



BYLAWS COMMITTEE - AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION COVER SHEET

Amendment #: 2026-04

Date: Feb 4, 2026

Subject: Establish a Standing Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee Recommends to:

Approve Send Back to Committee
 Reject No Recommendation

Rationale For Recommendation:

The Bylaws Committee agrees with intent, however, we find:

- Some conflicts with other areas of the bylaws
- Are missing some requirements we believe are necessary
- Includes excessive rigid detail in how the committee communicates their assessments
- Includes excessive detail in how the committee is appointed and member terms thereof
- Gives the committee power to kill amendments and we are not in agreement with that power within the committee

We thank the author for the submission but we believe the other amendment on this topic better suits the needs of the State Central Committee at this time.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nelia Elliott".

Chair of Bylaws Committee



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.

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 number 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 if 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.

Proposed New or Revised Content

SECTION IX BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Bylaws Existing	New Proposed Wording
1. Procedure...	1. Procedure...
2. Amendment of Proposals...	2. Amendment of Proposals...
3. Bylaws Committee: A standing Bylaw Committee shall be established. A. <u>Duties:</u> 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. coordinate amendments with the prime sponsor to ensure that the final wording is consistent with the intentions of the prime sponsor.	



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2. Make a recommendation of "Do Pass", "Do Not Pass", or "No Recommendation" of each proposed bylaw.
3. Ensure proposed bylaws comply with state laws, federal laws, Republican National Committee bylaws, and don't conflict with existing state bylaws.
4. The committee shall operate continuously and meet at the call of the chair to review, and edit if needed, proposed bylaw amendments.

B. Bylaw Committee Recommendations:

1. Do Pass - A proposed bylaw amendment 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 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 killed by receiving a "Do Not Pass" recommendation from the committee shall be placed on the agenda only if a calendarizing 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 receiving "No Recommendation" from the committee shall be placed on the agenda only if a calendarizing motion receives a vote of one-fifth of the members present at the next regular or special State Central Committee meeting.

C. Final Disposition: Final disposition on a proposed bylaw amendment requires a majority vote of the members present taken by roll call.

D. Proposal Submissions: Proposed bylaw amendments shall be submitted in accordance with Section IX, §1, and not less than ninety days prior to the meeting in which it shall be considered.

E. Organization:

1. All Bylaw Committee Members are voting members.
2. The committee shall be registered Republican voters made up of:
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Odd numbered regions shall appoint after the first regular (winter) meeting of the State Central Committee held every odd numbered calendar year, and even numbered regions shall appoint after the first regular (winter) meeting of the State Central Committee held every even numbered calendar year.
 - d. Bylaw committee members serve for a term of two years, and at the pleasure of the officer that appoints them.



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	<p>F. Vacancies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chair vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Chair of the South Dakota Republican Party.2. Member vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the respective Regional Directors in which the vacancy occurs.
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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

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

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

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Role/Title/Organization: State Executive Board Member



BYLAWS COMMITTEE - AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION COVER SHEET

Amendment #: 2026-12 Date: Feb 4, 2026

Subject: Establish a Standing Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee Recommends to:

- Approve Send Back to Committee
- Reject No Recommendation

Rationale For Recommendation:

A permanent bylaws committee is needed and is an appropriate addition to the bylaws. This amendment will ensure the quality and integrity of the bylaws and will bring more process and order in amending them. This committee should not withhold or kill any amendments from the State Central Committee. This amendment supports that belief.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nelia Elliott".

Chair of Bylaws Committee



Bylaws Amendment Submission

Final Amendment ID # 2026-12

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Establish a permanent bylaws committee and describe its composition, duties, and integration into the amendment process.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section I - State Central Committee
- Section IX - Bylaw Amendments

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

Responsibility needs to be formally assigned to maintain the quality and integrity of the SDGOP Bylaws. The bylaws, in accordance with SD state law, constitute the governing document of the SDGOP. Per Roberts Rules of Order, the bylaws of an organization should prescribe its primary characteristics, how it functions, and the rules that are considered so important that a large majority vote is required to change them. These rules delineate organizational purpose, membership, hierarchical structure, positional turnover, duties and limitations, and other important functions, including how to amend the bylaws. At present no entity is assigned to maintain this most important document. A permanent bylaws committee is necessary to ensure the integrity of the bylaws. This would involve using clear, concise language and avoiding excessive detail, which surely leads to excessive amending. It involves clean-up of conflicting and/or redundant provisions, and consistency with state law and RNC rules. It involves the development of standards and guidelines for submitting amendments, to assist the authors who write them. The amendment process should improve the bylaws and organizational functions, not harm them.

The current process of amending the bylaws is poor and, without intervention, will eventually result in inferior bylaws. A permanent bylaws committee can fix this process. Amendments can now be dumped on the State Central Committee (SCC) 15 days prior to any meeting without prior vetting of quality, accuracy, and completeness, and often without full sentences describing the reason for change. Bylaws should not be cluttered up with minute procedural details which should be contained in lower-level documents that are easier to change, often called "procedures." The bylaws committee will work with authors to improve the quality of deficient submissions, and will forward amendments to the SCC with a quality assessment and an appropriate recommendation. Scheduled time must be inserted in the process to allow the above vetting to occur, as well as for the voting members of the SCC to adequately review amendments. Better quality amendments will bring order and clarity to the process of voting on them.

The appointment of the bylaws committee chairman and other members should follow a process that identifies and recruits the bylaws committee members with the applicable experience, skills, and specific interest that would best serve the committee's functions. Certain traits come to mind in prospective members: English language and writing skills, detail oriented, logical thinker, organized, previous bylaws experience, word processing skills, managerial experience, teamwork oriented, registered Republican voter, to name a few. Although the state chairman normally appoints all committee members, the burden of searching for the most appropriate bylaws committee members, beyond its chairman, will benefit from requiring the assistance of the regional directors to appoint the others. However, the agenda of the appointed members is not to represent a region, but to ensure the quality of the SDGOP bylaws. Finally, the bylaws committee will need to develop processes, guidelines, and an attitude of teamwork which will not be fostered by constant turnover. Specified "terms" are



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unnecessary. The state chairman can consult with the bylaws committee chairman and the regional directors as necessary when vacancies need to be filled or a committee member is not performing. No elaborate process needs to be invented to accommodate change in committee personnel.

Proposed New or Revised Content

SECTION I STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Bylaws Existing	New Proposed Wording
<p>5. Duties of Officers:</p> <p>A. State Chairman...</p> <p>8. The state chairman shall appoint members to any committees deemed necessary for the operation of the Republican Party</p>	<p>5. Duties of Officers</p> <p>A. State Chairman...</p> <p>8. The state chairman shall appoint members to any committees deemed necessary for the operation of the Republican Party, <u>except as prescribed in Section I.8.B.</u></p> <p>8. <u>Permanent Bylaws Committee:</u></p> <p>A. <u>Purpose:</u> The permanent Bylaws Committee shall ensure the integrity and maintenance of the Bylaws of the South Dakota Republican Party.</p> <p>B. <u>Membership:</u> Membership is limited to registered Republican voters in South Dakota. The state chairman shall appoint the bylaws committee chairman, who shall serve at the pleasure of the state chairman. The other members of the bylaws committee shall each be appointed by one of the six regional directors, and they shall serve at the pleasure of that appointing regional director.</p> <p>C. <u>Duties of the Bylaws Committee:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Publish and maintain form(s) and guidelines to assist authors of amendments in the preparation of good quality amendments.2. Review each proposed amendment and, if necessary, coordinate improvements with the author. Forward each amendment to the state secretary with a bylaws committee assessment and recommendation to the State Central Committee.3. Continuously review the bylaws for gaps in content, conflicts, inconsistencies, and other quality issues and propose amendments as needed.4. Without requiring a formal amendment, make minor clerical corrections to the bylaws as needed, including, but not limited to paragraph numbers and format, mis-spellings, capitalization, punctuation, and incorrect incorporation of approved amendments. Clerical corrections may not alter the original meaning of any approved text.



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SECTION IX BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Bylaws Existing	New Proposed Wording
<p>1. Procedure: These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the State Central Committee by a two-thirds vote of those present. Any member of the State Central Committee may propose an amendment by submitting it in writing to the state secretary, who shall include it in the notice of the next regular or special meeting. No proposed amendment may be considered unless it was included in the meeting notice.</p>	<p>1. Procedure: These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the State Central Committee by a two-thirds vote of those present. Any member of the State Central Committee may propose an amendment by submitting it in writing to the state secretary, who shall include it in the notice of the next regular or special meeting. No proposed amendment may be considered unless it was included in the meeting notice., provided that the amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Has been submitted in writing by a member of the State Central Committee to the bylaws committee for review not later than ninety (90) days prior to that meeting, unless the state chairman directs an abbreviated timeframe due to the urgency of a specific amendment;B. Has been provided by the bylaws committee to all members of the State Central Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which it will be considered;C. Has been included in the agenda in the written notice of the meeting at which it will be considered; andD. Has received a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those State Central Committee members present at the meeting at which it was approved. <p>2. Amendment of Proposals: Any proposal for amending the bylaws may be amended during the meeting at which it is considered, provided that such amendment(s) must be germane to the subject matter of the original relate directly to the line and section originally proposed for amendment.</p>

Members Who Also Support This Change

This submission was authored by the current bylaws committee.

Confirmation

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

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

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BYLAWS COMMITTEE - AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION COVER SHEET

Amendment #: 2026-02 Date: Feb 4, 2026

Subject: Document Regional Director Duties

The Bylaws Committee Recommends to:

Approve Send Back to Committee
 Reject No Recommendation

Rationale For Recommendation:

The Bylaws Committee agrees with the intent of the Amendment.

However, our committee does not have a unanimous recommendation on this amendment.

1. A majority opinion recommends approval if a more streamlined version is adopted as follows:
 6. *Duties of Regional Directors: The regional director shall have the following duties:*
 - A. *Maintain regular contact with county party organizations.*
 - B. *Coordinate party activities between county party organizations and the State Chairman regarding county issues, campaign resources, and campaign results.*
 - C. *Assist the state chairman to organize inactive counties (per Section I.5.11) and report on the status of the initial meetings.*
 - D. *Assist the state chairman in the transition of newly elected regional directors, including handover of files and other relevant materials.*
 - E. *Serve as a member of the State Executive Board.*
 - F. *Perform other regional leadership duties as described in these bylaws or as needed.*
2. However, we have a minority opinion that likes this amendment as submitted because the detail is appreciated.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Delia Elliott".

Chair of Bylaws Committee



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Final Amendment ID # 2026-02

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

This is an update to a previously submitted bylaw change recommendation based on constructive comments from George Ludvik to a previously submitted bylaw recommendation concerning the duties of regional directors. The essence of the changes are additional duties beginning with paragraph 6.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section I - State Central Committee

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

No duties for regional directors are listed in the existing bylaws. There is a lot they could and should be doing.

Proposed New or Revised Content

SECTION III COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
5. Duties of Officers...	5. Duties of Officers...
	6. Duties of Regional Directors: The regional director shall have the following duties: A. Shall maintain regular contact with county party organizations (quarterly virtual meetings at a minimum with monthly email reports to the group). B. Shall facilitate development and submission of issues to the State Central Committee while representing counties within the region. C. Shall facilitate the organization of inactive counties within the region; in coordination with the State chairman, convene county central committee meetings to elect new executive board members in inactive counties within two weeks of being contacted by the state chairman. This period is negotiable for coordination purposes with members of the respective county central committee. D. Shall keep and submit records of the initial county organization meetings to the State chairman and executive director. E. Shall participate in State Central Committee and State Central Committee Executive Board meetings. F. Shall effectively convey the purpose, platform, and objectives of the state chair and executive board to the county chairs. G. Shall effectively communicate the need for resources to increase the probability of a successful campaign to the state chair and fellow regional directors. H. Shall effectively communicate the methods of a successful or failed bid to a federal, state, or



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Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
	<p>local elected position to the state chair and fellow regional directors.</p> <p>I. Shall assist the State chair in the transition of newly elected regional directors including handover of files and other materials used in the performance of their duties.</p> <p>J. Shall assist the county chair in the transition of newly elected county chair including handover of files and other materials used in the performance of their duties.</p> <p>K. Shall effectively support the state chair in the efforts identified by the state central committee.</p>
6. Vacancies... A. <u>National Committeeman and National Committeewoman</u> : Any vacancy in the positions of national committeeman or national committeewoman shall be filled in the same manner as provided above in Sec. I.6.D. A vacancy shall occur in those positions as provided in the rules of the national Republican Party.	7. Vacancies... B. <u>National Committeeman and National Committeewoman</u> : Any vacancy in the positions of national committeeman or national committeewoman shall be filled in the same manner as provided above in Sec. I.7.D. A vacancy shall occur in those positions as provided in the rules of the national Republican Party.

Members Who Also Support This Change

Confirmation

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

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

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Role/Title/Organization: Chairman, Bon Homme County



BYLAWS COMMITTEE - AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION COVER SHEET

Amendment #: 2026-03 Date: Feb 4, 2026

Subject: Peace & Harmony in County Parties

The Bylaws Committee Recommends to:

- Approve Send Back to Committee
- Reject No Recommendation

Rationale For Recommendation:

This is a joke.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Nelia Elliott".

Chair of Bylaws Committee



Bylaws Amendment Submission

Final Amendment ID # 2026-03

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Bring peace & harmony to County Parties

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section III - County Central Committee

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

County Party infighting.

Proposed New or Revised Content

SECTION III COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
5. Duties of Officers...	5. Duties of Officers...
	<p>6. County Harmony: The County Central Committee shall gather quarterly for a non-business meeting where members sit in a circle and sing Kumbaya.</p> <p>A. <u>Purpose:</u> To establish and maintain required peace and harmony within County Parties.</p> <p>B. <u>Time and Location:</u> Time and location shall be set by the County Executive Board Members.</p> <p>C. <u>Meetings:</u> Meetings may be held in conjunction with regular County Party business meetings, if approved by the County Central Committee using spirit fingers to make up-twinkle and down-twinkle votes.</p> <p>D. <u>Accoutrements:</u> If any member in attendance owns an acoustic guitar, they shall bring the guitar to meetings and play music to compliment the singing of Kumbaya.</p> <p>E. <u>Time Out:</u> If two (2) or more members fail to maintain peace and harmony, the members involved shall sit on a couch and hold hands for a period of not less than fifteen (15) minutes per incident.</p>

Members Who Also Support This Change

Confirmation

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

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

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Role/Title/Organization: State Executive Board Member, SDGOP



BYLAWS COMMITTEE - AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION COVER SHEET

Amendment #: 2026-06 Date: Feb 4, 2026

Subject: Clarification of the Voting Privileges of Appointed Board Members

The Bylaws Committee Recommends to:

- Approve Send Back to Committee
- Reject No Recommendation

Rationale For Recommendation:

Extensive collaboration between the authors of separate amendments on the same topic went into the final version of this amendment. The Bylaws Committee and those authors agree upon the final wording of this amendment.

Signature:

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Chair of Bylaws Committee



Bylaws Amendment Submission

Final Amendment ID # 2026-06

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

To amend Section III - 8 so as to clarify that appointed County Executive board members do not have a vote at Executive board meetings, allowing the Chairman to appoint enough votes to be able to override the Executive board members who were elected by the County Central Committee.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

Section III - County Central Committee

Detailed Reason for Change(s) To make it clear the Executive board members elected by the body have the authority to vote, but not appointed members.

Proposed New or Revised Content

Bylaws Existing	New Proposed Wording
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 three others appointed by the county chairman from the registered Republicans in the county. 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.	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, and County Finance Director. <i>From the registered Republicans in the County, the Chairman may appoint assistants who shall have the right to attend meetings and participate in discussions but shall not be members of the Board and shall have no rights to make motions or vote.</i> 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.

Members Who Also Support This Change

Confirmation

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

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

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Role/Title/Organization: Chairman, SDGOP



BYLAWS COMMITTEE - AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION COVER SHEET

Amendment #: 2026-07 Date: Feb 4, 2026

Subject: A process for removal of officers.

The Bylaws Committee Recommends to:

- Approve Send Back to Committee
- Reject No Recommendation

Rationale For Recommendation:

Prolonged, extensive collaboration between the authors of separate amendments on the same topic went into the final version of this amendment. The Bylaws Committee agrees that this addition improves the bylaws and brings us into compliance with RNC guidelines.

Signature:

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Chair of Bylaws Committee



Bylaws Amendment Submission

Final Amendment ID # 2026-07

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

A process for removal of officers.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

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

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

Whereas there is no process in our bylaws to remove an officer, one needs to exist. The process should have high enough thresholds to avoid someone bringing removal proceedings because of hurt feelings, but yet there is a process to use for crimes or misdeeds that warrant removal from office.

Proposed New or Revised Content

SECTION I STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
5. Duties of Officers...	5. Duties of Officers...
	<p>6. Removal of Executive Board Members: An Officer or Regional Director may be removed from office by adoption of a motion to do so.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Scheduling Motion on Agenda:<ol style="list-style-type: none">A. The process requires the support of at least one-fifth of the total State Central Committee members (not including vacancies) to be scheduled on the agenda.B. Scheduling a removal process may be accomplished by obtaining the signatures, or printed emails of at least one-fifth of the total State Central Committee membership (not including vacancies).2. Determination of Quorum: A quorum for removal action shall consist of at least one-third of the total members of the State Central Committee (not including vacancies).3. Voting Threshold: Once previous proper 14-day notice has been given in the agenda, a vote to adopt a removal motion requires a majority affirmative vote of the members present.4. Voting Method: Voting shall be in secret with paper ballot. Votes shall be read out loud in front of the assembly.5. Conduction of Removal Process: if the officer facing removal is the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall conduct the meeting, otherwise the Chairman conducts the meeting.
6. Vacancies...	7. Vacancies...
7. Meetings...	8. Meetings...



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SECTION III COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
5. Duties of Officers...	5. Duties of Officers...
	<p>6. Removal of Officers: An Officer may be removed from office by adoption of a motion to do so.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Scheduling Motion on Agenda: A. The process requires the support of at least one-fifth of the total County Central Committee members (not including vacancies) to be scheduled on the agenda. B. Scheduling a removal process may be accomplished by obtaining the signatures, or printed emails of at least one-fifth of the total County Central Committee membership (not including vacancies).2. Determination of Quorum: A quorum for removal action shall consist of a minimum of one-third of the total members of the County Central Committee (not including vacancies) including at least two officers.3. Voting Thresholds: Once proper notice, 5 business days (Excluding weekends and holidays) has been given in the agenda, a vote to adopt a removal motion requires a majority affirmative vote of the members present.4. Voting Method: Voting shall be in secret with paper ballot. Votes shall be read out loud in front of the assembly.5. Conduction of Removal Process: if the officer facing removal is the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall conduct the meeting, otherwise the Chairman conducts the meeting.
6. Vacancies...	7. Vacancies...
7. Meetings...	8. Meetings...
8. County Executive Board...	9. County Executive Board...
9. Inactive Counties...	10. Inactive Counties...

Members Who Also Support This Change

Jim Stalzer, Bridget Myer, Ben Krohmer

Confirmation

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

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

Your Name: Jim Eschenbaum

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Role/Title/Organization: Chair, SDGOP



BYLAWS COMMITTEE - AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION COVER SHEET

Amendment #: 2026-09

Date: Feb 4, 2026

Subject: To make sure all data is passed onto the next administration to promote smooth transition. I believe this should also be applied to county boards.

The Bylaws Committee Recommends to:

- Approve
- Send Back to Committee
- Reject
- No Recommendation

Rationale For Recommendation:

The Bylaws Committee acknowledges that guidance for the “hand-over” of party property is necessary and has worked with the author to achieve the proposed wording.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nelia Elliott".

Chair of Bylaws Committee



Bylaws Amendment Submission

Final Amendment ID # 2026-09

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

To make sure all data is passed onto the next administration to promote smooth transition. I believe this should also be applied to county boards.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section II – State Executive Board
- Section III - County Central Committee

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

Non-Deletion and Transition Clause - The following language should be used to properly convey that all data, no matter in which form its stored, is to be transferred over to the incoming administration, including but not limited to, data, passwords, and physical files. The language below may act as a template to be brought before a state's Central Committee to be passed into the State Party's bylaws to ensure a smooth transition process.

Proposed New or Revised Content

SECTION II STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
3. Meetings...	3. Meetings...
	<p>4. Transition and Return of Party Property:</p> <p>A. <u>Party Property Defined</u>. "Party Property" includes all physical and electronic property, official records, data, accounts, administrative credentials, and materials belonging to or used for the business of the South Dakota Republican Party.</p> <p>B. <u>Duty to Transfer</u>. Upon the election or appointment of a successor, or upon leaving a party position for any reason, each outgoing officer, regional director, other elected member or appointed personnel of the State Executive Board (and any other person holding party property by virtue of a party position) shall deliver all party property in their possession to their successor or to the state chairman (or the chairman's designee) within five (5) calendar days and shall provide a written inventory of items and accounts transferred.</p> <p>C. <u>Failure to Comply</u>. If party property is not transferred by the deadline, the State Executive Board may direct reasonable steps to secure and recover party property and access, including changing credentials and contacting vendors or platforms, and may take further action consistent with these bylaws and the organization's legal counsel.</p>



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SECTION III COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
8. County Executive Board...	8. County Executive Board...
	9. Transition and Return of Party Property A. <u>Party Property Defined.</u> "Party Property" includes all physical and electronic property, official records, data, accounts, administrative credentials, and materials belonging to or used for the business of the County Central Committee. B. <u>Duty to Transfer.</u> Upon the election or appointment of a successor, or upon leaving a county party position for any reason, each outgoing officer, other elected member or appointed personnel of the County Central Committee (and any other person holding party property by virtue of a party position) shall deliver all party property in their possession to their successor or to the county chairman (or the chairman's designee) within five (5) calendar days and shall provide a written inventory of items and accounts transferred. C. <u>Coordination with State Party.</u> If party property includes access to state-provided systems, data, credentials, or platforms, the county party chairman shall ensure that such access is updated or terminated within five (5) calendar days in coordination with the state party. D. <u>Failure to Comply.</u> If party property is not transferred by the deadline, the County Executive Board may direct reasonable steps to secure and recover party property and access, including changing credentials and contacting vendors or platforms, and may take further action consistent with these bylaws and the organization's legal counsel.
9. Inactive Counties ...	10. Inactive Counties ...

Members Who Also Support This Change

- Rich Hilgemann Brown County Chairman/Region 4 Director
- Stu Cvrk Bon Homme County Chairman
- Debra Elliott, State Committeewoman, Butte County & SDGOP IT Administrator

Confirmation

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

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

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BYLAWS COMMITTEE - AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION COVER SHEET

Amendment #: 2026-11

Date: Feb 4, 2026

Subject: To have all proper documentation (meeting minutes and financials) sent to the central committee members with all their central committee meeting notices

The Bylaws Committee Recommends to:

- Approve
- Send Back to Committee
- Reject
- No Recommendation

Rationale For Recommendation:

The Bylaws Committee has worked with the author to achieve the proposed wording.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Nelia Elliott".

Chair of Bylaws Committee



Bylaws Amendment Submission

Final Amendment ID # 2026-11

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Intent is to have all proper documentation (meeting minutes and financials) sent to the central committee members with all their central committee meeting notices.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section III - County Central Committee

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

Over the last three executive boards, regardless of the faction in power, proper documents such as meeting minutes and treasurer's reports have not been sent out alongside meeting agenda notices. Arriving at meetings without prior time to review these documents has frequently resulted in tabling business until the next central committee meeting. Furthermore, this practice prevents members who cannot attend in person from staying informed about our county's financials and general proceedings. While some may feel this is not required, if it is not explicitly written in the bylaws, providing these materials is essential for the effective and open operation of our committee.

Proposed New or Revised Content

SECTION III COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
<p>7. Meetings:</p> <p>B. <u>Notice</u>: 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.</p>	<p>7. Meetings:</p> <p>B. <u>Notice</u>: 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 <u>and include meeting minutes and treasurer's report</u>. 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.</p>

Members Who Also Support This Change

Confirmation

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

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

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Role/Title/Organization: State Committeewoman, Minnehaha



BYLAWS COMMITTEE - AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION COVER SHEET

Amendment #: 2026-13

Date: Feb 4, 2026

Subject: To clearly state that the Treasurer be signer/authorized user of county central committee bank account.

The Bylaws Committee Recommends to:

- Approve Send Back to Committee
- Reject No Recommendation

Rationale For Recommendation:

The Bylaws Committee finds no issue with this amendment.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nelia Elliott".

Chair of Bylaws Committee



Bylaws Amendment Submission

Final Amendment ID # 2026-13

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

The Bylaws do not clearly state that the Treasurer be signer/authorized user of county central committee bank account. Even though this is common sense, it is clearly not defined in the bylaws they are to be a signer.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section III - County Central Committee

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

I am proposing this change to address the Treasurer's duties, because Minnehaha County had a Treasurer that was never added as a signer on our central committee bank account. The chair was the only person listed on the bank account and the Treasurer was never added and the treasurer ended up resigning. Because it is not listed in the bylaws directly the chairman does not think he needs to add the Treasurer to the bank account. I am proposing defining that directly under the Treasurer's duties to assure that action is completed.

Proposed New or Revised Content

SECTION III COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
<p>5. Duties of Officers:</p> <p>D. County Treasurer: The county treasurer has the following duties:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pay all bills and serve as custodian of funds.	<p>5. Duties of Officers:</p> <p>E. County Treasurer: The county treasurer has the following duties:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pay all bills, and serve as custodian of funds, and be a signer and/or listed on the county central committee bank account.

Members Who Also Support This Change

Confirmation

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

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

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Role/Title/Organization: State Committeewoman, Minnehaha



BYLAWS COMMITTEE - AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION COVER SHEET

Amendment #: 2026-14 Date: Feb 4, 2026

Subject: County Meeting Location

The Bylaws Committee Recommends to:

- Approve Send Back to Committee
- Reject No Recommendation

Rationale For Recommendation:

The Bylaws Committee worked with the author to achieve the final wording.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Delia Elliott".

Chair of Bylaws Committee



Bylaws Amendment Submission

Final Amendment ID # 2026-14

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Delete the words "at the county seat" in first sentence in #4 concerning organizational meetings.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section III - County Central Committee

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

The Charles Mix County auditor refused the request of the CM GOP to hold their organizational meeting at the county courthouse as they have in the past. The county fair building rent was also substantially increased due to other fair building rental issues consequently causing us to find another location in Lake Andes. I am aware of a much larger county in eastern SD having a quite an issue over location and there may be others. I am in favor of each county deciding their location.

Proposed New or Revised Content

SECTION III COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
<p>4. Organizational Meeting:</p> <p>The County Central Committee shall meet at the county seat between November 15 following the general election and the following January 31 and proceed to form their party organization by electing officers. A majority vote of the County Central Committee members present and voting shall constitute an election, which shall be certified to the county auditor, secretary of state, and state secretary of the State Central Committee.</p>	<p>4. Organizational Meeting:</p> <p>The County Central Committee shall meet at the county seat in the county between November 15 following the general election and the following January 31 and proceed to form their party organization by electing officers. A majority vote of the County Central Committee members present and voting shall constitute an election, which shall be certified to the county auditor, secretary of state, and state secretary of the State Central Committee.</p>

Members Who Also Support This Change

Confirmation

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

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

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Role/Title/Organization: Chairman, Charles Mix County



BYLAWS COMMITTEE - AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION COVER SHEET

Amendment #: 2026-16 Date: Feb 4, 2026

Subject: Acknowledge of Resignations

The Bylaws Committee Recommends to:

- Approve Send Back to Committee
- Reject No Recommendation

Rationale For Recommendation:

The Bylaws Committee recommends rejecting this bylaw amendment as is, however, we acknowledge and understand the reason for bringing this amendment forward. Rather than adding this to the bylaws, we recommend creating a guide book to document standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the county.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Delia Elliott".

Chair of Bylaws Committee



Bylaws Amendment Submission

Final Amendment ID # 2026-16

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Resigned officers are not allowed to be used to make quorum for a central committee meeting.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section III - County Central Committee

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

Officer resignations once received by email, text, voice, or any written form are effective immediately and should result in immediate termination of any board communications, financial accounts or secretary of state filings. The resigned or vacated officer is unable to be counted to meet quorum to hold central committee meetings.

Proposed New or Revised Content

SECTION I STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
<p>6. Vacancies:</p> <p>A. <u>Events Causing Vacancy:</u> The following events shall cause an officer of the State Central Committee to forfeit his or her office and the office declared vacant: death, resignation, failure to reside in the state, failure to be a registered Republican voter, filing any document with the 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, conviction of a felony, or violation of a bond required to be posted.</p>	<p>6. Vacancies:</p> <p>A. <u>Events Causing Vacancy:</u> The following events shall cause an officer of the State Central Committee to forfeit his or her office and the office declared vacant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Death2. Resignation3. Failure to reside in the state4. Failure to be a registered Republican voter5. Filing any document with the 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 nomination6. Conviction of a felony7. Violation of a bond required to be posted
	<p>B. <u>Resignation Acknowledgment:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Upon receipt of a resignation to all executive board members on any medium, written or verbal, the resignation is considered accepted and is in effect as of the date of the initial communication.2. Verbal resignations shall be verified with written correspondence.3. The position of the resigned is vacant at that moment.



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Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
	<p>4. All materials and information in the execution of the office are turned over as defined in the applicable paragraph in Vacancies, immediately.</p> <p>5. All official communications with the resigned are terminated or redirected immediately.</p> <p>6. Resignations during or immediately following a meeting are considered imprudent and create cause for state executive board review.</p>
B. State Chairman...	C. State Chairman...
C. State Treasurer...	D. State Treasurer...
D. Other Offices...	E. Other Offices...
E. National Committeeman and National Committeewoman...	F. National Committeeman and National Committeewoman...

SECTION III COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
<p>6. Vacancies:</p> <p>A. <u>Events Causing Vacancy:</u> 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 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 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.</p>	<p>6. Vacancies:</p> <p>A. <u>Events Causing Vacancy:</u> 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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Death2. Resignation3. Failure of an officer to reside in the county4. Failure of a precinct committeeman and committeewoman to reside in the precinct5. Failure to be a registered Republican voter6. Filing any document with the 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 nomination7. Conviction of a felony
	<p>B. <u>Resignation Acknowledgment:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Upon receipt of a resignation to all executive board members on any medium, written or verbal, the resignation is



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Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
	<p>considered accepted and is in effect as of the date of the initial communication.</p> <p>2. Verbal resignations shall be verified with written correspondence.</p> <p>3. The position of the resigned is vacant at that moment.</p> <p>4. All materials and information in the execution of the office are turned over as defined in the applicable paragraph in Vacancies, immediately.</p> <p>5. All official communications with the resigned are terminated or redirected immediately.</p> <p>6. Resignations during or immediately following a meeting are considered imprudent and create cause for state executive board review.</p>
B. County Chairman...	C. County Chairman...
C. Other Officers and Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen...	D. Other Officers and Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen ...

Members Who Also Support This Change

Confirmation

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BYLAWS COMMITTEE - AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION COVER SHEET

Amendment #: 2026-17 Date: Feb 4, 2026

Subject: County At-Large Delegate Voting Rights

The Bylaws Committee Recommends to:

- Approve Send Back to Committee
- Reject No Recommendation

Rationale For Recommendation:

The Bylaws Committee worked with the author to achieve the final wording in this amendment.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Delia Elliott".

Chair of Bylaws Committee



Bylaws Amendment Submission

Final Amendment ID # 2026-17

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Change

Make the not to exceed three elected at large delegates to the state convention part of the county GOP Central Committee with county voting rights.

What Section(s) Does the Bylaws Change Involve?

- Section III - County Central Committee
- Section IV - State Convention

Detailed Reason for Change(s)

At large delegates to the state convention have been active in our county activities, too, but according to state bylaws have no vote. For the effort they put forth to be a delegate and to be a part of the local county GOP CC, they have earned the right to vote in the local county activities.

Proposed New or Revised Content

SECTION III COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
1. Organization: The County Central Committee of each county shall consist of the precinct committeeeman and committeewoman from each precinct in the county, each at-large delegate elected for the state convention , the county chairman, county vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, state committeeeman, state committeewoman, Republican state legislators residing in the county and Republican county and Republican elected officials of the county limited to county auditor, county treasurer, register of deeds, sheriff, state's attorney, county coroner and county commissioners...	1. Organization: The County Central Committee of each county shall consist of the precinct committeeeman and committeewoman from each precinct in the county, each at-large delegate elected for the state convention , the county chairman, county vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, state committeeeman, state committeewoman, Republican state legislators residing in the county and Republican elected officials of the county limited to county auditor, county treasurer, register of deeds, sheriff, state's attorney, county coroner and county commissioners...
3. Officers: The elected officers of a County Central Committee are the county chairman and county vice chairman...	3. At-Large Delegates: Only the at-large delegate(s) elected in the primary election pursuant to Section IV.2.A.2 shall serve as members of their County Central Committee, holding office until the next primary election is held. 4. Officers: The elected officers of a County Central Committee are the county chairman and county vice chairman...



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Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
4. Organizational Meeting: The County Central Committee shall meet at the county seat between ...	5. Organizational Meeting: The County Central Committee shall meet at the county seat between...
5. Duties of Officers: A. County Chairman: The county chairman, as head of the Republican Party in the county, has the following duties...	6. Duties of Officers: A. County Chairman: The county chairman, as head of the Republican Party in the county, has the following duties... (Move Paragraph 6F to Item 7A below)
	7. Duties of Others: A. <u>Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen:</u> The precinct committeemen and committeewomen have the following duties: 1. 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 nonvoters; and general voter contact activities. 2. Serve as voting members of the County Central Committee. B. At-Large Delegates: At-large delegates have the following duties: 1. Assist the county chairman in conducting the political campaign in the county. 2. Serve as voting member (s) of the County Central Committee.
	8. Vacancies: A. <u>Events Causing Vacancy:</u> 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 of an officer to reside in the county, failure of a precinct committeeman and committeewoman to reside in the county, registered Republican voter, filing any document with the 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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Bylaws Existing: filed a petition for the Republican nomination, or conviction of a felony.	Proposed: D. At-Large Delegates: Any vacancy occurring with these positions shall not be filled until the next primary election in accordance with Section IV.2.A.2.
7. Meetings: A. Regular and Special Meetings: The County Central Committee shall meet at least twice each year on call of the county chairman...	9. Meetings: A. Regular and Special Meetings: The County Central Committee shall meet at least twice each year on call of the county chairman...
8. County Executive Board: A County Executive Board consists of the county chairman...	10. County Executive Board: A County Executive Board consists of the county chairman...
9. Inactive Counties: A. <u>Definition:</u> If more than four years have passed since the state secretary has received a county election certification from a county, then that county is deemed an inactive county and the offices of all county party officers are deemed vacant. B. <u>Reorganization:</u> The state chairman or the state chairman's designee may call and preside over a meeting of the county central committee of the inactive county for the purpose of electing officers. A quorum for a meeting held in this manner shall be two members of the county central committee. Notice of the meeting must be given as required by Section III.9.B.	11. Inactive Counties: A. <u>Definition:</u> If more than four years have passed since the state secretary has received a county election certification from a county, then that county is deemed an inactive county and the offices of all county party officers are deemed vacant. B. <u>Reorganization:</u> The state chairman or the state chairman's designee may call and preside over a meeting of the county central committee of the inactive county for the purpose of electing officers. A quorum for a meeting held in this manner shall be two members of the county central committee. Notice of the meeting must be given as required by Section III.9.B.



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SECTION IV STATE CONVENTION

Bylaws Existing:	Proposed:
1. Time and Place of Convention: A state convention shall be held every even numbered year...	1. Time and Place of Convention: A state convention shall be held every even numbered year...
2. Delegates: A. County Delegation: The delegates to the state convention shall consist of the following from each county: 1. The county chairman, county vice chairman, county secretary, county treasurer, county treasurer, state committeeeman and state committeeewoman; 2. Not to exceed three at-large delegates elected in the primary election preceding the election preceding the convention, who need not be members of their County Central Committee but must be registered Republican voters in their county; and 3. Each precinct committeeeman and precinct committeeewoman.	2. Delegates: A. County Delegation: The delegates to the state convention shall consist of the following from each county: 1. The county chairman, county vice chairman, county secretary, county treasurer, state committeeeman and state committeeewoman; 2. Not to exceed three at-large delegates elected in the primary election preceding the convention, who need not be members of their County Central Committee but must be registered Republican voters in their county; and 3. Each precinct committeeeman and precinct committeeewoman.

Members Who Also Support This Change

Confirmation

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

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

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