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Michigan Republican Party Constitution¹

PREAMBLE



OF THE MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN PARTY, IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE PERFECT MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN PARTY, ESTABLISH JUSTICE, ENSURE PARTY TRANQUILITY², PROVIDE FOR THE DEFENSE OF OUR PRINCIPLES AND VALUES³, PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE OF OUR POLITICAL PARTY⁴ AND MEMBERS, AND SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY TO OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY, DO ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION FOR THE MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN

¹ Any and all questions or challenges to the interpretation of this Constitution shall be answered pursuant to the United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit *Heitmanis v. Austin* 899 F.2d 521 (6th Cir. 1990) doctrine more fully set forth herein and by using the Dispute Resolution Committee and applying committee's operating process as written and in GOOD FAITH applied.

² THE STATE CHAIR SHALL FORM A FUNCTIONAL AND QUALIFIED CONFLICT RESOLUTION COMMITTEE TO MANAGE ALL MIGOP INTERNAL DISPUTES PURSUANT TO A CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROCESS DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THIS CONSTITUTION AND CONSISTENT WITH THE LAW. THE CONFLICT RESOLUTION COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES, REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS IS HEREBY INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

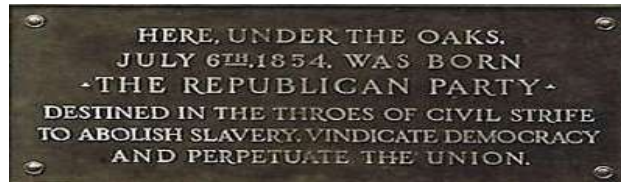
³ THE STATE CHAIR SHALL FORM AND DISSOLVE COMMITTEES AS NECESSARY.

⁴ THIS SHALL MEAN AMONG OTHER MATTERS THAT THE STATE CHAIR SHALL FORM AND DISOLVE DYSFUNCTIONAL SUBORDINATE COMMITTEES AS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THIS STATE COMMITTEE DUTY.

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**PARTY⁵. POWERS AND AUTHORITY NOT RESERVED FOR THE STATE COMMITTEE⁶
IS HEREBY PASSED TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY COMMITTEES AND
STATE OF MICHIGAN DISTRICT COMMITTEES.**

WE ARE THE PARTY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA! OUR REPUBLICAN PARTY WAS FOUNDED IN JACKSON, MICHIGAN IN 1854 AS THE PARTY TO END SLAVERY IN OUR COUNTRY.



WE DID SO, AND NOW WE INTEND TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT THAT OUR FORE-FATHERS ENGAGED IN YEARS AGO, BY FREEING OUR CURRENT CITIZENS OF THE DISINFORMATION THAT PLACE OUR STATE AND NATION IN HARMS WAY BY OUR SPEAKING THE TRUTH, WHICH WITH THE GRACE AND WILL OF

GOD, OUR CREATOR,

WILL SET US ALL FREE FOR ALL TIME.

**WE ARE THE
MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN PARTY**
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PARTY OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND THIS IS OUR

MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN PARTY CONSTITUTION

To oppose dictators and dictatorships, bureaucrats and bureaucracy; to maintain and continue a Constitutional Republic form of government in our State and Nation; to make sure that our government is one of laws and not of men; and that the laws enacted by the representatives of a free people through the unrestricted exercise of the ballot shall be justly administered and impartially enforced; to perpetuate the spirit of free enterprise; to make the opportunities of succeeding generations greater and better than those of the past; to decrease the burdens imposed by and the expenses incurred in government; to defend at any and all times, in both peace and war, our long established institutions of liberty against attacks from foreign and domestic threats; to the end that our government shall be truly and in fact a "government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

In the past, political centralization has become a source of tyranny. The more that power is centralized in the hands of a single individual or group of people, the more likely it becomes that those in power will make decisions that are not in the best interest of the people they govern or the responsibilities that they have. A decentralized political party system, on the other hand, shifts power away from a centralized party center so that it is

⁵ PREAMBLE MODELED AFTER THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE.

⁶ ALSO REFERRED TO HEREIN AS MIGOP.

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closer to being in the hands of the people. For this reason, one of the many merits of decentralization is that it gives individual citizens more control over their own lives by allowing them more say in matters that arise in our political party actions. Additionally, all candidates who run for political office as a member of the Republican Party must adhere strictly to the Michigan Republican Party Constitution and platform in force at all relevant times.

FURTHERMORE, THE MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN PARTY PURUSANT TO;

United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit *Heitmanis v. Austin* 899 F.2d 521 (6th Cir. 1990) Decided Mar 29, 1990, SHALL MANAGE, DECIDE AND FULLY RESOLVE⁷ ANY AND ALL MIGOP RELATED DISPUTES INTERNALLY and INSIDE MIGOP INFASTRUCTURE ONLY.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ASSOCIATION AND SPEECH, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR DECLINE THE APPLICATION OF MICHIGAN STATUTORY PROVISIONS, WHICH APPEAR TO GOVERN ITS AFFAIRS. THE INCORPORATION OF STATUTORY PROVISIONS IN THESE RULES IS VOLUNTARY AND IS SUBJECT TO THE FOREGOING RESERVATION.

ARTICLE I

Name and Objectives

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Michigan Republican Party (MRP) and shall also act as the Michigan Grand Old Party (MIGOP).

Section 1.1. The term “Republican” is a term that belongs to the people of the Republican Party and that right has been delegated to the Republican National Party and the state and territories to license its use.

Section 1.2 The term “Michigan Republican” is a term that is exclusive to the control of the Michigan Republican Party and no other entity shall use that without a license. Any order of the words “Michigan” and “Republican: in the title or entity are protected.

Section 1.3 The use of the word “Republican” is licensed to the “Republican Women’s Federation of Michigan” is a permanent license granted according to this Constitution and the chair of that organization shall remain a voting member of the Michigan Republican Party.

Section 1.4 The “Michigan Federation of College Republicans” is licensed to use the name the State Central Committee is authorized to approve the use of various college chapters for using the term Republican provided however that the chapters adopt both the Michigan Republican Platform.

Section 1.4 The “Michigan Republican Congressional Caucus” and the “Michigan Republican Senate Caucus” are licensed to use the terms Michigan and Republican in their name so long as the members of such legislative Caucuses limit their membership to Republican legislators exclusively.

⁷ Shall be interpreted as mean a full and final binding decision on the matter in question.

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Section 1.5 The Michigan Republican State Committee may license the use of the protected terms with a majority vote of which evidence shall be maintained by the licensee of the grant of license signed by the Chairman, Secretary and General Counsel attesting that the license was granted after a vote from the State Committee

Section 1.6 The Michigan State Republican State Committee shall have the right to revoke the license of any entity or organization that is granted a license by a vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing provided that the organization is permitted an opportunity to address the membership with a minimum of fourteen (14) days' notice.

Section 1.7 The Michigan Republican Party is made up of political committees each of which have specific rights and duties.

Section 1.7.1 The County Executive Committee shall be formed from the precinct delegates of each county convening in convention and shall be the sole entity to operate as the Republican party in that county. If there is a dispute as to who has authority to act as the County Executive Committee, the State Central Committee shall decide according to this constitution and pursuant to MCL 169.211, until a county convention of delegates can be called to consider that matter and decide. The chair of the state committee may call a convention of county delegates to resolve the dispute and specify the time and place of which official notice shall go forth from the Secretary of the State Committee and the Secretary of the County Committee to eliminate multiple conventions.

Section 1.7.2 The District Executive Committee shall be formed from the precinct delegates of each congressional district in convention (or caucus of a state convention) by the delegates of the congressional district that are sent by counties following county convention. If there is a dispute as to who has the authority to act as the District Executive Committee, the State Central Committee shall decide according to this constitution and under MCL 169.211 until a county convention of delegates can be called to consider that matter and decide. The chair of the state committee may call a convention of county delegates to resolve the dispute and specify the time and place of which official notice shall go forth from the Secretary of the State Committee and the Secretary of the County Committee to eliminate multiple conventions. The call to the convention will specify the time and place for the District Convention (or Caucus at state convention) to finalize the determination.

Section 1.7.3 The Michigan Republican State Committee shall be formed from delegates elected to the State Committee at a District Caucus of the State Committee in February of each odd-numbered year and shall serve a term from the end of the State Convention until the following State Convention conducted in February of the following year (unless the person vacates the office or is removed)

Section 1.7.4 Any delegate, officer, or member of the Michigan Republican Party must be an elector eligible to vote in the county to be on the county executive committee, or a member of the district to be on the district executive committee or state committee.

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Section 1.7.5 The Republican National Committee Members must be an elector of the state of Michigan. If the Member moves residency of the state, the Member vacates any delegate or office seat automatically upon change of residency.

Section 2. The objectives of the Party shall be the maintenance of government of, by, and for the people according to the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Michigan, and the furtherance of such principles as may from time to time be adopted.

2.1 The Michigan Republican Party does assert authority over the governance of all of the affairs of the state party exclusive of legislative and judicial intervention as provided by Heitmanis v. Austin 899 F.2d 521 (6th Cir. 1990).

2.2 The Michigan Republican Party declares that it shall function as parliamentary bodies with delegated authority from the people. At a convention of the delegates at the county, district or state are the ultimate interpretation of the rights and responsibilities of the members and officers of each committee.

2.3 The Michigan Republican Party (State, District and Country Committees) will be determined to be a Continuous Society using the Roberts Rules of Order AS A SHIELD OF PROTECTION SO THAT THE VOICE OF THE INDIVIDUAL DELEGATE MAY BE HEARD.

2.4 The Michigan Republican Party shall develop reformed by-laws and rules for the State Committee to be governed by and that comport within the scope and intent of this Constitution. The Policy Committee shall report bylaws for the state committee for approval and shall prepare uniform bylaws for each district committee that must be ratified by a majority of the district committees and uniform county bylaws that must be ratified by a majority of county committees. Bylaws are the procedural rules for which a body of delegates make decisions followed by the Roberts Rules of Order which govern procedure and do not confer substantive rights. The body of delegates (committees) shall have the exclusive authority to decide the political questions, the rights of members and officers and govern themselves **granted** to them to decide by the people. These decisions will not be subject to review by the courts of Michigan. These decisions can only be overturned by the convention of delegates for that body or another Michigan Committee delegated with the authority to review the decision.

2.5 When the bylaws are silent as to procedure, all meetings of the Michigan Republican Party (MIGOP) shall be at the basic level, the most current edition of Roberts Rules of Order, which shall be subordinate in all regards to the Michigan Republican Party (MIGOP) By-Laws of the committee.

2.6 Each committee (or sub-committee) when not in session shall act thru the authority delegated to the chair of the committee which shall act as a fiduciary to the committee. Such Fiduciary duties are primarily the **Duty of care** which shall be interpreted as a requirement that a person act toward others and the members with the watchfulness, attention, caution and prudence that a reasonable person in the same circumstances would use. If the Chair's actions do not meet this standard of care, then the acts are considered negligent then this constitutes 'good cause' for removal proceedings⁸. **The duty of loyalty** is one of the fiduciary duties owed by Michigan Republican Party officers, delegates, and members. The duty of loyalty requires that all place the interests of the Michigan Republican Party and the delegates before any of their personal interests. This duty can be breached when the committee determines that a

⁸ If so approved by the State Dispute Resolutions Committee and affirmed by the General Counsel.

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person's public actions and speech cause a majority of the committee to determine that the person is acting disloyal which shall be good cause for removal proceedings.

2.7 All substantive rights and obligations under the constitution shall be interpreted only by the committee and/or convention of delegates that have delegated authority.

2.8 As to procedural rules, the rules passed by the State, District or County committees as to the conduct of business not in conflict with the adopted uniform Bylaws shall control procedure unless the body votes to suspend the rules by 66 2/3%.

2.9 The bylaws of any committee control the procedure of the committee to the extent they are not in conflict with this Constitution, with the Bylaws of the State Committee, or the model bylaws of the District or County Committees (after ratification by a majority of the committees).

2.10 Robert's Rule of Order shall determine the procedure if any procedural question is not covered by the rules, bylaws, or constitution. The chairman of the committee shall determine the process for conducting meetings (and may decide after consulting the parliamentarian) subject to the right to appeal the decision of the chair during meetings

2.11 A chair's primary duty is to ensure that all the delegates, officers, or other members of the party never allow any outside interests, personal affiliations, or allegiances to act inconsistent with the substantive rights and duties enumerated in the MIGOP Constitution, to act inconsistent with the Michigan Platform, to act contrary to the collective will of committee members who express their will through a majority in favor of a minority, or contrary to the rights of the registered members to delegate authority. This duty is paramount to any procedural rule, bylaw or Robert's Rule of Order and requires the chair and all bodies to act in good faith.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1. The membership of the Michigan Republican Party shall be composed of all residents of Michigan who declare themselves to be Republican voters in the State of Michigan who desire to support the objectives of the Party as expressed in the Michigan Republican Party Platform. Until such adoption, or whenever there is not a platform then the National Republican Platform will govern the definition of a Republican. Membership in the party shall be without cost to any member and there shall be no discrimination as defined by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 The party platform is what unifies the party and while it is understood that the platform may be amended any portion of the platform in which you disagree or do not support must be filed as an objection with the county party which will determine if the objections to the platform constitute substantial agreement with the platform or disqualify a person from membership.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of all the County Committees to enroll all the registered members of the Party within their respective counties, so far as practicable. Enrollment opportunity shall be open at all times to all voters without regard to former political affiliation or cost to the member and is limited only to a pledge to support the platform of the Michigan Republican Party, except as noted herein.

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Section 3. Rights and privileges of Registered Members. A registered member must be both a registered elector and a registered member of their county Republican party to hold any elected office as a Republican in Michigan, to be a delegate from a precinct, or to serve on any committee as a member or officer.

Section 4. A person is not required to be a registered member to vote Republican in the General election.

Section 5. The Michigan Republican State Committee may after ratification of all district and county uniform bylaws set a fee for registered members who desire to attend county, district, or state conventions, events, or conferences as delegates. In the event a person cannot afford the fee, then a member may petition for waiver of the fee which shall be granted liberally on a statement of hardship by the treasurer of the committee that holds the convention, event or conference. The waiver of the fee shall be privately held by the treasurer. The application for waiver must be submitted at the time the fee is required.

Section 6. Membership will be reviewed on the application of a member by the county party in a reasonable time, provided that ALL memberships will be reviewed for residency and current status before each convention the member attends by a county committee established for that purpose appointed by the chair of the county committee. Any disputes of membership will be brought to the county executive committee which will decide the validity of membership subject to appeal to the state conflict resolution committee as set forth herein.

Section 7. Members shall provide the county committee secretary with all of their information on their voter identification and their email and telephone number. The county secretary shall provide the contact and voting information to the secretaries of the state and district committees as directed by the bylaws.

Section 8. All members registered with the county party shall be eligible to vote at county conventions, provided that they have been registered for thirty (30) days before the county convention.

Section 9. The precinct delegate process established by the Michigan Legislature is a process that requires the state election system to determine who are the members of the party. This process is explicitly rejected on the effective date of this Constitution.

Section 10. A delegate is a person selected by the members to represent the registered members with delegated authority to conduct the business of the convention at any convention or on any committee. A committee member is a person with the right to participate at the county, district, state, or national committee. An officer is a person holding the rights and responsibilities to fulfill the delegated functions of a committee of that office.

Section 11. A precinct delegate is a political representative of a local voting precinct. As a precinct

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delegate, a person can help their neighbors with local concerns and matters concerning matters in or concerning the MIGOP.

ARTICLE III

Organization

Section 1. The State Convention of the duly elected delegates when in session shall be the governing body of the Republican Party of Michigan.

Section 2. When the State Convention is not in session, then the State Committee will be the governing body of the Republican Party of Michigan.

Section 3. When the State Committee is not in session then the State Chair, its officers, and administrative staff are responsible for executing the decisions of the State Committee and operating all affairs of the State Committee during the time between meetings.

Section 4. The Republican Party of Michigan shall be organized into three levels of delegated authority: (1) State Committee (2) Congressional districts and (3) County organizations, The party is no longer adopting the state practice of having separate congressional districts within a county party being equated to county parties as outlined in Michigan law. However, the counties with multiple congressional districts will still be able to have district caucuses within the county party and a district can have separate county caucuses in the district party as required to conduct business.

Section 4. The Michigan Republican Party Constitution shall be the governing document of the Party. No County, District or any subdivision of any kind, may contradict or supersede the Michigan Republican Party Constitution, Bylaws or Rules in any manner.

Section 5. Any rule, bylaw, practice, or procedure of the State Committee, or any County Committee or any District Committee, or any other such subordinate political subcommittee that is determined by review of the General Counsel, or the policy committee of its own initiative, to contradict, contravene, or be repugnant to this Michigan Republican Party Constitution shall make a recommendation that the rule, bylaw, practice or procedure be struck as null and void shall be sent for review by the Standing Policy Committee of the State Committee who shall determine in writing. The determination of the Standing Policy Committee shall be the interpretation unless the matter is brought before the state committee by a special meeting called to overturn their decision or is raised and overturned by a member of the state committee at the next regular meeting of the state committee by the party challenging the determination. Any determination by a court, legislature, other state party, or even the national party contrary to the determination of the state committee shall be irrelevant. Upon a proper motion for reconsideration, the state committee may review, change, or alter its decision but shall at all times be the ultimate authority of the bylaws unless overturned by a vote at state convention of the delegates.

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Section 6. Uniform Bylaws for the Protection of Delegates

6.1 The Michigan Republican Party, through its general Standing Policy Committee, shall require that each Michigan Republican County Committee and or Congressional District's bylaws be strictly limited to a standard bylaw form and substance for each on all matters contained in the adopted uniform bylaws. On matters not inconsistent with the adopted uniform bylaws the County and District Committees may in an addendum add to their bylaws All such bylaws are to be registered with and approved by the Michigan Republican Party' Policy Committee Chairman before being approved or in force.

6.2 There shall be no conflict with standard adopted Uniform by-laws for either any County Committee or Congressional District within the State of Michigan. Uniformity as to certain requirements, local control on some requirements, and function are paramount objectives while allowing each County and/or Congressional District to function effectively going forward as part of a unified party. The policy committee will consult with the General Counsel's office to ensure that the bylaws for opinions as to the legality and effect of various clauses.

6.3 Bylaws, Rules, Practices, and Procedures are procedural to allow the various committees to reach decisions efficiently and fairly to all members without tyranny by the majority or by those in any leadership position within the party. The Constitution alone confers rights, imposes duties, and defines responsibility. Procedural rules do not alter the rights, duties or responsibilities of the delegates or members.

6.4 To ensure that the power of the Delegates' vote is not diluted by way of the possible manipulation of their vote and is exercised by the person properly delegated authority to act, only duly elected Delegates, Officers, or otherwise qualified Committee members may vote at any Committee meetings. Proxies are not permitted under any circumstance to achieve quorum or to vote on the matters. In the case of the committee seat awarded to a chair of the district or county committee, then delegated authority to act on behalf of the chair by the bylaws to the next senior officer shall be permitted to vote for the committee as the representative for the committee.

6.5 At conventions, alternates will be elected and prioritized by the convention to represent the counties at state conventions with district caucuses or district conventions.

6.6 **QUORUM.** A quorum of any Committee shall be one-half of the total members plus one thereof, Excluding vacant seats and members not in good standing.

ARTICLE IV

Representatives to the Republican National Committee

Section 1. In each year when a President of the United States is to be elected, at a Convention

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according to rules approved by the RNC (currently part of the Rule 16(f) submission) shall elect a National Committeeman and a National Committeewoman to take office at the close of the National Convention. The State Party Secretary shall certify the names of the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman so elected to the National Committee.

Section 2. The national committee is made up of representatives of the Republican parties of the states and territories of the United States of America. Therefore, the chairman of the Michigan Republican Party as determined by the Constitution together with the duly elected members of the National Committee will be determined by the State party without interference of the National Committee unless such member has violated an express written term of the National Committee Rules.

ARTICLE V

All Conventions

Section 1. UNIT RULE ABOLISHED, INDIVIDUAL VOTING. At all conventions, whether State, District, or County, each delegate shall be entitled to register their individual vote, and no delegate shall be bound by any Party or convention rule requiring the delegates from any political subdivision to vote as a unit. In addition, all slates are abolished and each delegate or officer shall be elected in an individual election by nomination from the floor of the convention or committee meeting conducting the election

Section 2. ORDER OF BUSINESS. Except as otherwise herein provided, the *business* and order at all conventions shall be determined by the call to the convention. The *order of business* so announced may be altered by the vote of sixty percent of the delegates voting thereon. Any *business* that is not included in the call to the convention as notice to the members electing delegates to attend the convention is precluded. Any other determination by the convention shall be considered a resolution of the body.

Section 3. Votes cast at all conventions shall be cast by delegates or alternates personally present and no proxy voting shall be permitted.

Section 4. County, District, and State Conventions may be called by the Chair of the Michigan Republican Party for any purpose contained in the call to the convention. Only an official call to the convention by the chair with notice establishing the time, date, and place sent from the Secretary of the State committee is valid. The notice shall plainly state the business and the order of business in an agenda. Any circumstance that requires a modification of the date, time, or business of a convention of delegates must be approved for cause by the policy committee of the state party and officially noticed by the Secretary of the State committee. All modifications of the business or order of business after the call is noticed must occur PRIOR to the start of the County convention sending delegates to the state convention absent exigent circumstances which must be approved by 2/3 of the convention.

Section 5. The date, time, business, and order of business to be conducted at the state or district

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convention as provided in the official state notice shall be distributed by the county chairs through the official secretary of the committee, ALONG with the place for the county conventions and any county business that the convention shall address. Any county business not included in the call to convention is precluded except resolutions.

Section 6. Whenever it is determined that a majority of the registered members of a county party sign a written petition to the state conflict committee for a new leadership convention; or if the state conflict committee recommends as part of its dispute resolution process and the recommendation is approved by the state committee, the state chair shall call for a county convention to elect a new executive committee and officers. This right of the members to reorganize their party leadership ensures that at all times the party leadership represents the will of the majority of the members.

ARTICLE VI *State Convention*

Section 1. NUMBER, NOMINATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES. The State Committee shall fix the representation of the State Convention and District Conventions for the various counties in the manner provided by law and shall notify each County Chairman of such action at least thirty days before the time of holding the County Convention. Each county shall be entitled to a minimum of one delegate.. Each District shall be entitled to the same number of delegates. The policy committee and state committee will create, review and modify the apportionment of delegates to counties within a congressional district.

Section 2. A county delegation has a certain number of votes that will be cast by the delegates or filled by elevation of the next alternative in order of priority set at county convention . If no delegate or alternative is present to fill the votes assigned to the county delegation, then the delegation will lose the vote. in no case can a vote be made at convention by a person that was not elected as a delegate or alternate for that business at county convention.

Section 3. A county convention shall be convened by the call of the chair of the state committee with notice by the Secretary of the State Committee to each county chair to call a county convention at the same date and time in a place designated by the county chair to conduct the business of the party.

Section 4. The state chair MUST call a state convention of delegates in February of each odd-numbered year to select delegates to the state convention with district caucuses to establish the district committee and the district representatives on the state committee. The state convention will elect certain officers as provided in the bylaws which must be Republican members of their county party in good standing.

Section 5. The state chair MUST call a state convention of delegates in March of each even year for the purposes of (1) election of the national committee members and (2) the election of delegates and alternates to the National Convention.

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Section 6. The state chair MUST call a county convention in April of each year to nominate the Republican candidates for each race to be on the general election ballot in November and MUST call the State convention to be conducted to select by caucus the Republican candidates from those nominated by the county conventions for all district and state offices. The state shall caucus by legislative caucus for the election of state house and senate candidates in the manner prescribed in the rules.

Section 7. The state chair MUST call a county convention to elect a county committee and officers of the county party in November of EACH election year in which there will be a general election within 21 days following the election.

Section 8. The state chair MAY call a county convention for any purpose consistent with the bylaws or to determine the will of the people. The convention may be to conduct the business for a single county, a district or districts or the entire state. A proper purpose will include to nominate a Republican candidate for any special election.

ARTICLE VII

Conventions Involving the Election of National Convention Delegates or Presidential Nomination

Section 1. Call to Convention. A State Convention shall be held in even-numbered years on a date, time, and location to be determined by the State Committee. The call to convention to the county will include the business to be conducted. The notice shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the state committee

Section 2. BUSINESS OF THE CONVENTION. The Convention shall elect a national committeeman and committeewoman for a two-year term, vote on the state platform, consider any amendments of this Constitution, select delegates and alternates to the convention for President and Vice President of the United States as well as to vote on the National Platform (as applicable). **The convention shall** exercise such other powers as ordinarily vested in conventions and transact such business as shall properly come before it as listed in the call to the convention.

Section 3. NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES.

1. In each Presidential election year, delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention shall be elected in the manner specified in this Section 3, as authorized by the Rules of the National Convention.
2. All candidates for National Convention delegate and alternate delegate shall file for election in person or by mailing a notice of intent to the State Headquarters postmarked no later than 10 business days prior to the date the State Convention commences. Only persons elected and credentialed as delegates or alternates to the State Convention shall be qualified to be elected at the State Convention as National Convention delegates or alternates.
3. All candidates for National Convention delegate and alternate delegate at the State

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Convention shall designate the presidential candidate to whom they are committed and shall be bound by such commitment if elected in accordance with Michigan State Law. Delegate and alternate candidates shall indicate their commitments by mailing a notice to the State Headquarters, postmarked no later than 10 business days prior to the date the State Convention commences. Only individuals pledged to the candidate who wins the Michigan Primary Election shall be eligible for election as delegates or alternate delegates to the National Convention.

4. All National Convention delegates designated by the Rules of the National Convention as at-large delegates shall be elected at-large by the State Convention. All National Convention alternate delegates designated by the Rules of the National Convention as at-large alternate delegates shall be elected at-large by the State Convention following the election of at-large National Convention delegates.
5. All National Convention delegates and alternate delegates designated by the Rules of the National Convention as district delegates or district alternate delegates, respectively, shall be elected by the caucus of delegates of that U.S. House of Representatives district at the State Convention in accordance with the Congressional District boundaries delineated under Michigan State law.
6. The State Committee shall be authorized to draft such rules as are necessary to implement Section 3 so long as such rules are in keeping with the provisions of the Rules of the National Convention, this Constitution, and Michigan law.
7. The state chair, state policy committee, and the general counsel shall be jointly responsible for compliance with the RNC Rules (currently a 16(f) Plan), and submitting the special rules for the selection of delegates to the National Convention.

ARTICLE VIII

Vacancy on Ticket — How Filled

Section 1. GENERAL ELECTIONS. Should any vacancy arise on the general election ballot for any cause after the Republican candidate has been determined such vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of a quorum of the (1) State Committee in the case of State office or United States Senator, (2) Congressional District Committee in the case of the United States Representative, or (3) County Committee in the case of County offices. In the event the office is for a state senator or state representative, then the county committees represented by such office shall by majority determine which candidate they endorse to the state committee. The timeline for an endorsement may be abbreviated or bypassed when the timeline requires it by a majority vote of the quorum of the state committee

Section 2. The Chair of the appropriate committee shall call a meeting of the committee at a place designated by him at such time as to permit the filing of the Certificate of the Nomination of a candidate with the proper election officers in the time and manner provided by law.

Section 3. SPECIAL ELECTIONS. Should any vacancy arise on the ballot for any cause⁹ or reason

⁹ See footnote 17 for application.

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that results in a special election and there is not time to call an appropriate convention, such vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as though a vacancy had occurred. In determining whether time for a nominating convention remains, a conference of any chairs required under either procedure will be convened together with the State Chair and General Counsel. In the event the group is unable to agree, the matter will be referred to the policy committee which shall meet for that purpose and make the determination. The policy committee shall meet as soon as practicable.

ARTICLE IX

State Party Administration

Section 1. GENERAL MANAGEMENT. Between conventions, the general management of the affairs and business of the Party shall be vested in the State Committee jointly with the State Chair and the administration.

Section 2. All general policies of the party shall be determined by the State Committee subject to the direction of the State Convention by resolution. In the absence of specific limitations in this constitution or by determination of the state committee, the state chair shall act on behalf of the committee.

Section 3. The State Chairman is vested with the responsibility to make ALL decisions in the absence of direction from the state committee or state convention. The Chair shall delegate authority as outlined in this constitution to officers to act consistent with the requirements of their office.

Section 4. Any decision, directive, policy, or procedure determined by the chair may be appealed to a 60% majority vote of a quorum of the state committee; however,

Section 5. The state committee must be cognizant of the following principles when challenging a decision, directive, policy, or procedure of the chair.

5.1 An organization cannot be run by a committee, but it can be steered.

5.2 The chair is elected to run the state party and vested with broad authority unless restricted by the constitution or bylaws of the party consistent with the fiduciary duties in the best interests of the party.

5.3 The chair is also a delegate to the Republican National Convention entrusted with the power to represent the committee on all votes as the chair sees fit without the requirement to consult the state committee.

5.4 The state committee to redirect the chair should be used with caution and only when the committee determines it must act in performance of their duties of care.

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Section 2. STATE COMMITTEE – HOW SELECTED.

1. The State shall be apportioned into Republican Congressional Districts Committees representing each congressional district of the US House of Representatives (which are subject to redistricting every 10 years).
2. Commencing in the second year following a decennial census and continuing until said Districts are reapportioned, the State Committee Districts shall be 13 separate Congressional Districts or other such number applicable with boundaries established by the Congressional Districts.
3. The State Committee Regular Members entitled to vote shall include:
 1. The Chair
 2. The National Committee Members
 3. Both Co-Chairs
 4. The Secretary
 5. The Treasurer
 6. The General Counsel
 7. Each County Chair (or in the absence of the chair the next senior officer)
 8. A member of each county elected at large from the county convention to the state committee.
 9. If a county¹⁰ has more than one congressional district contained within the county, then the county shall caucus and elect an additional bonus member for each congressional district to be on the state committee in addition to the county chair and at large member.
 10. Each District Chair (or in the absence of the chair the next senior officer)
 11. Two members elected at large from the District Caucuses.
 12. The Chair of the Michigan Federation of College Republicans
 13. The Chair of the Republican Women’s Federation of Michigan
 14. The Ranking Member of the Michigan House of the Republican Party
 15. The Ranking Member of the Michigan Senate of the Republican Party
 16. Any Republican Governor, Attorney General or Secretary of State.

Section 3. OFFICERS.

1. The officers¹¹ of the State Party organization shall be an elected Chairman at the convention who shall appoint the following officers who shall serve at the pleasure of the chair:
 - (2) Co-chairmen¹²
 - The Youth Outreach Chair
 - The Ethnic Chair
 - The Grassroots Chair

¹⁰ NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING CONTAINED HEREIN TO THE CONTRARY, EACH COUNTY SHALL HAVE AT LEAST TWO (2) SEATS (FOR MEMEBRS) FROM EACH ACTUAL COUNTY STATE COMMITTEE IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

¹¹ ALL OFFICERS SHALL BE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE STATE COMMITTEE

¹² CO-CHAIRMAN POSTIONS, ONE SHALL BE CO-CHAIRMAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THE OTHER SHALL BE CO-CHAIRMAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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- The Convention Chair
2. The Chair shall also nominate for confirmation by the state committee;
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - General Counsel.
 3. The delineation of responsibilities of the TWO (2) Vice-Chairs shall be as follows:

MIGOP CO-CHAIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS	MIGOP CO-CHAIR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
1) ALL OPERATIONS MATTERS	1) ALL FUND-RAISING MATTERS
2) ALL FINANCIAL MATTERS	2) ALL MEDIA INTERACTION MATTERS
3) ALL PERSONNEL MATTERS	3) MESSAGING INPUT/CONTENT DEVELOPMENT MATTERS
4) LEGAL STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS WORKING WITH GENERAL COUNSEL	4) EVENT PLANNING STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS WORKING WITH CHIEF OF STAFF
5) RNC INTERACTION MATTERS	5) POLITICIAN INTERACTION MATTERS
IS AN EXOFFICIO MEMBER OF ALL SUBCOMMITTEES	IS AN EXOFFICIO MEMBER OF ALL SUBCOMMITTEES
IS A VOTING OFFICER OF STATE COMMITTEE	IS A VOTING OFFICER OF STATE COMMITTEE

4. The vice chairs shall have the powers and duties usually incident to their respective offices, subject to the direction of the State Convention, the majority vote of the state committee and to carry out the general policies of the State Chair consistent with this Constitution.
5. The State Chair shall preside at the meetings of the State Convention and the State Committee. The Chairman may call to the chair any voting member in good standing of body to chair a meeting in the absence of the chair either from the meeting or the business at hand by notifying the Secretary of the Committee
6. Any officer appointed by the chair may be removed at the discretion of the chair.
7. Any officer elected or approved may be removed (with cause determined by a Good Faith hearing managed through the conflict resolution committee and which affirms the finding of Good Cause) and brought before the state committee by a majority vote (except the chair which shall require a super-majority of 66 2/3% of the state committee as the chair was elected by the delegates)
8. Any elected officer of the state committee, including the chair, may by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Convention delegates be removed.
 - Immediately following such removal, the same deliberative body making the removal shall take nominations and shall hold an election by a majority vote to fill the vacancy.
 - If there is a removal of either the Chairman or Treasurer, then party financial transactions shall be suspended until banking authorization is properly transferred to the succeeding chairman or treasurer.
 - A motion to remove an officer under this subsection takes priority over all other motions and may be considered only one time while a state convention is convened.
 - Notice of the motion to remove an officer shall be provided to the Secretary of the Party before the official call to the convention to be part of the business of the convention by a resolution passed by any county or district committee requesting the removal be included in the business. The effect of a resolution is not binding and does not affect the officer other than to provide notice of the vote to remove

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at the convention.

9. The duty of the Secretary shall include the responsibility to send out the notice of all meetings and calls to conventions through the official means established in the bylaws, to maintain contact information for all members in good standing for all committees of the Republican Party, send official correspondence as directed by the chair, keep accurate minutes of all state committee meetings. The Secretary shall be authorized to appoint a deputy secretary as either the corresponding or recording secretary and to delegate duties. The transmitting of official correspondence, notices, and calls to conventions can be delegated to the assistant or to any other staff person. Such a delegation from the Secretary shall be considered as though the Secretary had sent the communication upon acknowledgment of such communications by the Secretary as official. Any unofficial or false communication bearing the authority of the Secretary that is repudiated by the Secretary shall be deemed to be invalid.
10. The duty of the treasurer shall include managing all accounts payable and tracking all contributions, income, or other revenue and all expenses, preparing normal accounting records, maintaining the bank statements, filing all campaign finance reports in a timely manner for all designated federal and state accounts of the state committee. The treasurer shall attend budget meetings as required and shall be an ad hoc member of the budget committee. The treasurer shall consult on the budget process. The treasurer shall provide an oral report to the state committee at every regular meeting which shall include the cash on hand and a statement about the financial condition of the party.
11. The duty of the General Counsel shall be to provide legal consultation to the state committee and the chair or officers as requested. The General Counsel is not required to handle court litigation but shall oversee such litigation on behalf of the committee. The general counsel shall be an ad hoc member of all standing committees and shall attend meetings as the Counsel sees fit or as requested by the standing committee chair or the state committee chair. The general counsel shall not represent the district or county committees in any court proceedings but shall be the counsel to the state committee of the Michigan Republican Party.
12. The duties of the appointed officers shall be as specified in the appointment. These officers shall be entitled to be called chair and can upon request members who consent be appointed to the committee by the State Chair, they shall not be called vice-chair and are not voting members. They serve at the pleasure of the chair.
 - The Youth Outreach Chair shall be appointed by the State Chair as a liaison with all young republican organizations including high school and college campuses.
 - The Ethnic Chair shall be responsible for reaching out to all minorities and expanding the Republican party to the minorities who align with the platform
 - The Outreach Chair shall be responsible for communicating to all organizations that support the Republican platform
 - The Convention Chair shall be responsible for the conduct of all state conventions. The person shall at the direction of the chair secure and prepare the venue.

Section 4. NOMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

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4.1 The Secretary, Treasurer, and General Counsel shall be elected by the State Committee at a meeting held no later than April 15 following the election of the Chair. The chair may appoint an interim acting Secretary, Treasurer, and General Counsel to fulfill the duties until the State Committee is convened. In the event the State Committee rejects the candidate nominated by the chair, the chair shall nominate an additional candidate until approved by the State Committee. An election is not permitted of these officers to ensure there is cohesion of the administration.

4.2 The term of office of the State Officers and members of the State Committee shall be approximately two years until the next State Convention in which the chair is elected. They shall serve until the newly elected chair appoints their replacement or interim appointment.

Section 5. VACANCIES ON STATE COMMITTEE.

1. A vacancy shall exist upon the happening of any of the following events: (1) receipt of a letter of resignation, (2) death, (3) ceasing to be a resident of the County or District from which elected, (4) failure to be duly elected, (5) conviction of a felony, (6) removal according to this constitution, or (7) failure of a State Committee member to attend three (3) regular meetings during that member's term in the state committee as recorded by the role of the Secretary.
2. The office of State Chairman, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman shall become vacant immediately if the member shall become a candidate for an elective office; or shall establish residency outside the state of Michigan or is unable or unwilling to continue to perform their duties and resign.
3. A vacancy in the office of National Committeeman or National Committeewoman shall be filled for the unexpired term by the State Committee at a special meeting called for that purpose promptly after the identification of the vacancy.
4. If a vacancy occurs in any other State Party office, the same shall be filled in the same manner as provided herein for the election or appointment of such officer. In the event of a vacancy of a confirmed officer under Section 4, the Chair shall appoint an interim officer until the next regular meeting of the committee or special meeting called to confirm the appointment.
5. Any member of the state committee that has been elected to represent a county or district as an at-large member must reside in the county or district they represent. In the event, that a member moves out of the county or district then the seat becomes vacant.
6. A vacant state committee membership of a county or district seat will be filled by a majority vote of a quorum of the respective county or district committee on an interim basis until the next county or district caucus or convention.
7. Redistricting shall alter the boundaries of district members of the State Committee in the decennial year. After the final determination of the new congressional districts, the chair shall call a special district convention to elect a new district committee and representatives to the state committee as outlined in these bylaws.
8. If State Committee vacancies are left vacant or filled by an interim appointment by the

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district or county committee as provided herein then the state chair shall include the filling of the election of the member on the next call to the convention of that County or District as business.

9. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, all reasonable measures shall be taken to fulfill vacancies as is in the interest of the Michigan Republican Party and to ensure representation by active and engaged members representing the various delegates assembled into political units of counties and districts on the state committee

Section 6. STATE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. The business policies, general affairs, and implementation of the approved annual budget, the approved Legislative Plan, and the approved Political Plan of the Party shall be administered by the State Committee. The annual budget may be amended and shall be approved by the State Committee as referenced in Art. IX, Sec. 7(2). Prior to or during September of each year, the Executive Committee shall prepare a Legislative Plan to be submitted for approval by the State Committee at its next meeting. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to fulfill the approved Political Plan to the extent possible as referenced in Art. IX, Sec. 8.
2. The State Committee shall meet at least three (3) times a year to or as otherwise required. A special meeting may be called by the Chairman or by petition containing the signature of 25% of the members of the State Committee in good standing with written notice to the Secretary of the party which specifies the business that requires a special meeting. If a special meeting is called by the members, the Secretary shall provide the official notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting which shall be scheduled within 15 days of receipt of the petition and shall specify the business to be conducted. After a special meeting has been called by the members the chair shall have the right to add business to the meeting before the notice is sent. The Secretary shall provide a minimum of seven days' notice of the meeting. If the members requesting the meeting determine that the notice of the business is defective, the members shall have the right to present the notice of the business they requested to the members directly to be heard at the special meeting but shall not have the right to alter the date, time or place.
3. In addition, if the Chairman determines that approval of any proposed action is required, the State Committee may act upon the Chairman's request, with majority approval of the State Committee members in good standing, where such approval may be provided by email within a seven-day period of the request.

Section 7.

7.1 There shall be five mandatory standing committees of the State Committee. The Standing Committees are as follows:

- 1) Conflict Resolution Committee
- 2) Policy Committee
- 3) Platform, Resolutions, and Legislative Issues Committee
- 4) Budget Committee

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5) Election Integrity Committee

7.2 The standing committee chair and members are appointed by the State Chair.. All subcommittees are limited to acting in their respective areas of duty and responsibility and shall not have any superior authority over the State Committee or the enumerated and delegated duties of the State Chair.

7.3 The Chair shall form any other temporary committees as the Chair determines necessary and proper for the good of the State Republican Committee. Any temporary committee shall be formed as an advisory committee to the chair and state central committee.

7.4 Each Standing Committee or Temporary committee shall have a chair, vice chair, secretary, and other members as the Standing Committee Chair determines. There shall be one representation from each of the respective State Congressional District members and a minimum of five additional members selected from the county members, provided that only one member from each county is present on the Standing Committee.

7.5 The standing committees shall adopt rules of procedure as necessary and in the absence of such rule, the standing committees shall follow Robert's Rule of Order. No rule shall violate the constitution or bylaws of the state committee.

Section 8. The Zones of Authority and responsibility of the Standing Committees of the State party are outlined in this Section.

Section 8.1 Conflict Resolution Committee¹³

8.1.1 The conflict resolution committee is given the authority to determine membership and to investigate and report on all conflicts within the state party at any level including but not limited to intra-county disputes, intradistrict disputes, disputes between county committees with other counties, disputes with county committees with their district or state, disputes of district committees with the other districts or the state, disputes between any committee or member and the state chair, state officers or administration.

8.1.2 The Conflict Resolution Committee shall be comprised of members from all congressional districts including a chair as appointed by the state chair. The chair and the general counsel shall be ad hoc members of this standing committee. The policy committee may request guests attend any meeting and the state chair may provide for any member of her administration to attend a meeting of the conflict committee.

8.1.3 In the event the dispute requires an interpretation of a rule, bylaw or the constitution then the policy committee will provide such an interpretation. The conflict resolution committee will determine the facts and to apply the constitution, bylaws and rules to the facts and make a report

¹³ The conflict resolution committee process and procedure process is hereby incorporated into this MIGOP Constitution by reference.

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to the state committee.

8.1.4 Any determination of the state committee shall be final. There are no legal rights to appeal the decision to any court of any jurisdiction.

8.1.5. The conflict resolution committee is empowered to call witnesses to provide testimony under oath in closed proceedings and hear facts presented by affidavit on all matters it is requested to determine.

8.1.6. A matter of conflict may be referred to the conflict resolution committee by any member of any committee in a manner in which the conflict committee designates by its rules.

8.1.7. If any delegate, committee member of the state, district, or county or any officer of any of these committees or the Michigan representative to the national committee is to be removed before their term of office ends it must be for good cause which shall be determined after a hearing before the conflict committee with a report submitted to the state committee. District and County committees shall not have the power to remove members elected by delegates as this responsibility is limited and delegated to the state committee which shall have a good faith hearing in the conflict committee where each side shall be permitted to make a record and receive a report and findings.

8.1.8 Any person who seeks membership in any county party and has been denied membership by the county committee may appeal the determination to the conflict committee of the state party who will make a recommendation to the state committee which will have the final determination. After denial, a person may seek membership after 12 months for redetermination by the county.

Section 8.2 Policy Committee

8.2.1 The Policy Committee shall be comprised of members from all congressional districts including a chair as appointed by the state chair. The chair and the general counsel shall be ad hoc members of this standing committee. The policy committee may request guests attend any meeting and the state chair may provide for any member of her administration to attend a meeting of the policy committee.

8.2.2. The Policy Committee shall be the committee that makes recommendations to the state committee of all bylaws, interpretations of bylaws, and the validity of practices and procedures. After the policy committee has reported its findings and decision this will be binding on all committees unless the state committee overturns the report at a special meeting called for that purpose or as part of the next scheduled meeting of the state committee.

8.2.3 The Policy Committee will create, modify, and make available a uniform agenda for all conventions of all of the political levels (state, district, and county). Any convention of delegates may amend those rules of procedure or agenda by 66 2/3; provided however that the convention MAY NOT address matters issues that are not outside the scope of the call to county convention

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(as all conventions within the party start at the county).

8.2.4 No District or County Committee may have a standing rules committee. However, each district or county may by resolution propose any changes to the rules, bylaws or constitution. A resolution may come out of a temporary committee appointed by the district or county chair to consider any constitution, bylaw or rule issue.

8.2.5. Upon receipt of a resolution from a District or County Committee on any constitutional, bylaw or rule issue, the policy committee will make a report for the state committee to be considered at a special committee on the issue or at the next regular meeting of the state committee provided that the report can be completed at least eight (8) days before the next regular meeting of the state committee.

Section 8.3 Platform, Resolutions, and Legislative Issues Committee

8.3.1 The Standing Committee shall also be called the “Issues Committee” but shall be responsible for the Michigan Republican Party Platform, all resolutions related to the committee commenting on political issues, and shall be responsible for coordinating the legislative policy of the Michigan Republican Party.

8.3.2 At all times when the Michigan Republican Party does not have an official platform the platform of the National Republican Party shall apply.

8.3.3 The process for submitting a resolution for or against any political issue shall be as set forth in the bylaws.

8.3.4 The process for the party selecting issues for the legislature to prioritize shall be set forth in the bylaws.

Section 8.4 Budget Committee

8.4.1 The Budget Committee shall be appointed by the state committee chair not later than on April 30 of each year in which the chair is elected.

8.4.2 The Budget Committee shall prepare and present an operating budget as follows:

1. The state committee chair shall cause to be prepared with the budget committee and administration a proposed operating budget for all expenses (except campaign expenses).
2. The operating budget shall be for the term of June 1 in the odd year and continue for 24 months ending on May 31 of the consecutive odd year.
3. The operating budget shall include the transition period to the next administration to cover the period from the February Convention until May 31 of that year.
4. The operating budget shall be approved, or amended and approved, by the Budget Committee, provided, however, any amendment shall require a two-thirds vote of the appointed members of the Budget Committee.
5. After approval (or amendment and approval) by the Budget Committee, the budget shall be followed by the administration. Any operating expenses that are outside of the operating budget must be approved by the Budget Committee.
6. All capital expenses shall be approved by the Budget Committee.
7. The Budget Committee shall approve any loans, all salaries of employees, all fees to

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independent contractors, and any contracts exceeding \$5000.

8. The approval of the budget committee on expenses shall be by a motion of the budget committee and recorded as approved in the minutes.
9. A current written financial report shall be included at each regular State Committee Meeting by the Budget Chair or designee of the Budget Chair.

8.4.3 The Budget Committee is required to audit the books of the previous administration and shall ensure that all records necessary to complete the audit are received and preserved in real time.

8.4.4 The Budget Committee is responsible for reviewing any financial reports they desire. Any report that a budget committee member request shall be made through the chair of the budget committee of the administration and such request will be prepared by the treasurer in a reasonable time period considering the request as well as the other duties of the treasurer. Upon receipt of a request for a report, the treasurer shall provide an estimate as to when the report or record can be produced.

8.4.5 The Budget committee members have the right to, review the bank account statements.

8.4.6. The Budget Committee shall include a member from each of the congressional districts, a minimum of five county delegates as well as the following ad hoc members: The State Committee Chair, The Treasurer, The Vice Chairs, and the General Counsel.

8.4.7 The Chair of the State Committee may direct any other officer or administrative support staff to attend the meeting and the budget committee may invite whatever guests it determines appropriate.

8.4.8 The Budget Committee members will, if there is any good faith concern bring the concern first to the treasurer, general counsel, state chair, and budget committee chair in writing, and if the good faith concern cannot be resolved then to a closed session of the state committee.

8.4.9 The State Committee Chair, all officers and all members of the administration shall be fully transparent with the budget committee as to all expenses, planned expenses, and the financial state of the party at all times. Failure to be transparent may be a good cause for removal, if not corrected after a request is made in writing within a reasonable time of any claimed lack of transparency.

8.4.10 All financial matters discussed in the Budget Committee and reports or records provided to the members shall be confidential and the Budget Committee will release its reports only through the report of the budget chair and treasurer. Any member who violates this confidentiality requirement and provides budget committee information, reports or records outside of the state committee shall provide a good cause basis to be removed from the State Committee.

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Section 8.5 Election Integrity Committee

8.5.1 The Committee shall be divided into two broad areas of focus: Election Operations and Election Integrity Activities.

8.5.2 The Election Operations shall be focused on the participation of Republicans in the election system including but not limited to clerks, election inspectors, poll workers, poll challengers, poll observers, and other roles focused on participation within the election infrastructure to ensure that elections are conducted in a accurate, open and honest process that provides an accurate result focused on ensuring that all eligible voters have their ballots counted as cast.

8.5.3 The Election Integrity Activities is a broad mandate to inspect and discover election records and investigate all procedural, rule, and legal violations by those conducting elections. Participate in recounts and investigate by contacting voters of potential problems or to verify the accuracy of public information concerning the election to ensure that elections are conducted in an accurate, open, transparent and honest process that provides an accurate result focused on ensuring that all eligible voters have their ballots counted as cast.

8.5.4 Communication of election activities is important as is training. The responsibility for the

8.5.5 The voting membership of this standing committee will be limited as outlined in the constitution; however, all members of the party are expected to participate in election activities as volunteers either on operations or integrity activities and can participate in discussions and workgroups.

Section 9. POLITICAL PLAN.

9.1 Prior to September 1 of each odd-numbered year, the State Chairman shall present for review and adoption a Political Plan to the State Committee for the duration of the term of office

9.2 The Political Plan shall include such topics as the Chairman deems appropriate including but not limited to the priorities of the administration to legislative priorities.

9.3 The Chairman may appoint a committee to assist in the preparation of the plan.

9.4 The State Committee may make changes to the plan if it deems necessary.

Section 10. EMPLOYEES. The State Chairman shall have the authority to employ administrative staff and a communications officer with the wages subject to the approval of the Budget Committee. All other employees shall be approved by the Budget Committee. The chair shall be paid the wages equal to the speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives.

ARTICLE X

District Party Administration

Section 1. GENERAL MANAGEMENT.

The general management of the affairs and business of the Party pertaining to each Congressional District shall be fixed in a District Committee, which shall consist of members and officers elected at a state convention of delegates in a district caucus or a district convention called to elect members and officers to the District Committee.

Section 2. Members of the District Committee

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2.1 The members shall include 15 delegates elected to the committee from the district convention (or caucus)

2.2 For districts that are completely within a county the county convention may in district caucus elect the members to serve at that convention.

2.3 For Districts that are in two or more counties, the county conventions shall elect delegates to the state convention and district caucuses (or district conventions) in the number determined by the rules. Those delegates shall elect at large members. Each county convention shall elect two members to the district committee that has a portion of the district in the county from members residing in the district.

Section 3 Officers of the District Committee

The officers of the district committee shall be comprised of a chair, vice chair, treasurer and secretary, and a state committee member. All these officers shall be voting members of the committee.

Section 4. The bylaws of the district shall be the adopted uniform bylaws of the standing policy committee of the state committee together with such addendum as the District Committee shall determine by a majority of a quorum of the district committee members

Section 5 The purpose of the District Committees

5.1 The district committees shall focus on candidate selection processes and shall have a standing committee to work on the process of selecting the candidates nominated by the county by selecting the candidates for the general election at a convention for all contests the district is entitled to select.

5.2 The district shall have a standing committee on compliance which shall instigate all Republican candidates and officeholders in their district and report on compliance to the Michigan Republican Platform in their acts, voting record, and other support. The District shall monitor the campaign contributions of the officers and identify all significant contributions. This report shall be made available to the convention. The candidate shall be entitled to respond to the report and that shall also be submitted to the delegates.

5.3 The District shall have a standing committee on training candidates on the requirements of being a candidate including such topics as campaign finance, access to voters, and other topics as the committee shall deem necessary.

5.4 The District shall have a standing committee on election process training in which the members of the district at a precinct level can be trained on the election processes for staffing the elections.

5.5 The Districts shall have a standing committee on resolutions to provide commentary on the political activities on which the district wishes to comment.

5.6 The district chair may make a temporary committee on any other matters as may be deemed necessary.

Section 6. It shall be just cause for removal if there is a demonstrated lack of engagement in the duties of a district member including participation in committee activities.

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Section 7. MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE. Meetings of the District Committee, in addition to meetings herein before prescribed, may be called by the District Chairman or by written request of not less than one-half of the members.

ARTICLE XI

County Party Administration

Section 1. GENERAL MANAGEMENT. The general management of the affairs and business of the Party in various Counties shall be vested in the County Committee, subject to the direction of the County Convention. The by-laws of each County shall be the adopted and uniform bylaws together with such addendums as the county committee may adopt.

Section 2. COUNTY CONVENTION. The members entitled to vote County Convention shall be a convention of all registered members of the county Republican Party (provided the members have registered 30 days before the convention for all years after the original county convention conducted after the adoption of this constitution). The convention shall elect a county executive committee and all officers. The convention shall be called at a date and time by the state chair to conduct business in the order presented in the call as noticed by the State Secretary; however, the County chair will designate the location for the convention. The county chair may add to the call to convention any business that is necessary for the county party to consider at the convention.

Section 3. OFFICERS. The officers of the County Party organization shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer; and they shall have the powers and duties usually incident to their respective offices, subject to the direction of the Committee and the County Convention. They shall be elected by the County Committee on an interim basis until or unless elected by the County Convention.

Section 4. The Executive Committee. The laws of Michigan shall NOT govern the formation of the Executive Committee. Elected County Officers shall not be granted a seat on the executive committee but are eligible to be elected to the County Executive Committee at the convention of registered members. The Executive committee shall consist of no less than 24 members. The committee is prohibited from having more than one member from the same precinct.

Section 5. The Governor, Attorney General and Secretary of State, the Michigan Representative, The Michigan Senator, and the US Congressman and US Senator (if Republican) shall be members of the Executive Committee in the County in which they reside (however their absence from a meeting shall not be counted as a voting member for determining quorum unless present.

Section 6. TERMS OF OFFICE. The terms of office of the County officers and the members of the County Executive Committee shall be approximately two years and shall serve until their respective successors have been selected in accordance with this constitution.

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Section 5. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES. The County Chairman shall have power, to appoint such additional Committees, from time to time, as circumstances may warrant.

Section 6. MEETINGS OF COUNTY COMMITTEE. Meetings of the County Committee, in addition to meetings herein before prescribed, may be called by the County Chairman or by written request of not less than one-half of the members.

Section 7. THE DUTIES OF THE COUNTY PARTY

7.1. To staff election processes with Republican voters including election inspectors, poll challengers, poll watchers in all precincts, and absentee counting boards for all elections and to ensure equal representation by Republicans in the election process.

7.2 To nominate candidates for state and federal office to run in the General Election as a Republican.

7.3 To select candidates for local and county office to run in the general election as a Republican. To collect and disburse to the other committees' candidate fees.

To participate in widespread candidate recruitment for Republican party candidates.

7.4 To select Board of Canvasser nominees

7.5 To register members of the County party in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws

7.6. To review members to determine their eligibility to participate in county conventions

7.7 to record member voter identification information and contact numbers by phone and email and to transmit the information to the district and state secretary.

7.8 To operate the facility for the conventions of members as determined by the county chair

7.9 to publish the call to convention of members to all members for participation at Convention.

Section 8. COUNTY OFFICER VACANCY. Whenever there is a vacancy in the elected officers of the county party, it shall be filled as soon as possible by the county executive committee with a majority of those voting after quorum is established by members present and in good standing on an interim basis pending the next convention of members.

ARTICLE XII

Removal Proceedings Detailed

1 The removal of any delegate, committee member, or any officer elected or appointed by the chair of any political committee acting in Bad Faith¹⁴ including but not limited to the members of the State, County, or District committees may be brought before the Conflict Resolution Committee for removal proceeding (for a good cause¹⁵ determination by hearing managed through the conflict resolution committee which determines the facts and conclusion of Good Cause¹⁶).

¹⁴ Bad faith refers to and shall be interpreted as dishonesty or fraud in a transaction. Depending on the exact setting, bad faith may mean a dishonest belief or purpose, untrustworthy performance of duties, neglect of fair dealing standards, or a fraudulent intent.

¹⁵ Cause is an action or event that brings about or contributes to a specific outcome. In legal actions, there are a variety of different variations of cause, for example, "but-for cause," "proximate cause," "cause in fact" and "intervening cause." Cause is a necessary element in most legal actions.

¹⁶ Shall be interpreted as meaning the negligent or intentional act which was the *cause* of the another's injury.

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2 The General Counsel or other legal representative appointed by the General Counsel shall participate in the removal hearing and provide counsel to the committee to protect the conflict resolution committee from mistakes of law or application of the bylaws. In the event the General Counsel objects to the finding a written objection will be filed along with the report of the Conflict Resolution Committee outlining the basis for objection.

3 A final determination of Good Cause supporting removal will be made by a majority vote of the voting membership of the state committee at a special meeting called for the purpose or at the next regular scheduled meeting provided that the conflict resolution committee report and any objections by the General Counsel are provided to the committee by the Secretary of the Committee and delegate, officer or member in question with notice of at least eight (8) days before the regular meeting to the members of the state committee.

4 A person may not be brought before the conflict resolution committee without signatures on a petition requesting a determination of good cause by 51% of the members in good standing of the political committee in which the delegate, committee member or officer serves.

5 The petition shall be presented to the secretary of the state committee and the conflict committee chair as well as the member, delegate, or officer in question. The Secretary of the committee will determine the 51% of members in good standing of the committee not sooner than 24 hours but before 72 hours of receipt of the petition.

6 The conflict committee shall determine if any member of the committee has a conflict of interest and if a member has a conflict of interest disclosed or found by the conflict resolution committee, such determination shall be part of the report as to why that member did not vote.

7. The Conflict Committee must make a finding and report on any removal matter within 21 days from the request or the matter will pass automatically to the state committee UNLESS the person subject to removal agrees in writing to additional time not to exceed sixty (60) days.

8. During the time that a delegate, officer, or committee member is pending removal after having 51% of the committee petition to request a hearing the delegate, officer, or committee member is considered NOT to be in good standing and is suspended from voting privileges as a member or delegate and from all official duties as an officer pending the final determination.

Miscellaneous

Section 1. ENDORSEMENTS

1. Any member of any committee or officer of any committee (or staff) may individually endorse a Republican candidate seeking in a contested primary, caucus, or convention election. The endorsement may not reference any official capacity of the member of the party as a delegate, committee member, or officer. A personal campaign contribution is permitted.

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2. If a request for endorsement is made by the candidate seeking endorsement by a committee of the Michigan Republican Party, the endorsement must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of a quorum of the members in good standing of such Committee.
3. In the absence of a request for endorsement and a two-thirds vote of any Committee, the Committee shall not make an endorsement, and neither shall its delegates, members or officers in their official capacity.
4. Any officer or member found to have violated this provision of official endorsements may be subject to removal for cause as provided in this constitution.
5. Nothing in this section shall restrict the members of any committee including its officers and staff, from endorsing a Republican candidate in any general election in their official capacity

Section 2. AMENDMENTS. This Constitution may NOT be amended by the State Committee. This Constitution may be amended by the Delegates at a State Convention, but only if SEVENTY-FIVE and two-thirds (75%) percent of those eligible to vote at convention in fact vote in favor of the proposed amendment¹⁷. The State Convention of Delegates at any State Convention meeting which includes all duly elected delegates that can attend and for which quorum is confirmed may amend this Constitution only at a meeting for which written notice, including a copy of the proposed amendment and a copy of the provision proposed to be amended, is given with the call to convention and is included as business to be conducted.

Section 3. RULES. At all meetings herein provided, "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern the procedure. If at any time during any gathering in which the "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" are in fact being used and applied, and at any time, in the GOOD FAITH opinion of the Chairman OR the GOOD FAITH opinion of a majority of the quorum of the state committee agree, such is being used as a sword rather than a shield and to the detriment or harm of the delegates of the Michigan Republican Party or to the essential purpose of the gathering, then the use of the "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" may be suspended until the matter is resolved in accordance with the substantive rights guaranteed in this constitution and the meeting adjourned.

Section 4. The Delegates Bill of Rights is incorporated into this Constitution

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¹⁷ TO BE CLEAR THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL ONLY BE AMMENDED AT A STATE CONVENTION UPON THE ACTUAL IN PERSON VOTING OF A MINIMUM OF SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT (75%) OF THE TOTAL ELIGIBLE DELEGATES WHO ARE MEMBERS AND IN FACT VOTE IN PERSON. IN PERSON VOTING IS INTENDED TO BE CRITICAL HERE.

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DELEGATES & MEMBERS¹⁸

MIGOP Constitutional Bill of Rights



1st Right

Guarantees the right to the freedoms of speech and religion for all Michigan Republican Party members. Protects the right to petition the State Party Administration and/or State Party in general¹⁹. All matters shall be conducted by all Michigan Republican Party members in a Good Faith²⁰, respectful²¹ and professional

¹⁸ For purposes of this MIGOP Constitutional and the Bill of Rights, the terms Delegates and Members shall be interpreted to mean the same and as such are interchangeable terms herein.

¹⁹ Properly using the authorized procedures, rules and methods.

²⁰ See footnote #7

²¹ Shall be interpreted as follows: If you're respectful, you show consideration and regard for someone or something.

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manner²². Guarantees the right of freedom of assembly of all members of the party.

2nd Right

Guarantees the people's right to legal and Good Faith methods for their defense of each member's political view and/or opinion.

3rd Right

ELECTION INTEGRITY²³ SHALL BE THE BACKBONE OF ALL THAT THE MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN PARTY STANDS FOR, PROMOTES, FIGHTS FOR AND DEFENDS.

4th Right

No Michigan Republican Party member can be forced to acquiesce²⁴ any rights at any time with the sole exception that results directly or indirectly from the member in question' Bad Faith Actions²⁵

5th Right

No Michigan Republican Party member can be forced to subject themselves to review by the State Michigan Republican Party administration or any State, County or State District subordinate committee or organization review without a Good Faith reason and probable cause²⁶.

6th Right

Prohibits abuse of Michigan Republican Party State, County, District or any other political authority in legal proceedings and/or procedures. Establishes rules for reviews and decisions by the Michigan Republican Party at the State, County or District levels. Guarantees all due process rights. Protects all members from self-incrimination²⁷ and

²² Shall be interpreted as follows: Professional manner means upholding standards of professionalism and customer service, demonstrating consistent sound fiscal management and practices, and exhibiting positive civil conduct and behavior.

²³ **Election Integrity** shall be interpreted to mean, the right of all citizens of the United States of America to vote and for their vote to be absolutely and validly counted while not be diluted, misrepresented, cancelled, reduced, miscast or in any other manner accounted for contrary to the intent of the voter casting such vote. **Electoral integrity** refers to the fairness of the entire voting process and how well the process protects against election subversion, voter suppression, and other threats to free and fair elections.

²⁴ Shall be interpreted as the passive acceptance or submission : the act of acquiescing or the state of being acquiescent.

²⁵ Bad faith refers to dishonesty or fraud in a matter or transaction. Depending on the exact setting, bad faith may mean a dishonest belief or purpose, untrustworthy performance of duties, neglect of fair dealing standards, or a fraudulent intent.

²⁶ United States, the U.S. Supreme Court defines probable cause as "where the facts and circumstances within the officers' knowledge, and of which they have reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves to warrant a belief by a man of reasonable caution that a crime is being committed."

²⁷ Shall be interpreted as meaning the giving of information or testimony which will likely subject one to criminal prosecution or any other disciplinary action.

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double jeopardy²⁸.

7th Right

Guarantees all Republican Party members fair and speedy reviews, treatment, consideration, trial and the rights to know any and all the accusations, all accusers, and to find counsel and witnesses for their own defense during any proceeding that they are called or compelled to participate in.

8th Right

Reserves Republican Party members individual rights and duties to participate in internal Michigan State Republican Party Dispute Resolution related committees process and their related procedures such as a case review and final adjudication depending on the case, and cases already examined which cannot be re-opened by another review or adjudication process.

9th Right

Forbids exorbitant disciplinary, censure or other related punishment that is unusual or cruel, however for Good Cause, members may be removed from the Michigan Republican Party.

10th Right

Reserves the rights of people which are not specifically mentioned by the Michigan Republican State Constitution.

11th Right

Reserves powers that are not given to the Michigan Republican Party State Committee under this Constitution, nor prohibited by law, to the members of the Michigan Republican Party, the Counties and Districts.

12th Right

This Right Modifies and clarifies the procedure for the State Committee to vote to approve a primary, caucus or convention process for the Republican party in the

²⁸ Shall be interpreted as meaning the putting of a person on review or trial for an offense for which he or she has previously been put on review or trial under a valid charge or claim: two adjudications for one offense.

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State of Michigan necessary to permit the delegates in each county to exercise their right to choose and vet their preferred candidates for the general election in a manner as close as possible to the following:

- a) Each county shall hold a caucus or convention in the Spring of each even year. The purpose will be for the delegates to vote on each partisan position to be decided in the general election with the following exceptions: Precinct Delegate and POTUS
- b) When a position represents more than one County, an apportionment shall be made to said counties in proportion to the number of votes cast for the Republican candidate for Secretary of State or POTUS in each of said counties, respectively, at the previous year's November election. Further, when elections cross county or district lines relevant counties or districts shall caucus as proper to accommodate the ultimate nomination for the general election.
- c) This apportionment shall be determined by the Credentials Committee.
- d) The resulting winners of the Spring County Caucus or Conventions will be the only Republicans allowed on the ballot for the general election.
- e) Rules for the Spring County Caucus or Convention to be recommended by the Policy Committee and affirmed by State Committee.

13th Right

Except as punishment for a Michigan State Republican Party internally adjudicated offense, forbids punishment or sanctions to any member including financial fines are forbidden

14th Right

All Michigan Republican Party members have the right of fair treatment without respect to the former political affiliation, or any discriminatory practices

15th Right

Reserves the Michigan Republican Party the right to tax or require membership-related fees.

16th Right

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Reserves Michigan Republican Party members suffrage rights²⁹.

17th Right

Limits the terms that an individual can be elected as Michigan Republican Party Chairperson (at most two full terms).

18th Right

Reserves the right of Michigan Republican Party members which are United States citizens residing in any State of Michigan County or Congressional District to vote as their own Electors³⁰ for presidential elections.

19th Right

The Chairperson of the Michigan Republican Party is representing all the members of the State GOP and as such is ultimately subject to the will of the State Delegates. This Right establishes the procedures for a successor and/or replacement of a Michigan State Party Chairperson through the will of the people of the Michigan Republican Party as represented by their respective duly elected delegates only³¹.

20th Right

Reserves the absolute right for Michigan Republican Party State Committee Members and duly elected delegates at all levels of the State, County or District levels to vote while seated in and representing their respective offices and to have their votes counted correctly in all regards.

21st Right

While form and procedure in all matters are important considerations, they shall never override or prevent substance from being heard.

22nd Right

The GOP Delegates and GOP members in the State of Michigan shall have the

²⁹ Shall be interpreted as follows: "Suffrage" means the right to vote. When citizens have the right to vote for or against laws and leaders, that government is called a "democracy." Voting is one of the most important principles of government in a democracy.

³⁰ Shall be interpreted to mean a person who has the right to vote in an election.

³¹ No proxy votes are to be permitted in the execution of this Right.

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right to have the candidates for public office who present themselves as Republicans and run for any office as Republicans to conduct themselves in all matters as Republicans and vote as Republicans if elected.

23rd Right

Prohibits any and all State of Michigan Republican Party State, County or District committees from violating this Constitution.

23rd Right

Each member shall have the right to have their vote counted as cast and not diluted by any effort to corrupt any election process



IN THE END WE ALL WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE CHOICES WE MADE IN THIS LIFE,

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CHOOSE WELL AND GLORIFY GOD IN ALL YOUR DECISIONS.