



Bylaws Amendment Submission

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

To clarify the number of audits needed and the dates thereof

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section VIII - Financial Regulations

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

Doing an audit every year is neither sustainable nor financially feasible. However, if an audit is done every two years, it would be done before the elections or re-election of officers giving the new administration a foundation to build on.

Proposed New or Revised Content

1. Annual Audit: An audit of the State Party's finances will be completed **every two years** by a certified public accountant. The audit shall be performed in January or February **of odd numbered year**. The CPA firm will furnish **a written (and oral)** report on the assessment of the Party's finances and transactions.

OMIT what is in parenthesis

Members Who Also Support This Change

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Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Remove outdated and unnecessary bylaw.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section IV - State Convention

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

During Covid, the State GOP Board added Sec IV 6, A-G to accommodate lock downs and distancing.

Proposed New or Revised Content

Remove entirety of Sec IV, 6, A-G

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Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Consideration of the role of the auxiliary organizations.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section VII - Auxiliary Organizations

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

Clarification for disqualification of affiliation with SD State Central Committee.

Proposed New or Revised Content

SECTION VII

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

1. Recognition: Auxiliaries of the Republican State Central Committee shall be such bodies and organizations as are recognized by the State Central Committee.

2. Current Auxiliaries: Until further change the recognized auxiliaries of the State Central Committee are as follows:

- A. South Dakota Federation of Republican Women
- B. South Dakota Teen Age Republican Federation
- C. South Dakota College Republicans
- D. South Dakota Young Republican Federation

3. Disaffiliation: An auxiliary shall cease to be affiliated if the organization is dissolved, withdraws from affiliation, or is no longer recognized by the State Central Committee.

REPLACE 3 Disaffiliation: An auxiliary shall cease to be affiliated if the organization is dissolved, withdraws from affiliation, is no longer recognized by State Central Committee, or is no longer affiliated with the recognized National Organization.

4. Supervision: The State Central Committee shall have general supervisory authority over all auxiliaries.

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Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Prevent paid lobbyists from participation in the State Executive Board.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section II - State Executive Board

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

Prevent persons who are paid by large corporate interests to control party operations.

Proposed New or Revised Content

Section II

State Executive Board

1. Membership: The State Executive Board shall consist of the state chairman, state vice chairman, state secretary, state treasurer, national committeeman, national committeewoman, and six members of the State Central Committee elected by the State Central Committee as directors. There shall be no more than one director from each of the regions defined in Section VI.8. The directors shall be elected at the same time and for the same term as the state officers, and vacancies shall be governed by Sections I.6.A and I.6.D. Paid lobbyists, paid directly, or indirectly, shall be ineligible from holding any State Executive Board position.

Members Who Also Support This Change

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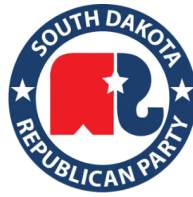
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Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Add a training duty for precinct committeeman and committeewoman

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section III - County Central Committee

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

Provide continuity training

Proposed New or Revised Content

Paragraph 5 - Duties of Officers

Sub-paragraph F - Precinct Committeeman and Committeewoman

F. Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen: The precinct committeemen and committeewomen have the following duties:

Under the supervision of the county chairman, they have the complete responsibility to conduct the political campaign in their precinct, such as compiling and updating voters lists; contacting voters; registering non-voters; and general voter contact activities.

Assist the county chairman in training and transition of newly elected precinct committeeman/committeewoman including handover of files and other materials used in the performance of their duties if any exist.

Serve as voting members of the County Central Committee.

Members Who Also Support This Change

Various members of the so-called coalition of grassroots counties (over 30 counties) were involved in developing and finalizing this bylaw recommendation

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Bylaws Amendment Submission

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Elucidate duties of a regional director

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section I - State Central Committee

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

No duties list extant in current bylaws

Proposed New or Revised Content

Paragraph - 5 Duties of Officers

Sub-paragraph E - Regional Directors

E. Regional Director: The regional director shall have the following duties:

1. The regional directors shall maintain regular contact with county party organizations (quarterly virtual meetings at a minimum with monthly email reports to the group).
2. The regional directors shall facilitate development and submission of issues to the State Central Committee while representing counties within the region.
3. The regional directors shall work with the State chairman to facilitate the organization of inactive counties within the region, and serve as organizing officer in absentia of the State chairman.
4. The regional directors shall keep and submit records of the initial county organization meetings to the State chairman and executive director.
5. The regional directors shall participate in State Central Committee and State Central Committee Executive Board meetings.

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Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Establish a bylaws committee based on proportional representation of large and small counties and approved by the State Central Committee

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section IX - Bylaw Amendments

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

Formalize a selection process that is arbitrary now

Proposed New or Revised Content

paragraph 3 - Bylaws Committee Establishment.

A permanent Bylaw Committee will be established that consists of the following representatives:

Seven (7) total members:

Five (5) members residing in counties other than the two largest counties in the state;

At least two of those five(5) members residing in counties with populations of less than 10,000 South Dakotans

The remaining two (2) members being state central committee voting members from each one of the two largest counties in the state.

All such members shall first be nominated, in writing, by a state central committee member and shall be elected upon receiving a majority vote of those present and voting at the state central committee winter meeting. Bylaw Committee members shall serve for three years. Vacancies shall be filled at the next state central committee meeting, with the above ratio of members maintained. The committee shall operate continuously and collect and review draft bylaw amendments and resolutions proposed or prepared by any state central committee member prior to a meeting of the state central committee.

Proposed bylaw amendments(s) and resolution(s) should be received and reviewed by such committee not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting in which it will be considered and, thereafter, a post-review report to state central committee members by the Bylaw Committee will be considered optional, at the Bylaw Committee's discretion.

The charter of the Bylaws committee shall be to:

- a. Review and edit all proposed bylaw amendments to the Bylaws of the South Dakota Republican Party and resolutions submitted prior to a formal decisional vote by the State Central Committee.
- b. Iterate edits with the originator of a proposed bylaw amendment or resolution to ensure that the final wording is consistent with the intentions of the sponsor.
- c. Make a recommendation of support or non-support of each proposed bylaw or resolution. A "no support" recommendation shall not preclude its inclusion on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the State Central Committee.
- d. Submit all reviewed bylaws and resolutions, with recommendations (including vote count), to the State Secretary per Section IX, Paragraph 1 of the Bylaws of the South Dakota Republican Party for inclusion on the agenda of the next regular or special meeting of the State Central Committee

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Bylaws Amendment Submission

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Add the option to text message official communications to members of the State Central Committee and County Central Committees.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section I - State Central Committee
- Section III - County Central Committee

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

More and more e-mail communications are not getting through to recipients and text messaging is more often the best way to get information in front of recipients. It would facilitate getting the information out more consistently to also have the option to text message Central Committee members in addition to email and regular post mail.

Proposed New or Revised Content

Section I: State Central Committee

7. Meetings:

C. Notices: Notices of all meetings shall be sent at least 14 days in advance of the meeting to all members of the State Central Committee and shall clearly indicate the agenda, place, date and hour of the meeting. This provision shall not limit any member from presenting any matter at a regular meeting whether or not included in the agenda in the written notice, except for bylaw amendments. **Notices may be sent by at least one of the following methods: mail, email or text message.**

Section III: County Central Committee

7. Meetings:

B. Notice: Five-days notice must be given for any meeting, excluding weekends and holidays. **Notices may be sent by at least one of the following methods: mail, email or text message.**

Members Who Also Support This Change

Chairman Eschenbaum and I discussed this option and have determined it would be nice to have one more mechanism to reach central committee members successfully.

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Bylaws Amendment Submission

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Meeting notices for County Central Committee meetings should state WHO the recipients are to be like it is with the State Central Committee notices.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section III - County Central Committee

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

Item 7(C) of Section I: Notices:

Notices of all meetings shall be sent at least 14 days in advance of the meeting to all members of the State Central Committee and shall clearly indicate the agenda, place, date and hour of the meeting. This provision shall not limit any member from presenting any matter at a regular meeting whether or not included in the agenda in the written notice, except for bylaw amendments. Notices may be sent by mail or email.

Item 7(B) of Section III: Notices:

Notice: Five-days notice must be given for any meeting, excluding weekends and holidays. Notices may be sent by mail or email.

The latter does not indicate who the recipients are required to be. The intent of Section III 7(B) should match the intent of Section I 7(C).

Proposed New or Revised Content

Proposed revised content of Section III 7(B):

Item 7(B) of Section III: Notices:

Notice: Notices of all meetings shall be sent at least 5 calendar days in advance of the meeting to all members of the County Central Committee and shall clearly

indicate the agenda, place, date and hour of the meeting. This provision shall not limit any member from presenting any matter at a regular meeting whether or not included in the agenda in the written notice, except for bylaw amendments. Notices may be sent by at least one of the following methods: mail, email or text message.

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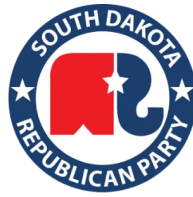
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Organization



Bylaws Amendment Submission

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

To limit the number of at-large members on a County Executive Board and to provide for the removal of such members if necessary.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section III - County Central Committee

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

Item 8 of Section III - County Central Committee - County Executive Board

The intent is to change the language from a minimum to a maximum number of County At-Large members on each County E-Board so that counties that do not appoint any At-Large members are not out of compliance with the by-laws. It also provides clarity for those counties that do appoint at-large members on a process on how they are confirmed to the county board and a process to remove them from the county board, if necessary.

Proposed New or Revised Content

Proposed revised content of Section III, Item 8 County Executive Board

8. County Executive Board:

A County Executive Board consists of the county chairman, county vice chairman, county secretary, county treasurer, state central committeeman, state central committeewoman, county finance director, and at least no more than three at-large members who are registered Republicans in the county, appointed by the county chairman and confirmed by a majority of the elected county party officers. ~~others appointed by the county chairman from the registered Republicans in the county. Any at-large member may be removed by a majority vote of the elected county officers at an executive board meeting or by a majority vote of the county central committee.~~

The County Executive Board conducts party business between regular meetings of the County Central Committee. The county chairman calls the meetings of the County Executive Board and presides over such meetings. The county secretary keeps the minutes. Three members of the County Executive Board may call a meeting in writing. A meeting of the County Executive Board may be held electronically.

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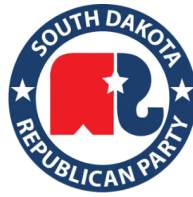
Role / Title

County State Committeeman

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Bylaws Amendment Submission

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

provision for the replacement of non-participatory county central committee members and/or executive board members

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section III - County Central Committee

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

As the current bylaws are written, there are an unlimited number of absences allowed for any member.

Proposed New or Revised Content

Section III. County Central Committee

6. Vacancies:

A. Events Causing Vacancy: The following events shall cause an officer of the County Central Committee or a precinct committeeman and committeewoman to forfeit his or her office and the office declared vacant: death, resignation, failure to appear for five (5) or more consecutive meetings, including county central committee meetings, and if applicable, county executive board meetings during the course of their two year term, failure of an officer to reside in the county, failure of a precinct committeeman and committeewoman to reside in the precinct, failure to be a registered Republican voter, filing any document with the 6 Secretary of State or a county auditor to be an independent candidate in a general or special election in a race for a partisan public office in which a Republican has been nominated or has filed a petition for the Republican nomination, or conviction of a felony.

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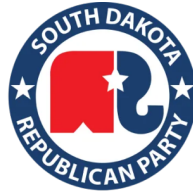
Role / Title

County Chair

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Organization



Bylaws Amendment Submission

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Remove January and February and add March and April as the possible months for the State Central Committee Winter Meeting. The State Central Committee shall set the next meeting date before adjourning a convened meeting. Section I, 7, A.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section I - State Central Committee

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

Adding March and April as available months for the Winter Meeting will get the meeting past Legislative session and past the coldest months of winter for safer travel conditions. Eliminating January and February from the wording will get the Winter Meeting past the deadline for County elections. Having the State Central Committee set the date of the next meeting before adjourning a convened meeting will make it very clear to everyone when the next meeting will be held so plans can be made far in advance.

Proposed New or Revised Content

Section I: State Central Committee

7. Meetings

A. Regular Meetings: Two regular meetings of the State Central Committee shall be held each year upon the call of the State Chairman.

One meeting shall be held during March or April, and the second meeting shall be held during June, July, August or September. The State Central Committee may move these meetings to a month other than those specified. The State Central Committee shall set the date of the next State Central Committee meeting before adjourning a convened meeting.

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Bylaws Amendment Submission

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Remove the nomination restrictions for regional directors.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section II - State Executive Board

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

Restricting Regional Director nominations to State Central Committee (SCC) members concentrates responsibilities on a small group already heavily tasked at the county and state levels, especially during election season. Expanding eligibility to match that of other executive board positions would distribute the workload more evenly, bring fresh perspectives to leadership, and reduce potential conflicts of interest.

Proposed New or Revised Content

Section II

1. Membership: The State Executive Board shall consist of the state chairman, state vice chairman, state secretary, state treasurer, national committeeman, national committeewoman, and six ~~members of the State Central Committee elected by the State Central Committee~~ as regional directors. There shall be no more than one director from each of the regions defined in Section VI.8. The directors shall reside in their regions at the time of nomination and for the duration of their term. They shall be elected at the same time and for the same term as the state officers, and vacancies shall be governed by Sections I.6.A. and I.6.D.

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Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

To provide transparency when the county central committee needs or desires a special meeting. Additionally, according to the bylaws, there is no clear justification for calling special meetings. Also provides for official notices to be sent via text message.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section III - County Central Committee

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

To allow for more transparency and participation in matters of urgency at the county level. And to allow for meeting notices to be sent via text messages, along with the other approved methods of calling meetings. To provide consistency in the number of executive board members required to call meetings.

Proposed New or Revised Content

7. Meetings:

A. Regular Meetings: The County Central Committee shall meet at least twice each year on call of the county chairman.

B. Special Meetings: The County Chairman may call a special meeting at any time. A special meeting may be initiated by either (1) one-fifth of the members of the County Central Committee or half of the Executive Board officers of the County Central Committee by submitting a written request to the County Chairman and Secretary at least twenty (20) days in advance of the proposed meeting date. Upon receipt of the request, the Chairman shall coordinate with the requesting members to determine whether the proposed date allows for the Chairman's participation. If the proposed date is not feasible, the Chairman must propose at least 2 alternative dates. The Chairman shall respond to the request within five (5) business days. If neither the initially proposed date nor the Chairman's alternative date(s) are mutually acceptable, the request shall be considered unresolved, and the process must begin again with a new written request and proposed date. If the Chairman does not respond within five (5) business days, then one-half (1/2) of the members or officers may issue a call for the special meeting.

1. Justification for the Call of a Special Meeting

- Filling a Vacant Officer Position
- Disciplinary Proceedings
- Legal or Compliance Deadlines
- Crisis Response or Public Statement
- Failure to achieve Quorum at a prior regularly called meeting

C. Notice: Five-days notice must be given for any meeting, excluding weekends and holidays. Notices may be sent by mail or email, **or text**.

D. Quorum: A quorum shall consist of one-fifth of the members of the County Central Committee (not including vacancies), including at least two officers. For the purposes of determining the number of members needed to have a quorum, Republican state legislators and county elected officials shall not be considered as members of the County Central Committee; however, when present they shall be counted when determining whether a quorum is present. This provision shall not affect the rights of said members to participate and vote at meetings.

E. Rules of Order: The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the County Central Committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the County Central Committee may adopt; however, unless any member objects, the committee may act informally at the discretion of the county chairman.

F. Electronic Meetings: A meeting of the County Central Committee may be held electronically.

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