all members of the Republican National Committee within thirty (30) days after the close of the meeting.

(c) The annual budget shall be approved at a meeting of the Republican National Committee. The proposed annual budget, in reasonable detail shall be mailed to all members of the Republican National Committee at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

(d) All meetings of the Republican National Committee and its committees shall be open meetings except as provided for by "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised."

#### RULE NO. 29

(a) "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" shall govern all meetings of the National Committee insofar as they are applicable and not inconsistent with these Rules. The Committee shall make its own rules governing the use of proxies at its first meeting.

(b) The Chairman of the Republican National Committee shall appoint a committee broadly representative of the Republican Party, including members of the Republican National Committee, to review, study and work with the States and territories relating to the Rules adopted by the 1972 1976 Republican National Convention. The appointments to such committee be made subject to the approval of the Republican National Committee.



**MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEXT  
NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**RULE NO. 30**

The membership of the next National Convention shall consist of:

**A. DELEGATES**

1. Six (6) Delegates at Large from each of the fifty (50) States.

2. Three (3) District Delegates for each Representative in the United States House of Representatives from each state.

3. Fourteen (14) Delegates at Large for the District of Columbia, four (4) Delegates at Large for Guam, eight (8) Delegates at Large for Puerto Rico, and four (4) Delegates at Large for the Virgin Islands.

4. From each State casting its electoral vote, or a majority thereof, for the Republican Nominee for President in the last preceding election: Four and one-half (4½) Delegates at Large plus the number of the Delegates at Large equal to 60% of the electoral vote from each such State. In addition, one Delegate at Large shall be awarded to a State for any and each of the following public officials elected by such State in the year of the last preceding Presidential election or at any subsequent election held prior to January 1, 1976:

(a) A Republican United States Senator: Provided, That no such additional Delegate at Large award to any State shall exceed two;

(b) A Republican Governor: Provided, That no such additional Delegate at Large award to any State shall exceed one; or

(c) A Republican membership of at least half of the State's delegation to the United States House of Representatives: Provided, That no such additional Delegate at Large award to any State shall exceed one.

In the computation of the number of Delegates at Large, any sum of the four and one-half (4½) plus the 60% representing a fraction shall be increased to the next whole number.

5. If the District of Columbia casts its electoral vote, or a majority thereof, for the Republican Nominee for President in the last preceding Presidential election: Four and one-half (4½) Delegates at Large, plus the number of Delegates at Large equal to 30% of the fourteen (14) Delegates at Large allotted to the District of Columbia. In the computation of the number of Delegates at Large, any sum of the four and one-half (4½) plus the 30% representing a fraction shall be increased to the next whole number.

6. Any State which would receive fewer Delegates under all provisions of this Rule than it received to the 1972 Republican National Convention shall have its number of Delegates increased to the same number of Delegates it received to the 1972 Republican National Convention.

7. In the event this Rule No. 30 is the subject of



litigation and is finally adjudicated in the courts to be invalid, then this Rule No. 30 shall be of no force and effect and the Republican National Committee is hereby authorized to adopt the formula which will determine the membership of the next National Convention. No new formula may be so drawn by the Republican National Committee after October 31, 1975.

8. Should it become the duty of the Republican National Committee to implement Section 7 of Rule 30 in voting in said Committee, the Committee members representing any State, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands shall be entitled to cast the same number of votes as said State, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands were entitled to cast in the 1972 Republican National Convention.

#### B. ALTERNATE DELEGATES

One (1) Alternate Delegate to each Delegate to the National Convention.

### ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

#### RULE NO. 31

Delegates at Large to the National Convention and their Alternates and Delegates from Congressional Districts to the National Convention and their Alternates shall be elected in the following manner:

(a) By primary election in accordance with the applicable laws of such States as required by law, the election of Delegates to the National Conventions of political parties by direct primary and in the District of Columbia in accordance with its law; provided, that in any of these in which Republican representation upon the Board of Judges or Inspectors of Elections for such primary election is denied by law, Delegates and Alternates shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

(b) By Congressional District or State Conventions, as the case may be, to be called by the Congressional District or State Committees, respectively. Notice of the Call for any such Convention shall be published in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the Congressional District or State, as the case may be, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of said Convention.

(c) In selecting Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention, no State law shall be observed which hinders, abridges or denies to any citizen of the United States, eligible under the Constitution of the United States, to the office of President or Vice President, the right or privilege of being a candidate under such State law for the nomination for the President or Vice President; or which authorizes the election of a number of Delegates or Alternates from any State to the National Convention different from that fixed in these Rules.

(d) By the Republican State Committee or Governing Committee in any State in which the law of such State specifically authorizes the election of Delegates or Alternates in such manner.

(e) In a Congressional District where there is no Republican Congressional Committee, the Republican State Committee shall issue the Call and make said publication.

(f) All Delegates from any State may be chosen from the State at Large, in the event that the laws of the State in which the election occurs, so provide.

(g) Alternate Delegates shall be elected to said National Convention for each unit of representation equal in number to the number of Delegates elected therein and shall be chosen in the same manner, at the same time, and under the same rules the Delegates are chosen; provided, however, that if the law of any State shall prescribe the method of choosing Alternates they shall be chosen in accordance with the provisions of the law of the State in which the election occurs.

(h) The election of Delegates and Alternates from the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands shall be held under the direction of the respective recognized Republican Governing Committee therein in conformity with the Rules of the Republican National Committee or the laws of the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

(i) Election of Delegates and Alternates shall be certified in every case where they are elected by Conventions, by the Chairman and Secretary of such Conventions, respectively, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Republican National Committee, and in the case of election by Primary, they shall be certified by the proper official and all certificates shall be forwarded by said duly elected Delegates and Alternates in the manner herein provided.

(j) All Delegates and Alternates shall be elected not later than thirty-five (35) days before the date of the meeting of said National Convention, unless otherwise provided by the laws of the State in which the election occurs.

(k) Delegates and Alternates at Large to the National Convention when serving as Delegates and Alternates shall be duly qualified voters of their respective States. All Delegates and Alternates allocated as Delegates and Alternates at Large shall be elected at Large in the several States unless otherwise provided by State law.

(l) Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention, representing Congressional Districts, shall be residents and qualified voters in said districts respectively when serving as Delegates and Alternates. All Delegates and Alternates allocated to represent Congressional Districts shall be elected by the Congressional District of the several States unless the laws of the State shall otherwise provide.



(m) No Delegate or Alternate Delegate shall be required to pay an assessment or fee in excess of that provided by the law of the State in which the election occurs as a condition of serving as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the Republican National Convention.

#### ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTIONS

Delegates to Congressional District and State Conventions shall be elected under the following rules:

(n) Only legal and qualified voters shall participate in a Republican primary, caucus, mass meeting, or mass convention held for the purpose of selecting Delegates to a County, District, or State Convention, and only such legal and qualified voters shall be elected as Delegates to County, District and State Conventions; provided, however, that in addition to the qualifications provided herein the governing Republican Committee of each State, shall have the authority to prescribe additional qualifications not inconsistent with law. Such additional qualifications shall be adopted and published in at least one daily newspaper having a general circulation throughout the State, such publication to be at least ninety (90) days before such qualifications shall become effective.

(o) No Delegates shall be deemed eligible to participate in any convention to elect Delegates to the said National Convention, who were elected prior to the date of issuance of the Call of such National Convention.

(p) District Conventions shall be composed of Delegates who are legal and qualified voters therein, and Delegates to State Conventions shall be qualified voters of the respective districts which they represent in said State Conventions. Such Delegates shall be apportioned among the counties, parishes, and cities of the State or District having regard to the Republican vote therein.

(q) There shall be no proxies at a convention held for the purpose of selecting Delegates to the Republican National Convention. If Alternate Delegates to such selection Convention are selected, the Alternate Delegate, and no other shall vote in the absence of the Delegate.

(r) There shall be no automatic Delegates at any level of the Delegate selection procedures who serve by virtue of Party position or elective office.

(s) The Republican National Committee shall assist the States in their efforts to inform all citizens how they may participate in Delegate selection procedures. The Republican National Committee in cooperation with the States shall prepare instructive material on Delegate selection methods and make it available for distribution.

#### RULE NO. 32

(a) Participation in a Republican primary, caucus, any meeting or convention held for the purpose of selecting Delegates and Alternates to a County, District, State or National Convention shall in no way be abridged for reasons of sex, race, religion, color, age or national origin. The Republican National Committee and the Republican State Committee or governing committee of each State shall take positive action to achieve the broadest possible participation by everyone in party affairs, including such participation by women, young people, minority and heritage groups and senior citizens in the delegate selection process.

(b) Unless otherwise provided by the Laws of the State in which the election occurs, in those states where Delegates and Alternates are elected through the convention system or a combination of convention and primary systems, the precinct, ward, township or county meetings shall be open meetings, and all citizens who are qualified shall be urged to participate.

(c) Each State shall endeavor to have equal representation of men and women in its delegation to the Republican National Convention.

#### RULE NO. 33

No State shall elect a greater number of persons to act as Delegates and Alternates than the actual number of Delegates and Alternates respectively to which they are entitled under the Call for the National Convention, and no unit of representation may elect any Delegate or Delegates, or their Alternates, with permission to cast a fractional vote.

#### RULE NO. 34

Thirty (30) days before the time set for the meeting of the National Convention, the credentials of each Delegate and Alternate shall be filed with the Secretary of the National Committee for use in making up the temporary roll of the Convention, except in the case of Delegates or Alternates elected at a time or times in accordance with the laws of the State in which the election occurs rendering impossible, filing of credentials within the time above specified.

#### RULE NO. 35

(a) At the time of appointing the Arrangements Committee there shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Republican National Committee a Contest Committee, consisting of at least seven (7) members of the Republican National Committee.

(b) Where more than the authorized number of Delegates from any State are reported to the Secretary of the National Committee, a contest shall be deemed to exist and the Secretary shall notify the several claimants so reported and shall submit all such credentials and claims to the whole Republican National Committee for decision as to which claim-



ants reported shall be placed upon the temporary roll of the Convention; provided, however, that the names of the Delegates and Alternates, presenting certificates of election from the canvassing board or officer created or designated by the law of the State in which the election occurs, to canvass the returns and issue Certificates of Election to Delegates or Alternates to National Conventions of political parties in a primary election, shall be placed upon the temporary roll of the Convention by the National Committee.

(c) All contests arising in any State electing District Delegates by District Conventions, shall be decided by its State Convention, or if the State Convention shall not meet prior to the National Convention, then by its State Committee; and only contests affecting Delegates elected at Large shall be presented to the National Committee; provided, however, if the contest regarding a District Delegate arises out of the irregular or unlawful action of the State Committee or State Convention, the National Committee may take jurisdiction thereof and hear and determine the same under the procedure provided in Rule 35.

(d) Notices of contests shall be filed thirty (30) days before the time set for the meeting of the National Convention, with the Secretary of the National Committee, except in the case of Delegates or Alternates elected at a time or times in accordance with the laws of the State in which the election occurs rendering impossible the filing of the notice of contest within the time above specified, stating the grounds of the contest.

(e) Not less than twenty-two (22) days before the convening of the Republican National Convention, each of the contesting persons or groups shall file with the Secretary of the Republican National Committee at least three (3) printed or typewritten copies of the brief in support of their claim to sit as Delegates or Alternates in the National Convention. The Secretary of the Republican National Committee upon receiving the brief of a contesting person or group shall furnish the opposing contesting person or group a copy of said brief.

Each brief shall begin with a summary of not more than one thousand (1,000) words setting forth succinctly a synopsis of the brief and a definite statement of the points relied upon.

(f) The Contest Committee shall make up a report of each contest filed, showing the grounds of contest, the statute and rule, if any, under which the contest is waged, and the contentions of each party thereto. The report shall conclude with a statement of the points of issue in the contest, both of fact and law, and shall be signed by the Chairman. When the Contest Committee has prepared such report stating the issues of law and fact, a copy of the statement of such issues shall be forthwith submitted to a person in the convention city, whom the contestants must appoint

at the time of filing the contest, to receive such statement; and a copy shall forthwith be served by the Chairman of the Contest Committee upon the contestants by registered mail.

(g) The contestants shall have eight (8) days to file written objections to the Contest Committee's statement of the issues of fact or law or both unless the Republican National Committee acting as a committee of the whole is called to act upon the contest sooner, in which case such objections shall be made before the meeting of the whole committee. In case the contestants reside in the States of Alaska or Hawaii, or in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands or Guam, they shall be entitled to ten (10) days to file written objections.

The objections shall contain any additional statement of issue of either law or fact or both, claimed by the contestant submitting the same, to be involved in and necessary to be decided in the contest.

(h) The Contest Committee shall hear and decide the statement of law and fact at once and make its decision as to what issues are involved and submit these issues, either in law or fact, or both, to the National Committee sitting as a committee of the whole, and such issues shall be the sole and only issues passed upon and determined by the committee of the whole, unless the National Committee shall by a majority vote extend or change the same.

If the Contest Committee for any reason shall fail to state the issues either of law or fact, the National Committee shall decide upon what issues the contest shall be tried, and the hearing shall be limited to such issues, unless the National Committee by a majority vote shall decide otherwise.

(i) When the National Committee is called to pass upon any contest that may arise, the members of the Credentials Committee of each State shall also be notified of the time and place of such meeting and shall have the right to attend all hearings of all contests but without the right to participate in the discussion or to vote.

(j) If an appeal is taken from any ruling of the National Committee on any contest, notice of such appeal must be filed with the Secretary of the National Committee within twenty-four (24) hours after the decision and shall specify the grounds upon which the appeal is taken, and only the grounds so specified shall be heard by the Credentials Committee upon such appeal. No evidence other than that taken before the National Committee shall be taken up by the Credentials Committee, unless it shall, by a majority vote of all of its members, so direct.

