

CONSTITUTION OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be: The Ninth Judicial District Republican Committee hereinafter referred to as 9th JDRC.

ARTICLE II JURISDICTION

The 9th JDRC covers the area defined by law as the Ninth Judicial District of Minnesota.

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose of the 9th JDRC is to:

1. Search for, endorse, and secure the election of candidates for judicial office in the District;
2. Call Conventions for endorsement and other purposes;
3. Conduct whatever other activities may be necessary to achieve the objectives above, consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Republican Party of Minnesota and this Ninth Judicial Constitution; and
4. Encourage the endorsement and election of Republican judges throughout Minnesota.

ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION

Section 1: Officers

The elected officers of the organization shall be a Chair, a Deputy Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Vacancies in officer positions shall be filled by the 9th JDRC Full Committee.

Section 2: Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the Officers, Finance, Search, and IT Chairs, and up to 15 others appointed by the Chair and ratified by the Full Committee. All Executive Committee members must be Congressional District delegates or alternates.

Section 3: Finance, Search, and IT Chairs

With the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, the 9th JDRC Chair shall appoint a Finance, Search, and IT Chair and define their duties. They shall be officers and voting members of the Executive Committee.

Section 4: Full Committee

There shall be a larger committee in which the governance of the 9th JDRC finally rests to be known as the Full Committee. It shall consist of:

- a. All members of the Executive Committee;
- b. One member and one alternate from each BPOU. They shall be selected by the Executive Committee of each BPOU;
- c. The chair of the 9th JDRC Constitution Committee;
- d. Any officer of the Republican Party of Minnesota living in the 9th JDRC.

ARTICLE V CONVENTIONS

Section 1: Call

A 9th JDRC Convention shall be held annually at the call of the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Minnesota or the 9th JDRC Executive Committee.

Section 2: Delegates and Alternates

Voting delegates shall be residents of the 9th JD RPM who have been elected as delegates from their BPOU conventions to attend their respective Congressional District Conventions. Alternates, similarly elected, shall be eligible to sit in place of absent delegates in accordance with the rules for seating of alternates adopted by the convention. When a delegate in whose place an alternate has been seated, arrives, or returns to the convention floor, that delegate shall be seated immediately, and the seated alternate shall relinquish his/her seat. Alternates from one BPOU may not be seated in another BPOU. There shall be no cross seating.

Section 3: Business

In general election years items to be acted upon are consideration of endorsement of candidates for District Judgeship, proposed changes in this Constitution, and any other matters which might fall within the jurisdiction of the convention, as determined by the convention.

In odd years, items to be acted upon shall include election of 9th JDRC officers for terms of two years, consideration of any proposals for change in this Constitution; and any other matters which might fall within the jurisdiction of the convention, as determined by the convention.

Section 5: Convention Committees

The Chairs of these committees shall be appointed by the 9th JDRC Chair at her/his discretion. The convention committee chairs must be members which must come from Executive or Full Committees.

- a. Arrangements Committee: This committee shall arrange for a location, food, etc. for the convention.
- b. Registration and Credentials Committee: This committee shall handle registration of delegates and alternates, keeping records and reporting to the convention the registration totals. They shall also resolve disputes regarding seating with the final decision being appealable to the convention.
- c. Rules Committee: The Executive Committee shall propose rules to govern the operation of each Convention.

d. Constitution Committee: This committee shall be a standing committee with the same term as the 9th JDRC Chair. It shall be activated as soon as possible after the regular election of 9th JDRC officers. Its duties are as implied in Article VII.

e. Executive Officer Search Committee: This committee shall be a standing committee composed of the BPOU chairs living in the District. The purpose of the committee shall be to seek and encourage qualified candidates to seek officer positions to be voted upon at the 9th JDRC convention. It shall hold at least one meeting before the 9th JDRC convention and another during the convention before the beginning of election of any 9th JDRC officers. The committee shall report to the convention of those who have appeared before it, but shall not indicate any preferences.

f. Nominating Committee: This shall be a standing committee with the Chair selected as indicated in Article IV, Section 3 above and with at least one member from each BPOU in the District. They are charged with seeking candidates for every District Judgeship which will be on the ballot in the coming election and encouraging them to run without showing preference to any of them, but always seeking the most highly qualified candidates. They will report these names to the 9th JDRC endorsing conventions in election years and at that time they shall be referred to as the Nominating Committee.

g. Finance Committee: This shall be a standing committee with its chair appointed as indicated in Article IV, Section 3 above and with members appointed by the 9th JDRC Chair. They are charged with raising monies to fund the programs and purposes of the 9th JDRC.

Section 4: - Special Conventions

A special endorsing convention shall be called by the 9th JDRC Chair in case of a midterm vacancy in a District Judgeship, if that seat is to be filled a special election. The call for that convention shall be issued immediately (the day that the Secretary of State declares the vacancy, if possible) and the convention shall be held as soon as possible thereafter, but no sooner than 10 days after the mailing of the call, consistent with the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota. . In case of 9th JDRC Chair vacancy, the Deputy Chair shall carry out the duties of the Chair until a new chair is elected and the Full Committee shall meet within 45 days thereafter to elect a new Chair. Special conventions for other purposes may be called by the Full Committee

ARTICLE VI ENDORSEMENTS

Before beginning any endorsement process a convention in an even number year shall determine, by majority vote, whether or not it wishes to pursue endorsement.

To be endorsed, a candidate must receive 60% of the voting strength of the Convention as established by the last report of the Credentials Committee preceding the vote. Upon endorsement the 9th JDRC shall give the candidates it has endorsed for judicial seats every possible assistance in their election campaigns. If an endorsed candidate fails to win in the Primary election, the Full Committee may endorse by a 60% majority of those voting one of the primary winners, if he or she is a Republican.

ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION

The Constitution Committee provided for in Article V, Section 4, d, shall meet at least once in each calendar year to review this Constitution.

The Constitution may be amended by a majority vote at any 9th JDRC convention provided that any proposal for amendment shall have been presented in writing to the Constitution Committee and reported out and signed by a simple majority of the Constitution Committee before it is presented to the Convention. Notice of proposed changes submitted by a majority report of the Constitution Committee shall be included in the call of the Convention at which the proposals are to be acted upon along with information as to where copies of proposed changes can be secured before the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The parliamentary authority for all meetings and conventions of the Committee shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

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