

**PROPOSED RULES**  
**REPUBLICAN CONVENTION OF SENATE DISTRICT 57**

February 17, 2023

1. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the conduct of the convention in all actions not covered by the constitutions of the Republican Party of Senate District 57 and of Minnesota, the statutes of the state of Minnesota, the Official Call of the convention, and these rules as adopted.
2. The order of business of the convention shall be as specified in the Agenda which is adopted as part of these rules.
3. The roll of the convention at any time shall be those seated delegates elected at their respective precinct caucuses of February 1st, 2022 and those alternates similarly elected and qualified who have been seated in accordance with these rules. The voting roll of the convention shall be composed of the delegates who actually are present.
4. After the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee, alternates shall be seated to fill in for absent delegates in the manner designated by the precinct caucuses electing them. If no such provision has been made by a caucus, a majority of the seated delegates of a precinct shall elect from among the alternates from that precinct present, to fill a vacant seat.
5. A duly elected and qualified delegate may be seated immediately at any time during the convention, replacing the last-seated alternate if the precinct delegation is full.
6. A quorum shall be established as 20% of the total number of delegates elected at the precinct caucuses within the Senate District. Once established, it shall prevail until adjournment of the convention.
7. Voting
  - a. The voting on all questions shall be by acclamation, except as hereinafter provided.
  - b. A rising vote shall be taken if desired by the convention Chair or at the request of any delegate.
  - c. A poll by precinct delegation shall be taken in the judgment of the convention Chair or at the request of five precinct delegations. In that event, the chair of each precinct shall poll her/his delegation and report the vote. The number of votes cast by each precinct shall not exceed the number seated within that precinct at the time of the vote. A majority of seated delegates within a precinct may request a secret ballot within its delegation.
  - d. There shall be no voting by proxy or by unit rule.
  - e. Voting in the process of endorsement for delegates and alternates and for party officers shall be by secret ballot. If there is only one nominee for an office, voting shall be by acclamation. If voting is by ballot and if tellers have been appointed and approved by the convention, they shall distribute, collect and count the ballots and report the results. If not appointed, the convention Chair or sub-convention chairs, as circumstances require, shall appoint at least two tellers, any of whom may be unseated alternates.
  - f. To be valid, a ballot must not have more votes than the number of positions to be filled.
  - g. Ballots for delegates, alternates, and for party officer shall be counted in a separate room by the tellers. Each campaign shall have the privilege of having one representative of said campaign in the counting room to observe the counting process. Such representatives shall be declared by

each campaign to the Chief Teller prior to the counting process. Campaign representatives must stay back at least 5 feet from the tables where votes are being counted. Campaign representatives may not interfere with the counting procedure in any way. Campaign representatives shall not photograph ballots or tally sheets during the time that votes are being counted. At the discretion of the Chief Teller, any campaign that violates these rules shall forfeit the privilege to have a representative present in the counting room.

8. Addressing the Convention

- a. A State Senator or State Representative residing within SD57 shall be given **ten (10) minutes** to make remarks to the convention or sub-convention.
- b. Candidates for BPOU office shall be given **five (5) minutes** to make remarks to the convention or sub-convention.
- c. Any other persons wishing to address the convention that are not delegates, alternates or convention officials shall be considered guests. Guests may be given time to speak at the discretion of the convention Chair.

9. Election of BPOU Officers

- a. The first order of business for the convention shall be the election of BPOU Officers.
- b. The term of these officers shall be for two years
- c. The following officers shall be elected by seated delegates: SD 57 Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary
- d. Any person wishing to be a candidate for such position, or wishing to nominate another person for such position may do so from the floor of the convention prior to closing nominations.

10. House District Sub-Conventions

- a. At the discretion of the convention Chair, the convention shall divide, with those seated delegates from Legislative Districts 57A and 57B each meeting separately for the purpose of electing district officers and state central delegates and alternates. The sub-conventions shall be chaired by the then-serving House District chairs.
- b. The House district sub-conventions shall consist of those delegates and alternates, seated according to herein, elected at the caucus of each precinct which is located within the bounds of their respective House Districts.
- c. The first order of business of each sub-convention will be to elect delegates and alternates to the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Minnesota.
  - i. The term of such delegates shall be for two years.
  - ii. Any person wishing to be a candidate for such position, or wishing to nominate another person for such position may do so from the floor of each sub-convention and/or convention prior to closing nominations.
  - iii. Each nominee shall be entitled to **thirty (30) seconds** in which to speak or have someone speak in his/her behalf, before balloting begins.
  - iv. Only those delegates residing in the Dakota County portion of SD57 may vote for State Central Delegates.
  - v. One vote shall be taken for the election of delegates and alternates. **Each seated delegate residing in the Dakota County portion of SD57A** may vote for up to 2 people

on their ballot, any more than 2 will spoil the ballot. The top 2 people receiving the most votes in each House District shall be elected delegates. Those people receiving the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8th number of votes shall be elected Alternates, and ranked according to the number of votes received.

- vi. One vote shall be taken for the election of delegates and alternates. **Each seated delegate in SD57B** may vote for up to 2 people on their ballot, any more than 2 will spoil the ballot. The top 2 people receiving the most votes in each House District shall be elected delegates. Those people receiving the 3rd through 8th number of votes shall be elected Alternates and ranked according to the number of votes received.
- d. The second order of business of each sub-convention will be to elect House District BPOU officers as defined in the constitution.
- 9. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to one minute by each speaker. No one may speak more than twice on the same question. Debate shall not be closed on any matter unless at least two people have had an opportunity to speak on each side of the matter or there is no further discussion at the discretion of the convention Chair.
- 10. The convention Chair shall appoint a timekeeper whose duty it shall be to advise speakers of the near expiration and /or expiration of their speaking time.
- 11. Displaying Signage at the Convention.
  - a. Only painters tape shall be allowed to affix signage and such signage shall be affixed in such a manner as to not damage the facility in which the convention is held.
  - b. No signs shall be allowed in the auditorium, except during a time period in which a candidate is addressing the convention, in which case, signs shall be limited to that candidate and shall be promptly removed by the candidate immediately thereafter.
  - c. No candidate specific signs shall be displayed at any time on the official front table or any wall adjacent to the official convention podium.
  - d. No person addressing the convention in any official capacity (party officer, convention officer, committee chairman, etc) shall have any candidate specific literature or promotional materials displayed on their person while addressing the convention.
- 12. Audio/Visual Recordings. No audio or visual recordings by any medium shall be allowed in the auditorium, except during a time period in which a candidate is addressing the convention, in which case, such recordings shall be performed only by the candidate or that candidate's designee and shall promptly cease upon completion of the candidate's remarks.
- 13. These rules or a portion thereof may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the convention, or, as they apply to it, of a sub-convention.
- 14. Delegates and Alternates residing in the Scott County portion of SD57 may run for positions on the Senate District 57 Executive Committee.