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ARTICLE I. ESTABLISHMENT AND GOVERNANCE

A. The Illinois Republican Party is established hereby. The governing body of the Party shall be the Illinois Republican State Central Committee (referred to in these Bylaws as "State Central Committee").

B. The purpose of the State Central Committee shall be to establish, organize, and promote the operations of the Illinois Republican Party.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

A. Election. The members of the State Central Committee shall be the Republican State Central Committeemen or Committeewomen who are elected or appointed as provided by law and these Bylaws.

1. No individual shall be eligible to serve as a member of the State Central Committee unless the individual has voted in the Republican Primary Election in each of the three (3) most recent General Primary Elections held in the State of Illinois as evidenced by the individual having requested a Republican ballot according to the official voting records of

1 the election jurisdiction in which the individual resides. This General
2 Primary Election voting requirement shall not apply to an election in
3 which an individual: (a) who did not vote and can demonstrate they were
4 on active military duty at the time of the election, (b) was not of legal
5 voting age at the time of the election, or (c) was not a resident of the
6 State of Illinois at the time of the General Primary Election and the
7 individual can show proof of voting Republican in the General Primary
8 Election of the State in which the individual previously resided.
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10 2. State Central Committeemen shall be elected in the same manner as
11 provided by law for the election of officers of county central committees
12 and such election shall follow the election of officers of county central
13 committees. Each elected precinct committeeman who is present at a
14 county convention shall cast their vote for State Central Committeeman,
15 one vote for each ballot cast (i.e., "weighted vote") in their respective
16 precinct in the last preceding General Primary Election. The "weighted
17 vote" for vacant precincts, and precincts not represented at the county
18 conventions by elected precinct committeemen, shall be allocated to
19 each candidate for State Central Committeeman based on the
20 proportion of weighted votes the candidate(s) received from the elected
21 precinct committeemen present at that county convention.
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23 3. Term limits. No member of the State Central Committee; deputy member
24 of the State Central Committee; National Committeeman or
25 Committeewoman; or State Chairman shall serve more than eight (8)
26 consecutive years in the same office. This section is effective on January
27 1, 2015 but shall not apply to terms that are the result of vacancies or
28 terms that have commenced prior to the effective date.
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30 B. Vacancy. A vacancy in the office of State Central Committeemen shall exist upon
31 the State Central Committeeman's death, resignation, removal or disqualification
32 by law. Any individual convicted of a felony shall be deemed to have vacated the
33 office of State Central Committeeman. Vacancies in the office of State Central
34 Committeeman shall be filled by appointment of the Republican congressional
35 committee of the congressional district where the vacancy exists.
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37 C. Notice of Vacancy. Upon receiving notice that a vacancy in the office of State
38 Central Committeeman exists, the State Chairman shall issue a notice of vacancy
39 to members of the Republican congressional committee for the congressional
40 district wherein the vacancy exists, namely, as the case may be: the Republican
41 county chairmen outside of Cook County; the Republican township committeemen
42 within Cook County but outside the City of Chicago; and the Republican ward
43 committeemen within the City of Chicago. The notice of vacancy shall state that a
44 vacancy exists, and announce a time and place when the votes of the Republican
45 congressional committee shall be cast to elect a successor State Central
46 Committeeman.

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2 D. Election of Successor. At the announced time and place the outgoing State Central
3 Committeeman for the congressional district, or in such person's absence, the
4 State Chairman, shall call to order and chair a meeting of the individuals identified
5 in Article II (C) above, who shall cast, in person or by written proxy, the "weighted
6 vote" of that portion of the congressional district represented by each member for
7 a successor State Central Committeeman. The meeting chairman shall declare a
8 winner, and shall certify the winner as the new State Central Committeeman to the
9 Illinois State Board of Elections and to the State Central Committee.

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11 E. Deputy Members. Each State Central Committeeman shall, within thirty (30) days
12 of election, nominate a person of the opposite sex residing in their respective
13 congressional district to serve as a deputy member of the State Central Committee
14 and such nominations shall be ratified at the next meeting of the State Central
15 Committee. Deputy members of the State Central Committee shall serve at the
16 pleasure of the State Central Committeeman for their respective congressional
17 district and, except as otherwise provided by law, shall have all the rights and
18 responsibilities of members of the State Central Committee provided by these
19 Bylaws and, in the absence of a State Central Committeeman from a meeting held
20 pursuant to these Bylaws, the deputy member for an absent State Central
21 Committeeman shall serve and vote as proxy for that absent State Central
22 Committeeman. If the deputy member of the State Central Committee is not
23 nominated by the State Central Committeeman within 60 days of election or
24 vacancy, the State Chairman shall have the authority to nominate a deputy
25 member meeting the requirements of this Section.

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27 1. No individual shall be eligible to serve as a deputy member of the State
28 Central Committee unless the individual has voted in the Republican
29 Primary Election in each of the three (3) most recent General Primary
30 Elections held in the State of Illinois as evidenced by the individual
31 having requested a Republican ballot according to the official voting
32 records of the election jurisdiction in which the individual resides. This
33 General Primary Election voting requirement shall not apply to an
34 election in which an individual: (a) can demonstrate they were on active
35 military duty at the time of the election, (b) was not of legal voting age at
36 the time of the election, or (c) was not a resident of the State of Illinois
37 at the time of the election and the individual can show proof of voting
38 Republican in the General Primary Election of the State in which the
39 individual previously resided.

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41 F. National Committeeman and National Committeewoman. The National
42 Committeeman and the National Committeewoman shall have all the rights and
43 privileges of a State Central Committeeman, other than the right to vote. The
44 National Committeeman and National Committeewoman are, however, eligible to
45 be appointed to any committee of the State Central Committee, and may serve as
46 a voting member of such committee, if so authorized by the State Chairman.

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2 G. Advisory Members. The State Chairman may appoint persons who declare their
3 support for the Republican Party as advisory members of the State Central
4 Committee. Advisory members shall have none of the rights of State Central
5 Committeemen.
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7 ARTICLE III. OFFICERS
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- 9 A. Terms. The elected officers of the State Central Committee shall include a
10 Chairman (referred to in these Bylaws as "State Chairman"), a Vice Chairman, a
11 Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected to four-year terms at the
12 quadrennial organizational meeting of the State Central Committee.
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14 B. State Chairman. The State Chairman shall be elected pursuant to law, shall be the
15 Chief Executive Officer of the State Central Committee, and have all the powers
16 and authority as provided by law and in these Bylaws. The State Chairman shall
17 have the authority to make officer, committee and temporary task force
18 appointments except as otherwise provided by law or in these Bylaws. The State
19 Chairman shall have the authority to hire, supervise and release all staff of the
20 State Central Committee, except that he shall obtain the advice and consent of the
21 Executive Committee with respect to the hiring and release of the Executive
22 Director. The State Chairman shall preside over all meetings and other
23 proceedings of the State Central Committee, and shall determine points of
24 parliamentary procedure or law as necessary. The State Chairman shall be a
25 member ex-officio with the right to vote of all standing committees, committees,
26 and temporary task forces except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.
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28 C. Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall be elected from within the membership
29 of the State Central Committee and continue to serve as a member of the State
30 Central Committee. The Vice Chairman shall preside at meetings of the State
31 Central Committee in the absence of the State Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall
32 perform all duties of the State Chairman in the event of the State Chairman's
33 permanent absence, death, removal, resignation, inability to act, or other vacancy
34 of the office until a new State Chairman is elected and qualified. In such case, the
35 Secretary shall within fourteen (14) days after the vacancy arises, call a meeting
36 of the Central Committee to be held within sixty (60) days, but not less than seven
37 (7) days, after the vacancy arises for the purpose of electing a new State Chairman
38 to fill the unexpired term arising from the vacancy in the office of State Chairman.
39 The Vice Chairman shall be a member ex-officio with the right to vote of all standing
40 committees, committees, and temporary task forces. The Vice Chairman may have
41 additional powers as assigned by the State Chairman.
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43 D. Co-Chairman. A Co-Chairman may be appointed by, and be the opposite sex from,
44 the State Chairman. At the discretion of the State Chairman, one additional Co-
45 Chairman may be appointed by the State Chairman without regard to gender. A
46 Co-Chairman shall be a member ex-officio and may have the right to vote of all

1 standing committees, committees, and temporary task forces except as otherwise
2 provided in these Bylaws. A Co-Chairman may have additional powers as
3 assigned by the State Chairman.
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5 E. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be elected from the State Central Committee
6 membership pursuant to law. The Treasurer shall retain the funds of the State
7 Central Committee, report to the State Central Committee with regard to receipts
8 and expenditures, present an annual State Central Committee budget and fund-
9 raising plan, serve as chairman of the Finance Committee, and except as
10 otherwise provided by these Bylaws, prepare and file all financial disclosure
11 documents which may be required by State or Federal law. With the advice and
12 consent of the State Chairman, the Treasurer may appoint one or more assistant
13 treasurers for the purpose of preparing or executing financial disclosure
14 documents. The Treasurer shall be a member ex-officio with the right to vote of all
15 standing committees, committees, and temporary task forces. The Treasurer may
16 have additional powers as assigned by the State Chairman.
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18 F. Secretary. The Secretary shall be elected from the State Central Committee
19 membership. The Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings of the State Central
20 Committee and distribute the minutes to State Central Committee members. The
21 Secretary shall be a member ex-officio with the right to vote of all standing
22 committees, committees, and temporary task forces. The Secretary may have
23 additional powers as assigned by the State Chairman.
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25 G. Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be the Chief Operating Officer of
26 the State Central Committee, with authority to manage the daily operations of the
27 State Central Committee upon the advice and consent of the State Chairman.
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29 H. Other Officers. Other Officers appointed by the State Chairman shall have only
30 those powers and privileges assigned by the State Chairman.
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32 I. Secretary, Treasurer, or Vice Chairman Vacancy. If the position of Secretary,
33 Treasurer, or Vice Chairman becomes vacant, the State Chairman shall appoint
34 an acting secretary, treasurer, or vice chairman until the State Central Committee
35 elects a successor to complete the term.
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37 J. Assistant Treasurer Vacancy. If a position of assistant treasurer becomes vacant,
38 the Treasurer or acting treasurer, with the advice and consent of the State
39 Chairman, may appoint a successor to complete the term.
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41 K. Other Officer Vacancy. If an appointed officer position other than assistant
42 treasurer becomes vacant, the State Chairman may appoint a successor to
43 complete the term.
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45 L. Removal of Officers. Any elected officer, including the State Chairman, may be
46 removed for cause by the State Central Committee upon the affirmative weighted

1 vote of three-fifths (3/5th) of the State Central Committee. Except for assistant
2 treasurers, any appointed officer may be removed with or without cause at any
3 time by the State Chairman. Any assistant treasurer may be removed at any time
4 with or without cause by the Treasurer.

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6 ARTICLE IV. STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY TASK
7 FORCES
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- 9 A. Executive Committee. The State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary,
10 Chair of the State Chairman's Advisory Committee, and such additional State
11 Central Committeemen, or National Committee Representatives as the State
12 Chairman may appoint, shall constitute the standing Executive Committee. At least
13 two-thirds (2/3) of the individuals who serve on the Executive Committee shall be
14 members of the State Central Committee. The Executive Committee shall have
15 general supervision of the affairs of the State Central Committee between its
16 meetings and shall have the authority to undertake any and all necessary actions
17 to accomplish the goals and purposes of the State Central Committee.
18 Expenditures of \$10,000 or more, except within ninety (90) days prior to a General
19 Election, shall require the advice and consent of the Executive Committee.
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21 B. Finance Committee. The State Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, and such
22 additional persons as the State Chairman may appoint, shall constitute the
23 standing Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall assist in the
24 preparation of an annual budget and fund raising plan for the Central Committee,
25 and shall have other duties specifically delegated by the State Chairman.
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27 C. The State Central Committee may create by resolution, as appropriate, campaign
28 committees. These committees shall function to work productively with Republican
29 caucus committees for the Illinois House and Senate and with Congressional
30 leadership to support Republican candidates for state and federal offices as
31 authorized and permitted by state and federal law.
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33 D. State Chairman's Advisory Committee. Members appointed by the State Chairman
34 shall constitute the standing State Chairman's Advisory Committee. The State
35 Chairman's Advisory Committee shall give advice to the State Chairman from time
36 to time at the State Chairman's request. All members shall be appointed by and
37 serve at the pleasure of the State Chairman.
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39 E. Other Committees and Temporary Task Forces. The State Chairman may
40 establish committees or temporary task forces to accomplish tasks beyond the
41 capabilities of the State Central Committee or standing committees. The State
42 Chairman shall appoint a member of the State Central Committee to chair any
43 committee or temporary task force. Any person who declares allegiance to the
44 Illinois Republican Party may be appointed by the State Chairman to serve on a
45 committee or temporary task force. Unless otherwise stated, the term of
46 appointment shall be at the pleasure of the State Chairman, to expire on the

1 anniversary of the quadrennial organizational meeting. The State Chairman,
2 Secretary and the Treasurer shall be members ex-officio with the right to vote of
3 all committees and temporary task forces established pursuant to Article IV(D).
4 Committees and temporary task forces shall meet at the call of the appointed
5 chairman. Committees and temporary task forces shall disband upon the
6 conclusion of the task assigned or as otherwise directed by the State Chairman.
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- 8 F. Replacement of Members. A member of a standing committee, committee, or
9 temporary task force may be temporarily replaced by appointment of the State
10 Chairman.
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12 ARTICLE V. MEETINGS 13

- 14 A. Quadrennial Organization Meeting. The State Central Committee shall hold a
15 quadrennial organization meeting in Springfield pursuant to law.
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- 17 B. Meeting Frequency and Notice. The State Central Committee shall meet at least
18 three times each calendar year. Meetings shall be called by the State Chairman.
19 Written notice of the time and place of State Central Committee meetings shall be
20 sent to all State Central Committee members and officers. Written notice shall be
21 deposited in the U.S. Mail, with a delivery service or sent by electronic facsimile or
22 e-mail so that it arrives at least seven (7) days before the meeting date. However,
23 oral or written notice may be given by telephone or electronic facsimile upon
24 shorter notice when the State Chairman certifies that an emergency exists.
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- 26 C. Special Meetings. Pursuant to law, a special meeting of the State Central
27 Committee may be called by the State Chairman, or by not less than twenty five
28 percent (25%) of the State Central Committee members. Written notice of the time,
29 place, and proposed items of business for the special meeting shall be sent to the
30 State Central Committee members and officers. Notice shall be deposited in the
31 U.S. Mail, with a delivery service or sent by electronic facsimile or e-mail so that it
32 arrives at least five (5) days before the meeting date.
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- 34 D. Meeting Notice List. The Executive Director shall maintain a meeting notification
35 list, which shall include for each State Central Committee member, deputy
36 member, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman and officer a
37 current U.S. Mail address, telephone number, and if available, electronic facsimile
38 number and e-mail address. Timely notices given to the addresses or numbers on
39 the meeting notification list are deemed to have been given to the proper location.
40 It shall be the responsibility of members and officers to update meeting notification
41 list information.
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- 43 E. Participation by Teleconference. A person entitled to attend or vote at a State
44 Central Committee, standing committee, committee, or temporary task force
45 meeting may attend and vote either in person or by telephone or video conference
46 device.

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2 F. State Central Committee Quorum. The presence of a majority in statutory weighted
3 vote of the State Central Committee shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to
4 conduct State Central Committee business. A person is present for purposes of
5 determining a quorum if physically present or if participating by telephone or video
6 conference device.

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8 G. State Central Committee Votes. At meetings of the State Central Committee, a
9 member shall cast a statutory weighted vote except as otherwise provided by law
10 or in these Bylaws. All questions shall be determined by a majority of weighted
11 votes cast on the question.

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13 H. Standing Committee, Committee, or Task Force Quorum. The presence of a
14 majority of the members of a standing committee, committee, or temporary task
15 force shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to conduct business. A committee
16 member is present for purposes of determining a quorum if physically present or if
17 participating by telephone or video conference device.

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19 I. Standing Committee, Committee, and Task Force Votes. At meetings of a standing
20 committee, committee, or temporary task force, a member shall have one vote.
21 Except as otherwise provided by law or in these Bylaws, all questions shall be
22 determined by a majority of votes cast on the question.

23 24 ARTICLE VI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

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26 The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised
27 shall govern the State Central Committee, standing committees, committees,
28 temporary task forces and State Convention in all cases to which they are
29 applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, state statute,
30 and any special rules of order the State Central Committee or State Convention
31 may adopt.

32 33 ARTICLE VII. STATE CONVENTION

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35 A. Call. The Illinois Republican Party shall periodically meet as the Illinois Republican
36 State Convention (referred to as "Convention" in these Bylaws). The State
37 Chairman shall issue a call for the Convention pursuant to law and shall chair such
38 Convention. The Convention shall be called to order on the day specified by law.
39 The State Chairman may call the Convention to order in perfunctory session on
40 this date and recess the Convention subject to the call of the State Chairman.

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42 B. Delegates. Convention delegates shall be selected pursuant to law and rules
43 adopted by the Convention Committee on Rules and Procedures.

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45 C. Convention Officers. Officers of the Convention shall include a Chairman and
46 Secretary. The State Chairman shall serve as Chairman of the Convention, and

1 shall serve as permanent chairman of the Convention after adjournment. The State
2 Chairman shall have the power to appoint the Convention Secretary and such
3 other officers or aides as are necessary for the efficient conduct of the Convention.
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5 D. Convention Quorum. A quorum of the Convention must be present to conduct any
6 substantive business. A quorum shall consist of one more than one-half of all
7 delegates to the Convention approved and reported by the Convention Credentials
8 Committee.
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10 E. Majority. When any business or motion is presented to the Convention for
11 consideration and passage, the affirmative vote of an absolute majority of the total
12 number of delegates as prescribed by law shall be required for adoption, unless a
13 greater number is provided for in these Bylaws.
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15 F. Roll Call and Proxies. Roll call voting shall not be required except at the direction
16 of the State Chairman or at the request in writing of at least fifty (50) delegations.
17 A delegate may execute a proxy in favor of the chairman of his or her delegation
18 in the manner determined by the Committee on Rules and Procedures.
19 Appearance by telephone or video device shall be permitted at any meeting of the
20 convention or a convention committee as determined by the State Chairman.
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22 G. Convention Committees. The Convention shall have the following committees and
23 such other committees as may, from time to time, be required in the judgment of
24 the State Chairman. Each State Central Committeeman or woman shall appoint
25 one person to serve on:
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- 27 i. The Convention Committee on Credentials
- 28 ii. The Convention Committee on Platform and Resolutions
- 29 iii. The Convention Committee on Rules and Procedures
- 30 iv. The Convention Committee on Arrangements
- 31 v. The Convention Committee On At-Large Delegates and Alternates
- 32 vi. The Convention Committee on Presidential Electors
- 33 vii. The Convention Committee to Nominate National Committeeman
34 and National Committeewoman
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36 Each convention committee shall consist of members appointed by State
37 Central Committeemen, one from each congressional district, the committee
38 chairman appointed by the State Chairman, and one or more committee co-
39 chairman appointed by the State Chairman who shall sit ex-officio without vote.
40 Committee members shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, their
41 respective Member of the State Central Committee. Committee members may be
42 appointed, removed, and/or replaced at any time at the sole discretion of their
43 respective member of the State Central Committee.
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45 Only an individual who is a registered voter of the congressional district from which
46 he or she is appointed shall be eligible to serve as a convention committee

1 member. The State Chairman shall be member ex-officio with the right to vote of
2 each convention committee. The State Chairman shall have the authority to
3 appoint any person to fill a vacancy caused by absence or any other reason. The
4 committee chairman may vote only to break a tie. The committee chairman and
5 the co-chairman shall be appointed from among members of the State Central
6 Committee by the State Chairman.
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8 The State Central Committee shall serve as the Convention Committee on
9 Presidential Electors. Each State Central Committeeman shall appoint one (1)
10 individual from his or her Congressional District to serve as a Presidential Elector
11 for the purpose of casting a vote for the Republican Presidential nominee. The
12 State Chairman shall appoint two (2) electors. Each convention committee shall
13 meet upon the call of the committee chairman, or the State Chairman, or upon the
14 written request of eight (8) members of the committee submitted to the committee
15 chairman within forty-eight (48) hours notice.
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17 The convention committees may adopt rules, including the right to limit debates in
18 committee, upon the affirmative vote of a majority of committee members, so long
19 as the committee rules are not inconsistent with these Bylaws. Convention Rules
20 and Procedures shall be published on the Illinois Republican Party website and
21 made available in printed form to the chair of each delegation forty-eight (48) hours
22 prior to the opening of the convention.
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24 No minority report of any convention committee will be accepted by the Convention
25 unless the subject matter is discussed in committee and such minority report is in
26 writing, signed by seven (7) or more members of such committee and submitted
27 to the Convention Secretary prior to or at the time the majority report is submitted
28 to the Convention.
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30 All committees of the Convention disband upon adjournment of the Convention or
31 as otherwise directed by the State Chairman.
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33 H. Debate. No delegate will be permitted to speak to any question for more than three
34 (3) minutes nor more than once on any subject unless by special leave of the State
35 Chairman, except that the maker of a motion or resolution, if debatable, shall have
36 an additional three (3) minutes to close the debate.
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38 I. Resolutions. All resolutions shall be submitted to the Convention by the Committee
39 on Platform and Resolutions without reading or debate except as otherwise
40 provided by these Bylaws. No resolution or any amendment thereto shall be
41 reported out or made a part of any report of the Convention Committee on Platform
42 and Resolutions unless it has been submitted to the committee in writing prior to
43 its report to the Convention and shall have received the affirmative support of
44 seven (7) members of that committee.
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1 J. Motions. No motion or resolution from the floor shall be in order unless submitted
2 in writing to the Convention Secretary and signed by the Chairmen of at least fifty
3 (50) delegations, unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws. For the purpose
4 of this Section, the Chairman of a delegation shall be defined as follows: The
5 Chairman of a county delegation shall be the County Chairman. The Chairman of
6 a Cook County Township delegation shall be the Township Committeeman. The
7 Chairman of a City of Chicago Ward delegation shall be the Ward Committeeman.
8 If, however, the Chairman of a delegation as herein defined is not in attendance at
9 the Convention, as determined by the Credentials Committee, the respective
10 County Chairman, Township Committeeman or Ward Committeeman may
11 designate another member of the delegation to serve as Chairman of the
12 delegation during Convention proceedings. Any such designation shall be made
13 in writing, shall be signed by the delegation Chairman, shall be notarized or
14 witnessed by that Chairman's member of the State Central Committee, and shall
15 be submitted in writing to the Convention Secretary. In addition, if any county,
16 township or ward is represented by only one delegate in attendance at the
17 Convention, as determined by the Credentials Committee, said delegate shall
18 serve as Chairman of the delegation during Convention proceedings. Any motion
19 or resolution so submitted shall be placed in the appropriate place on the agenda
20 for consideration by the Convention.

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22 K. Appeals. In any appeal taken from a ruling of the State Chairman or other presiding
23 officer of the Convention, the State Chairman shall be sustained unless a majority
24 of delegates votes to overrule the State Chairman.

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26 L. Convention Voting. All roll call votes shall be taken in the following manner by the
27 Convention Secretary: First, all county delegations (except Cook) shall be called
28 alphabetically. Second, all Cook County Township delegations shall be called
29 alphabetically. Third, all City of Chicago Ward delegations shall be called in
30 numerical ascending order beginning with the First Ward. When a delegation is
31 called by the Convention Secretary for its vote, the chairman of the delegation shall
32 announce the weighted vote of the delegation, as provided by state law. The unit
33 rule shall be in effect for all delegations. No proxy voting of delegations shall be
34 allowed. In the event of a dispute within a delegation as to how its vote shall be
35 cast, that delegation shall be passed and an Assistant Secretary shall poll the
36 delegation and report the results to the Secretary of the Convention for recording.
37 The report of such Assistant Secretary shall be final. Following a roll call vote for
38 election of a candidate to any position, the State Chairman, before reporting the
39 final tally, shall ask "Shall the vote be declared unanimous?" If answered in the
40 affirmative, the vote shall be so recorded.

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42 M. Convention Committee Meetings. No convention committee shall meet during the
43 time the Convention is in session unless at the call of the State Chairman.

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45 N. Platform. In considering the report of the Convention Committee on Platform and
46 Resolutions, three copies of the platform, all resolutions and all minority reports

1 shall be printed and distributed to the chair of each delegation. No platform,
2 resolution or minority report shall be read to the Convention unless this rule is
3 suspended, upon proper motion, approved upon affirmative vote of three-fifths
4 (3/5) of the delegates.
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6 O. Open Meetings. The proceedings of the Convention shall be open to the public.
7 No votes either in committee or on the floor shall be taken by secret ballot.
8 Meetings, however, may be closed if executive session is provided in Robert's
9 Rules of Order.

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11 P. Suspension of Bylaws. These Bylaws may be suspended by the Convention only
12 on proper motion, and the affirmative vote of three-fifths (3/5) of the delegates.
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14 Q. Continuing Effect and Amendment of Article VII. This Article VII shall remain in
15 effect for Illinois Republican State Conventions which shall meet from time to time.
16 It may be changed or amended after consideration and recommendation of the
17 Convention Committee on Rules and Procedures and adoption by the Convention;
18 or by amendment from the floor approved by the affirmative vote of three-fifths
19 (3/5) of the delegates.
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21 R. Convention Minutes. The minutes of the Convention, together with convention
22 committee reports, shall be maintained by the State Central Committee.
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24 S. Appointments to Fill Alternate Vacancies. The State Chairman, with the advice and
25 consent of the State Central Committee, shall appoint persons to fill vacancies for
26 at-large alternates to the Republican National Convention when such vacancies
27 occur after the Convention has adjourned.
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29 ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION 30

31 A. Amendments. Amendments to these Bylaws, unless otherwise provided herein,
32 may be adopted by the State Central Committee upon receiving two-thirds (2/3) of
33 the weighted vote of those present on the question, or upon receiving a majority of
34 the weighted votes of those present if a copy of the proposed amendment is
35 received by each member thirty (30) days prior to the vote thereon.
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37 B. Suspension. Any provision of these Bylaws, with the exception of Article VII may
38 be suspended by the State Central Committee upon the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of
39 the weighted vote.