

Temporary Rules Committee Report

This Convention is governed by the Texas Election Code, Rules of the Republican Party of Texas and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised along with the following Supplemental Rules:

Supplemental Rule 1: Additional Convention Officers

The Presiding Officer may appoint an Assistant Secretary to serve as Timekeeper, in both the Temporary and Permanent organization of the Convention, and any other Officer necessary to the success of this Convention.

There shall be a Parliamentarian appointed by the Presiding Officer in both the Temporary and Permanent organization to assist in the interpretation of the Texas Election Code, the Republican Party of Texas Rules, Robert's Rules of Order and these Supplemental Rules.

There shall be a Sergeant-at-Arms appointed by the Presiding Officer to assist in maintaining order during the Convention.

Supplemental Rule 2: Seating

Delegates to the Convention shall sit in the places designated for their respective precincts by the Temporary Convention Chairman. Alternate Delegates shall sit in the area designated by the Presiding Officer of the Convention until called to the floor by the Chairman or Acting Chairman of the Precinct Delegation to assume the duties of absent Delegates.

The Precinct Delegation Chairman shall utilize reasonable efforts to keep Alternate Delegates seated to replace absent delegates during the entire convention.

All visitors must sign in. Visitors may be admitted to the seating areas designated by the Presiding Officer and must remain on good behavior. The visitors' section may be closed entirely and visitors can be escorted from the convention at the discretion of the presiding officer.

Supplemental Rule 3 - Voting

The method of voting shall be by voice vote, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention or the Chairman.

When a Roll Call of the Convention is ordered, the Precinct Chairman of each Precinct Delegation shall poll the delegation and record the votes on each side of the question. The Convention Secretary shall then call the roll of the convention by precincts, in numerical order.

The Chairman of each Precinct Delegation shall announce the Precinct's votes. If any delegate questions the accuracy of the announcement by the Chairman of his/her Precinct Delegation, the Convention Secretary shall poll the delegation.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Section 174.068 of The Texas Election Code provides that those delegates in attendance from each precinct shall cast the number of votes equal to the full delegate strength of the precinct. Thus, if a precinct doesn't have a full contingent of delegates even after seating available alternate delegates, each member of the delegation shall cast a vote equal to the total number of votes allocated to that precinct, divided by the number of delegates present.

Supplemental Rule 4 - Delegation Chairman

The manner and means of selecting the Chairman of a Precinct Delegation is a matter solely to be determined by each Delegation. If two or more persons claim to be Delegation Chairman, a Convention Officer will be assigned to hold an impromptu Precinct Caucus Voice Vote of that Delegation. If the voice vote results are unchallenged, and if a Chairman is specifically designated therein, he/she shall be recognized as the Chair of the Precinct Delegation and will serve as Precinct Delegation Chairman for the rest of the convention. A tie vote will be broken through a game of rock-paper-scissors facilitated by a precinct member not involved in the game.

Supplemental Rule 5 - Debate

Debate on any single motion or resolution, including amendments thereto, shall be limited to three (3) speakers in favor and three (3) speakers against, with each speaker limited to two (2) minutes. Debate shall alternate between proponents and opponents. Debate shall cease when there is no speaker desiring to express an opposing viewpoint to the previous speaker. The Presiding Officer shall have authority to extend debate. Provisions of RPT Rule No. 17 shall otherwise govern debate.

The Chair may require that any lengthy motion be submitted in writing. All amendments to resolutions shall be submitted in writing using a form provided by the Convention.

To be assigned the floor, a Delegate shall go to a floor microphone, be recognized by the Chair, and give his/her name and precinct number. To bring an Interrupting Motion to the attention of the Chair, a delegate may request use of the microphone immediately for the stated purpose. Such an interrupting motion may be screened for appropriateness by a Parliamentarian.

In the past there have been some comments made during debate that could be considered as personal attacks on individuals. All Delegates must maintain proper decorum during this Convention. If not, the delegate breaking this rule will be removed from this Convention by the Sergeant at Arms as directed by the Presiding Officer.

Supplemental Rule 6- Candidates and Current Officeholders

The Presiding Officer may permit any person entitled to appear before the Senatorial District Convention, under Rule 14 of the Republican Party of Texas, to address the convention for not more than three (3) minutes. At his discretion, the Presiding Officer shall have authority to extend appearance time. An address may not occur at a time in which a vote is being conducted by the Convention.

Supplemental Rule 7- Agenda

The Agenda of this Convention will follow that described in Rule 30 of the Republican Party of Texas. The Presiding Officer shall be allowed to amend the agenda for the purpose of accommodating candidates and elected officials, for scheduling lunch, and for a short recess for the purpose of facilitating convention business.

Supplemental Rule 8- Allocation of Delegates to State Convention

The Permanent Nominations Committee shall select and recommend one hundred and thirty-seven Delegates (137) and one hundred and thirty-seven (137) Alternates to attend the Texas State Convention from a list of qualified applicants. The Permanent Nominations Committee will announce the chosen delegates and explain the process used for selection later in this convention.