



Bylaws Amendment Submission

Final Amendment ID

2026-04

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Establish a standing bylaws committee. I had previously submitted a bylaw on this but had a few tweaks and changes to make. I was advised to resubmit the bylaw in full. The committee can disregard my previous submission on this topic and use this one instead.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section IX - Bylaw Amendments

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

State Central Committee meetings often go on for very long extended periods of time causing great frustration for large portions of the participants in the room, often times to the point of becoming counterproductive. Many times, it's as a result of an excessive amount of amendments introduced from the floor of the body. Many of these amendments could be avoided by having a second set of eyes, like a committee, assist in editing drafts to the proposed bylaws to help ensure they are ready for primetime before moving to the body as a whole. The committee would also help weed out and/or combine duplicate proposals. It would also give the committee the ability to pass proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions to the body with their recommendation for passage. It would also give the committee the ability to kill proposed bylaw amendments or resolutions that may be duplicates or haven't been as well thought out yet, however, even if the bylaws committee would decide to kill a proposed bylaw or resolution it could still be placed on the agenda at the next State Central Committee meeting by a reasonably achievable threshold of a one-third vote. Also, if the committee can't come to a consensus on a proposed bylaw or resolution it gives the committee the ability to send it to the body with no recommendation where it would only need one-fifth of the body to place it on the calendar. It also lays out the makeup of the committee in the same fashion as it's currently made up - by appointments by the Chair and the Regional Directors and when proposals need to be submitted by. This would also ensure that all proposals don't end up sitting on the sidelines for years and ensure they are all given a hearing.

I will also email a copy in Microsoft Word or PDF where the format is easier to read.

Proposed New or Revised Content

A bylaw amendment to establish a standing bylaws committee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SOUTH DAKOTA REPUBLICAN PARTY:

Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to Section IX:

Bylaws Committee: A standing Bylaw Committee shall be established.

The duties of the Bylaws Committee shall consist of:

- (1) Review, and amend if needed, all proposed amendments to the South Dakota Republican Party Bylaws and resolutions. coordinate amendments with the prime sponsor to ensure that the final wording is consistent with the intentions of the prime sponsor.
- (2) Make a recommendation of "Do Pass", "Do Not Pass", or "No Recommendation" of each proposed bylaw or resolution.
- (3) Ensure proposed bylaws comply with state laws, federal laws, and Republican National Committee bylaws.
- (4) The committee shall operate continuously and meet at the call of the chair to review, and edit if needed, proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions.

Bylaw Committee recommendations - Final disposition:

- (1) Do Pass - A proposed bylaw amendment or resolution receiving a "Do Pass" recommendation from the committee shall be placed on the agenda for the next regular or special meeting.
- (2) Do Not Pass - A proposed bylaw amendment or resolution receiving a "Do Not Pass" recommendation from the committee shall be considered killed and not placed on the agenda for the next regular or special State Central Committee meeting.

A proposed bylaw amendment or resolution killed by receiving a "Do Not Pass" recommendation from the committee shall be placed on the agenda only if a calendaring motion receives a vote of one-third of the members present at the next regular or special State Central Committee meeting.

- (3) No Recommendation - A proposed bylaw amendment or resolution receiving "No Recommendation" from the committee shall be placed on the agenda only if a calendaring motion receives a vote of one-fifth of the members present at the next regular or special State Central Committee meeting.

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(4) Final disposition on a proposed bylaw amendment or resolution requires a majority vote of the members present taken by roll call. Proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions shall be submitted in accordance with Section IX, §1, not less than fourteen days prior to the meeting in which it shall be considered.

All Bylaw Committee Members are voting members. The committee shall be registered Republican voters made up of:

(1) The Chair of the Bylaws Committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the South Dakota Republican Party, after the first meeting of the State Central Committee held every odd numbered calendar year.

(2) The Members of the Bylaws Committee shall be appointed by the six Regional Directors, one member from each region appointed by their respective Regional Director.

Odd numbered regions shall appoint after the first meeting of the State Central Committee held every odd numbered calendar year, and even numbered regions shall appoint after the first meeting of the State Central Committee held every even numbered calendar year.

(3) Bylaw committee members must be a member of a County Central Committee at the time of their appointment.

(4) Bylaw committee members serve for a term of two years, and at the pleasure of the officer position that appoints them.

(5) Chair vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Chair of the South Dakota Republican Party. Member vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the respective Regional Directors in which the vacancy occurs.

Supporting Document(s)

Members Who Also Support This Change

All members present at the last State Central Committee meeting where we unanimously voted to send proposed bylaws to a bylaws committee.

Confirmation

✓ I affirm I am a current member of the SDGOP State Central Committee

Confirmation

✓ I confirm I have read and understand the current bylaws regarding how bylaw changes are handled.

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