



Maryland Republican Party

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INSTRUCTIVE MATERIALS RELATING TO THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE 2016 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

WHEREAS, National Party Rule 16(f)(1) requires each Republican state committee to adopt rules, procedures, policies, and instructive materials governing the selection of delegates and alternate delegates to the 2016 Republican National Convention and to certify true copies of the same to the Secretary of the Republican National Committee; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated July 11, 2015, the Executive Committee of the Maryland Republican Party passed a Resolution directing the State Chairman to cause to be prepared and delivered to the Republican National Committee instructive materials on delegate selection, consistent with the July 11, 2015 Resolution;

THEREFORE, as State Chairman of the Maryland Republican Party, I hereby certify that the following instructive materials set forth the procedures to be followed in Maryland for delegate selection to the 2016 Republican National Convention:

- 1) Election of District Delegates
 - a) Pursuant to National Republican Party Rules 14(a)(3) and 14(b), three delegates and three alternate delegates shall be elected by the Republican voters of each of Maryland's eight Congressional Districts to represent such Congressional Districts at the 2016 Republican National Convention. Such delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected in the 2016 Republican Primary Election. Each candidate for delegate and for alternate delegate representing a Congressional District shall be a resident of and a qualified voter in said district and shall be registered as Republican. All certificates of candidacy must be filed with the State Board of Elections or any of its designated satellite offices not later than 9:00 p.m. on the Wednesday that is 83 days before the day on which the 2016 Primary Election will be held. A candidate may only run for the position of delegate or for alternate delegate, but not for both positions.
 - b) Each candidate for delegate and alternate delegate may have place adjacent to the candidate's name on the ballot the name of a presidential candidate, provided that the written permission of the presidential candidate has been received by the State Board of Elections not later than 2 days after the filing

date for certificates of candidacy. If a candidate for delegate or alternate delegate has received permission from a presidential candidate to have the presidential candidate's name placed adjacent to the candidate's name on the ballot, and such candidate subsequently withdraws as a candidate pursuant to Section 5-502 of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, another candidate for delegate or alternate delegate, as the case may be, shall have place adjacent to the candidate's name on the ballot the name of the presidential candidate, if the written permission of the presidential candidate has been received by the State Board of Elections not later than 5 days after the deadline date by which candidates for delegate and alternate delegate may withdraw their candidacy for delegate and alternate delegate established in Section 5-502 of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

- c) Only registered voters in the State of Maryland who are affiliated with the Republican Party shall be eligible to vote in the 2016 Primary Election. In each Congressional District, the three candidates for delegate and the three candidates for alternate delegate who receive the most votes shall be elected.

2) Election of At-Large Delegates

- a) Pursuant to National Republican Party Rule 14(a)(2), the National Committeewoman, the National Committeeman, and the State Party Chairman shall automatically be delegates. Pursuant to National Republican Party Rules 14(a)(1) and 14(b), ten delegates and ten alternate delegates shall be at large delegates and at large alternate delegates and shall be selected by the Republican State Central Committee of Maryland at a convention of its members duly called in accordance with such Committee's Constitution and Bylaws. Pursuant to National Republican Party Rules 14(a)(6)(i) and 14(b), one at large delegate and one at large alternate delegate shall be awarded for electing a Republican governor last year. All persons selected as at large delegates and at large alternate delegates shall be residents of and duly qualified voters in Maryland and shall be registered as Republicans. The Nominations Committee shall make recommendations on any question of candidate eligibility.
- b) Nominations for at large delegate and for at large alternate delegate must be received in writing at the headquarters of the Maryland Republican Party at 69 Franklin Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, or at the then current location if different, by no later 4:00 p.m. on the Friday one week prior to the morning of the Spring 2016 Maryland State Republican Convention. Nominations may not be made after this time. A person may only be nominated for the position of delegate or for alternate delegate, but not both positions. Each nomination must be signed by three members of the Maryland Republican State Central Committee (not proxy holders). Each signer must reside in a different county.
- c) At the Spring 2016 Maryland State Republican Convention, there shall be no nominating, seconding, or candidate speeches for candidates at large delegate

or at large alternate delegate. All nominations shall be placed on the ballot, in alphabetical order by last name. Withdrawals shall take place prior to voting; votes cast for withdrawn candidates shall not invalidate any ballot.

- d) A member or proxy holder may not cast more than one vote for a candidate on the ballot, may not cast more votes for at large delegates than there are seats to be filled and may not cast more votes for at large alternate delegates than there are seats to be filled. Proxy holders may vote for at large delegates and at large alternate delegates. Ballots not conforming to these requirements shall be void.
- e) Election shall be by plurality vote by the voting method contained in Section 8.4 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Maryland. At the conclusion of the ballot computation, the candidates for at large delegate having the highest number of votes cast shall be deemed elected, in descending order, until all seats are filled, and the candidates for at large alternate delegate having the highest number of votes cast shall be deemed elected, in descending order, until all seats are filled.

3) Binding of Delegates

- a) Each of the delegates to the 2016 Republican National Convention representing a Congressional District shall be bound to vote for the candidate for the office of President of the United States who receives the highest number of votes within the delegate's Congressional District in the 2016 Maryland Republican Primary Election.
- b) All of the At-Large Delegates to the 2016 Republican National Convention shall be bound to vote for the candidate for the office of President of the United States who receives the highest number of votes in the State of Maryland in the 2016 Maryland Republican Primary Election.
- c) The delegates shall be so bound until the candidate for President of the United States is nominated by the 2016 Republican National Convention, receives less than 35% of the votes for nomination by the Convention, or releases the delegation, or until two Convention nominating ballots have been taken.

Respectfully Submitted,



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