

**RULES GOVERNING THE ELECTION OF
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEMAN FOR THE
ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN PARTY**

I. TIME

Following the election of officers of the County Central Committee at the biennial county convention, the election for the position of State Central Committeeman shall be conducted as set forth in law and these rules.

County conventions will be held in the county seat of each county on April 19, 2006. The election of the State Central Committeeman shall be conducted by the newly-elected Chairman of the County Central Committee.

II. NOMINATIONS FOR STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEMAN

- A. Any person is qualified to be a candidate and elected as State Central Committeeman who has voted in the March 21, 2006, Republican primary election.
- B. All candidates seeking election as State Central Committeeman shall hand deliver or send written notification of their candidacy to the headquarters of the Illinois Republican Party in Springfield, Illinois:

<u>Delivery Address</u> Illinois Republican Party 320 South 4 th Street Springfield, IL 62701-1702 Telephone: 217/525-0011	or	<u>United States Postal Service Address:</u> Illinois Republican Party Post Office Box 78 Springfield, IL 62705-0078 Telephone: 217/525-0011
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Notifications will not be accepted via facsimile, electronic mail or at the Chicago Regional Office of the Illinois Republican Party. Candidates are strongly urged to use a controlled delivery service such as certified mail, United Parcel Service, Federal Express, etc.

- C. All written notifications of candidacy for State Central Committeeman must include the name and contact information for the candidate, including proof of voting address, telephone and facsimile numbers and electron mail address if available, and the Congressional District which the candidates seeks to represent on the State Central Committee.
- D. All written notifications of candidacy must be received at the Illinois Republican Party headquarters in Springfield no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2006. Receipts will be provided upon request.
- E. The Chairman of the State Central Committee shall appoint an Election Oversight Committee to certify eligible candidates for State Central

Committeeman. This Committee, consisting of three members, at least two from the membership of the State Central Committee, will ensure that all of the qualifications for candidacy have been met. Those individuals who do not meet the qualifications set forth in law and these rules shall be so notified.

- F. On March 31, 2006, the staff of the Illinois Republican Party will prepare official rosters of candidates for State Central Committeeman. The appropriate roster or rosters will be provided to the current Chairman of the Republican Central Committee for each county, as well as to the Republican Committeeman for each Cook County Township and City of Chicago Ward.
- G. After County Central Chairman elections have been completed, the newly-elected County Chairman shall immediately conduct the election of State Central Committeeman. In the event that a new County Chairman is elected in a given county, the immediate past County Chairman shall deliver the official roster and materials provided by the Illinois Republican Party staff and the Illinois State Board of Elections to the newly-elected County Chairman. The newly-elected County Chairman shall then place the names on the official roster into nomination for the election of State Central Committeeman.
- H. A certified candidate may withdraw his or her name from consideration at any time by announcing the withdrawal to the Chairman of the convention in person or in writing.
- I. No nominated person may designate his or her votes to any other nominated person. Once a roll call has begun, no vote already cast may be changed, except as provided for in Section III, Paragraph E of these rules. The withdrawal of a candidate shall not affect this rule.

III. VOTING PROCEDURES

- A. The election of State Central Committeeman shall follow the procedures for the election of officers of the County Central Committee and as modified by these rules. Where there is a conflict, the procedures mandated by these rules shall be followed.
- B. For the balloting for State Central Committeeman, each elected Precinct Committeeman, City of Chicago Ward Committeeman, or Cook County Township Committeeman shall cast his or her vote one vote for each ballot voted within the Congressional District in his or her respective precinct, ward, or township or part thereof in the March 21, 2006, Republican primary election.

- C. Proxy voting at county conventions (other than Cook County) shall not be permitted except that the newly-elected County Chairman of any county may cast the vote for any precinct (in the case of Cook County – any ward or township) not represented at such county convention. Further, in Cook County, a Ward or Township Committeeman may designate by written proxy another member of the county convention to vote on his or her behalf.
- D. In the case where more than one Congressional District lies within one county, the Chairman shall conduct roll calls for each Congressional District in ascending numerical order.
- E. After votes have been cast for each nominated candidate, the Chairman may permit a motion for unanimous vote of all present Committeemen for the leading candidate. Such motion, if adopted, shall permit the Chairman to cast all votes for such candidate. In the event any such motion is made, however, the Chairman shall permit any objection or dissenting Committeeman to cast his or her votes to another candidate and the tally sheet shall so reflect.
- F. The Secretary of each County Central Committee shall record the votes made by each Precinct, Ward or Township Committeeman present on documents furnished by the Illinois State Board of Elections.
- G. The Chairman of County Central Committee shall take possession of such documents and retain them as permanent records of the Committee. The Chairman of the County Central Committee shall certify the results of the election to the Illinois State Board of Elections, pursuant to the state statute, within 10 days of the County Convention (April 29, 2006).

Resolved and adopted by the Illinois Republican Party State Central Committee this third day of December, 2005.

Andy McKenna, Chairman

Ronald C. Smith, Secretary