

RULE 10 – Selection of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention

A. *Exclusive Method for Selection of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to Republican National Convention*

All delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention shall be elected as prescribed by this Rule following the Florida Presidential Preference Primary.

B. *All Delegates and Alternate Delegates Awarded to Statewide Winner of Florida Presidential Preference Primary*

The Republican presidential candidate receiving the highest number of statewide votes at the Florida Presidential Preference Primary shall be awarded all delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention. The delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected as prescribed by Rule 10(D). The Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, or his or her designee, shall be bound to count and cast all delegate votes for that presidential candidate during the first three convention ballots unless the convention rules state that delegates are bound for more than three ballots. If the candidate to whom the delegate votes are bound releases the delegates or withdraws his or her candidacy, then the delegate votes will not be bound to any candidate. No delegate, other than the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, or his or her designee, shall be entitled to cast any vote on his or her own behalf until the fourth convention ballot.

C. *Submission of Proposed Delegates and Alternate Delegates*

No later than one week after the Florida Presidential Preference Primary, each Republican presidential candidate whose name appeared on the ballot shall submit to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida a list of proposed delegates and alternate delegates from among that candidate's supporters to be considered as candidates for election as delegates and alternate delegates. The lists of proposed delegates and alternate delegates shall be distributed by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida to Executive Board of the Republican Party of Florida and to the Chairman of each Congressional District Caucus before the election of delegates and alternate delegates.

D. *Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates*

Under the Rules of the Republican Party (as amended), the Republican Party of Florida is entitled to a certain number of delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention. The Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, the National Committeeman, and the National Committeewoman shall serve as delegates without alternates. The remaining delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected at a meeting duly called by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida no sooner than one week after the Presidential Preference Primary and no later than 45 days before the time set for the meeting of the Republican National Convention. The delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected as follows:

- (1) Three delegates and three alternate delegates shall be elected by each of the

Congressional District Caucuses (composed of the State Committeemen, State Committeewomen, and County Chairmen representing any county in each Congressional District). Proxy voting is not permitted.

(2) The remaining delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected as Delegates at Large by the Executive Board of the Republican Party of Florida in accordance with the Rules of the Republican Party (as amended).

(3) Each candidate for election as a delegate or alternate delegate must be a legal resident and registered Republican voter of the State of Florida. Each candidate for election as a delegate or alternate delegate from a Congressional District Caucus must additionally be a legal resident of that Congressional District. Before the election of delegates and alternate delegates, each candidate for election as a delegate or alternate delegate shall certify that he or she is duly qualified to serve under this Rule by filing a qualifying oath or affirmation in a form approved by the General Counsel to the Republican Party of Florida.

(4) No more than seven days after the election of delegates and alternate delegates, the Chairman of each Congressional District Caucus shall certify to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida the names of each delegate and alternate delegate elected from that Congressional District Caucus. The Chairman and Secretary of the Republican Party of Florida shall certify all delegates and alternate delegates of the Republican Party of Florida and shall file their names and credentials with the Secretary of the Republican National Convention no later than thirty-five days before the time set for the meeting of the national convention.

(5) No candidate for delegate or alternate delegate shall be required to pay an assessment or fee to become a candidate or to serve as the elected delegate or alternate delegate. No candidate for delegate or alternate delegate shall be discriminated against for reasons of sex, race, religion, color, age, national origin or physical disability. As required by the Rules of the Republican Party, the Republican Party of Florida shall endeavor to have equal representation of men and women in its delegation to the Republican National Convention.

E. *Vacancies in the National Convention Delegation*

If an elected delegate or an alternate delegate is unable to attend the Republican National Convention, the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, or his or her designee, shall select his or her replacement. If for any reason the Republican National Convention refuses to seat Florida's elected delegates, all remaining delegates shall be Delegates at Large and shall be selected by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida from the original delegation. At least one delegate shall be selected from each Congressional District, with the advice and consent of each Congressional District Caucus Chairman.

F. *Notice of Delegate Election Procedures*

A copy of this Rule, as adopted, shall be filed with the Department of State within seven days after its adoption and shall become a public record. The Republican Party of Florida shall also publish notice on its website of these delegate election procedures and of the time, place, and manner of the election of delegates and alternate delegates.