



RULES PERTAINING TO THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS
TO THE 2012 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION
As approved and adopted by the Rhode Island
Republican State Central Committee

ARTICLE I
GENERAL

Rule 1.01 – Delegate and Alternates to the National Convention of the Republican Party from the State of Rhode Island shall be selected and certified by the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 12.1 of Title 17 of the Rhode Island General Laws as amended; the Rules of the Republican Party adopted by the previous Republican National Convention; and these rules.

Rule 1.02 – The purpose and intent of these Rules are to open participation in the Delegate selection process to members of the Rhode Island Republican Party and qualified Republican voters in the State of Rhode Island. These rules are to be construed in such manner as to achieve that purpose and intent.

ARTICLE II
NUMBER OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Rule 2.01 – The Republican National Committee (RNC) will determine the number of Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention allocated to the State of Rhode Island. All such Delegates and Alternates, except for the National Committee members from Rhode Island, shall be chosen by the voters in the Presidential Primary.

ARTICLE III
MANNER OF SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Rule 3.01 – Delegates and Alternates, in each Congressional District, shall be elected by the voters in the Republican Presidential Primary pursuant to these Rules and the general laws of the State of Rhode Island.

Rule 3.02 – Each Presidential including the designation Uncommitted, pursuant to R.I.G.L. Title 17 Section 12, who attains at least fifteen percent (15%) of the vote statewide shall qualify for delegates and alternates.

Rule 3.03 – Each Presidential candidate including the designation Uncommitted who qualifies for Delegates and Alternates under Rule 3.02 shall receive a proportional share of the Delegates and Alternates in each Congressional District. It shall be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee of the Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee to resolve any questions as to the number of Delegates qualified for any specific Presidential candidate.

Rule 3.04 – The Delegates from qualifying Presidential candidates or running as Uncommitted shall be those persons who obtain the largest number of votes up to the number of Delegates won by the Presidential candidate or running as Uncommitted pursuant to Rule 3.03. The next highest voter-getters

among such Delegate candidates, up to the number of Delegates won by the Presidential candidate or running as Uncommitted, will be Alternates.

ARTICLE IV
COMMITMENT OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Rule 4.01 – Each Presidential candidate shall name a screening committee, of up to five (5) members for each Congressional District. This Committee may interview candidates for Delegate, who wish to appear on the ballot under the Presidential candidate. This committee will either endorse or not endorse candidates. Any Delegate candidate who is not endorsed by a Presidential candidate’s Screening Committee or is running as Uncommitted shall be classified as “Uncommitted” on the ballot. The Nominating Committee of the Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee may prescribe a written form for Delegate candidates to affirm his or her commitment to a particular Presidential candidate.

Rule 4.02 – All Delegates and Alternates elected under a Presidential candidate shall be required to vote for such Presidential candidate at the National Convention at every opportunity until such Delegate or Alternate is released, Pledged Delegates may only be released as follows:

- A) By act of the Presidential candidate to whom such Delegate is committed; or
- B) By affirmation vote of no less than seventy – five percent (75%) of all the elected Delegates from Rhode Island committed to such candidate, to withdraw such commitment.

ARTICLE V
VACANCIES

Rule 5.01 – Vacancies for elected Delegates for a particular Presidential candidate shall be filled by the Alternate for that Presidential candidate who received the most votes in the Primary in that Congressional District but was not elected as a delegate. Vacancies for elected Alternates for a particular Presidential candidate shall be filled by the Delegate candidate for that Presidential candidate, who received the most votes in the Primary in that Congressional District, and was not elected in the Primary, as an Alternate. If there are still vacancies, after the list of all Delegate candidates in the Primary has been exhausted, then the Screening Committee for the Presidential candidate shall select the person to fill the vacancy.