



**BYLAWS OF
THE THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPUBLICAN
PARTY OF MINNESOTA**

Article I – Name and Location

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Third Congressional District Republican Party of Minnesota.

Section 2. Third Congressional District offices shall be located at such places as the Third Congressional District Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

Article II – Committees

Section 1. The following committees shall be permanent, standing committees: (1) Constitution and Bylaws; (2) Finance; (3) Get Out The Vote; and (4) Nominations.

Section 2. The Full Committee or Executive Committee may establish up to three additional standing committees as deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of the Third Congressional District.

Section 3. The ad hoc committees shall include convention committees and such other ad hoc committees as the Full Committee or Executive Committee deem necessary to carry out the purposes of the Third Congressional District. The Third Congressional District Chair, upon approval of the executive committee, shall establish the number of members of the committees and appoint the chairs and members.

Section 4. One of the Third Congressional District Full Committee meetings shall be in November or December to consider the Annual Budget Proposal of the Finance Committee. In the years following redistricting, the Finance Committee shall propose an Interim Budget Proposal for the remainder of the year.

Article III – Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Section 1. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall consist of a chair and one person from each BPOU. The chair of this committee shall be appointed by the Third Congressional District Chair and shall be a voting member of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The BPOU chairs shall appoint their respective members of this committee, subject to approval by the Third Congressional District Chair. In the event a member is not appointed by a BPOU, or is not approved by the Third Congressional District Chair, the Third Congressional District Chair, upon approval of the executive committee, shall have the discretion to make such appointment either from within the BPOU or at large. The BPOU chairs shall have 21 days after

the Third Congressional District Chair has given notice by mail or email to propose their respective appointments.

Section 3. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall give consideration to and propose appropriate amendments and/or revisions of the Third Congressional District Constitution to the Third Congressional District Convention.

Section 4. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall also give consideration to and propose appropriate amendments or revisions of the Third Congressional District Bylaws to the Third Congressional District Full Committee.

Section 5. Four (4) members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Article IV – Finance Committee

Section 1. The Finance Committee shall consist of a chair, the Treasurer of the Third Congressional District (who may be appointed chair) and a number of other members to be determined by the Third Congressional District Chair. The Third Congressional District Chair shall appoint, upon approval of the executive committee, the chair and members of the Finance Committee, except for the Treasurer who is automatically a member.

Section 2. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for preparing the Annual Budget Proposals at the November or December Third Congressional District Full Committee meeting and, when necessary, Interim Budget Proposals at the next scheduled Third Congressional District Full Committee meeting. The Finance Committee shall also be responsible for considering all funding requests from candidates.

Section 3. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for developing and implementing a Fundraising Plan. This plan shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Quorum for the Finance Committee is a majority of its duly authorized members.

Article V – Get Out the Vote Committee

Section 1. The Third Congressional District Get Out The Vote (GOTV) Committee shall consist of a chair and one person from each BPOU. The Third Congressional District Chair shall appoint the chair. The Third Congressional District GOTV Committee chair shall appoint a representative from each BPOU with advice from the BPOU chair or co-chairs. The Third Congressional District GOTV chair shall regularly report to the Third Congressional District Full Committee and Executive Committee, including in the report the names of members of the Third Congressional District GOTV Committee. After appointment, members of the Third Congressional District GOTV Committee may be removed by the Third Congressional District GOTV chair only with the consent of the Third Congressional District Full Committee or Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Third Congressional District GOTV Committee shall be responsible for developing and implementing the Get Out The Vote program for the Third Congressional District in conjunction with the state party and the BPOUs in the Third Congressional District.

Section 3. Quorum for the Third Congressional District GOTV Committee is a majority of its duly authorized members.

Article VI – Nominations Committee

Section 1. The Nominations Committee shall consist of a chair and a number of other members to be determined by the Third Congressional District Chair. The Third Congressional District Chair, upon approval of the executive committee, shall appoint the chair and members of the Nominations Committee.

Section 2. The Nominations Committee shall be responsible for interviewing qualified candidates for party offices and elected public offices. This committee may act when a vacancy occurs in any of these offices. The Nominations Committee is responsible for identifying and evaluating all qualified candidates for (a) Party offices, (b) Party endorsement, and (c) delegates to higher bodies, including the State Central Committee, conventions of the Republican Party of Minnesota, and conventions of the national Republican Party

Section 3. Quorum for the Nominations Committee is a majority of its duly authorized members.

Section 4. In carrying out its functions, the Nominations Committee may designate each candidate as one of the following three categories:

- (A) *Qualified*. The candidate has timely satisfied all reasonable deadlines and factual information requirements established by the Constitution or Bylaws and possesses such experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that led the Committee to conclude that the candidate, if elected, would serve in a manner consistent with the Party's values.
- (B) *Qualified, with Reservations*. The candidate has timely satisfied all reasonable deadlines and factual information requirements established by the Constitution or Bylaws but does not meet the standard set forth in clause (A) above.
- (C) *Not Qualified*. The candidate either (i) is not eligible to serve in the subject position by law or by the Constitution or Bylaws, including but not limited to geographic requirements, or (ii) has failed to satisfy a reasonable deadline or factual information requirement established by the Constitution or Bylaws.

Section 5. If any candidate is identified as "Qualified, with Reservations" or "Not Qualified" in a report of the Nominations Committee, then the report must include a brief summary of the rationale for the Committee's determination unless inclusion of such summary has been waived in advance by the candidate or their duly authorized representative.

Section 6. The Nominations Committee report is eligible for amendment by the Convention solely for recategorization from 'Not Qualified' to 'Qualified with Reservations'.

Article VII – Miscellaneous

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall operate under the Bylaws of the Third Congressional District as authorized by the Constitution. In the event of a conflict between the Constitution and the Bylaws, the Constitution will prevail.

Section 2. The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of those present and voting at any Congressional District Full Committee meeting, or by a majority vote of any Congressional District Convention, provided that (10) days written notice has been provided.

Section 3. The Third Congressional District Chair, upon approval of the executive committee, shall appoint the Third Congressional District at-large member to the State Central Committee.

Section 4. The Third Congressional District Chair, upon approval of the executive committee, shall appoint Third Congressional District members to state convention committees as required or requested.

CD 3 Bylaws, amended at 4-29-23 convention