

COLORADO 15TH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

This organization shall be known as the Colorado 15th Representative District Republican Central Committee, hereinafter referred to as 15thRDRCC.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

To provide an organization for the election of a Republican from the 15th Representative District to the Colorado House of Representatives and to prescribe the functions and procedures necessary to perform that task in accordance with Colorado Election Laws and Colorado Republican State Bylaws.

ARTICLE III: POLICY

Section 3.01 Applicable provisions of Colorado State Statutes and Colorado State Republican Bylaws shall be considered a part of these Bylaws and shall supersede any provisions of these Bylaws which may be in conflict.

Section 3.02 All reference to male includes the female and the masculine pronoun includes the feminine.

Section 3.03 No candidate for designation or nomination for public office shall be endorsed, supported, or opposed by the 15thRDRCC, as an entity, before the primary election unless such candidate is unopposed in the Primary.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Regular voting membership of the organization shall be composed of:

- a. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the 15thRDRCC who shall reside within the District.
- b. Elected or appointed Republican Precinct committee persons within the 15th Representative District.
- c. Division Leaders within the 15th Representative District.
- d. The Republican 15th District Representative in the Colorado House of Representatives.
- e. Republican Senator(s) to the Colorado Senate who reside within the 15th Representative District.
- f. All Republican elected Officials of county level and above who reside within the District.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 5.01 The elected officers of the 15thRDRCC shall be a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary. They shall serve for a two (2) year term following the organizational meeting or until eligible successors are elected.

a. They shall be registered Republicans at least one year immediately prior to their election and shall have resided within the District at least ninety (90) days prior to their election, as shown by their registration record with the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder.

b. If an officer is elected and found to be ineligible to serve, a vacancy has occurred and shall be filled in accordance with Article VI.

Section 5.02 The duties of the officers shall be:

a. Chairman shall:

- 1) Be the Chief Executive Officer of the 15thRDRCC.
- 2) Issue the call and preside at all meetings of the 15thRDRCC and the 15th Representative District Assembly.
- 3) Observe and enforce the Bylaws of 15thRDRCC.
- 4) Be custodian of all funds, books, papers, records, and proceedings of the 15thRDRCC and the 15th Representative Assemblies.

5) Appoint necessary committees, and be ex officio member of these committees.

6) With assistance of the secretary, provide names of officers elected at organizational meetings together with their mailing addresses, zip codes, and telephone numbers to the El Paso County Republican Chairman, the Colorado Republican State Chairman, and the Colorado Secretary of State immediately following organizational meetings.

7) Insure that the County Republican Chairman and the State Republican Chairman have copies of current 15thRDRCC Bylaws and any amendments thereto.

8) Be responsible for seeing that arrangements are made for the 15th Representative District Assembly.

b. Vice-Chairman shall:

1) Exercise functions of the Chairman in his absence or inability to perform or at the Chairman's request.

2) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chairman.

c. Secretary shall:

1) Be the chief clerical officer of the 15thRDRCC and make complete records of all proceedings of 15thRDRCC and 15th Representative District Assemblies.

2) Prepare and have in readiness, upon the convening of 15th Representative District Assemblies, a roll of delegates and alternates entitled to participate. This roll will have been prepared from the credentials of uncontested delegates and alternates filed with the Secretary and from the credentials of contested delegates and alternates placed upon the temporary roll by the 15thRDRCC.

3) Prepare and verify all credentials for delegates and alternates and certificates of designation that shall be made by the 15th Representative District Assembly.

4) In an emergency and in the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, he may call a meeting of the 15thRDRCC and shall preside until the election of a chairman pro tem which shall take place immediately.

5) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chairman.

Section 5.03 Nominations for chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary shall come from the floor and be made only by members of the 15thRDRCC, in person or by proxy.

Section 5.04 Election of officers shall be by secret written ballot or may be by acclamation when there is only one nominee.

a. Officers shall be elected individually and by a majority of the votes cast.

b. If more than two (2) persons are nominated for a position, and after three ballots have been taken no nominee has received the required majority then, unless one or more nominees have withdrawn during or following such balloting, the nominee receiving the least votes on the last of the three ballots shall be dropped from subsequent ballots. The nominee receiving the least votes on each ballot thereafter shall also be dropped from subsequent ballots, unless one or more other nominees withdraw following such ballot. Balloting shall continue in such manner until a majority vote is cast for one nominee.

Section 5.05 Any officer may be removed from office at any time for whatever cause the 15thRDRCC may deem sufficient by a vote of three-fifths (3/5) of the membership present of the 15thRDRCC at a meeting called for that purpose.

a. This meeting shall be a "requested meeting" and shall meet all the requirements of Article VII, Section 7.03.

b. Each officer shall have at least ten (10) days notice in writing of the date, time, and place and purpose thereof before any such meeting is held.

c. The action of the 15thRDRCC shall be final.

ARTICLE VI: VACANCIES IN 15thRDRCC

A vacancy in an office shall exist in the event of ineligibility to hold office, death, resignation, removal, permanent absence, or permanent disability of the officer. Vacancies shall be filled as follows:

a. Chairman: The Vice-Chairman shall automatically succeed to the powers and duties of the Chairman and shall serve until the next organizational meeting or until a "requested meeting" specifying the election of a new chairman.

b. Vice-Chairman and Secretary: The Chairman shall fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the 15thRDRCC when the vacancy shall be filled. Notice of such election(s) shall be in the call of such meeting.

c. If the Vice-Chairman or Secretary is elected Chairman as per "a" of this Article, a new vice-chairman or secretary may be elected during such meeting without notice having been given in the call.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 7.01 The Organizational Meeting shall be held on the same date as the El Paso County Republican Central Committee's Organizational Meeting for the purpose of electing a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary.

Section 7.02 Other meetings shall be held upon call of the Chairman, or in his absence or inability to act, upon call of the Vice-Chairman. In an emergency and in the absence of both of the above, the Secretary shall issue a call.

Section 7.03 Requested Meetings of the 15thRDRCC shall be called upon written request, signed by any officer of the 15thRDRCC. Notice of such meeting shall be mailed to each member of the 15thRDRCC within ten (10) days after receipt of the request. The meeting shall be held no less than fifteen (15) days nor more than thirty (30) days after such notice is mailed. The purpose of such meeting shall be clearly stated in the call.

Section 7.04 The official call shall be in writing and mailed to the address of each member on file with the Secretary of the 15thRDRCC. It shall state the time, date, place, and business to be conducted. The call should not limit business to stated items except for "requested meetings".

a. The call shall be mailed at least fifteen (15) days prior to date of the meeting.

b. When amendments to Bylaws are to be proposed, the call shall be mailed at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting and contain a copy of proposed amendments.

Section 7.05 A quorum for any meeting shall be those persons present or represented by proxy.

ARTICLE VIII: VOTING AND PROXIES

Section 8.01 Voting, except when electing officers (Article V, 5.04), shall be by voice vote, unless a roll call or secret ballot is requested by a motion properly made and passed by one-third (1/3) or more of members present, in which case roll shall be called or ballots distributed.

Section 8.02 Multiple offices shall not entitle a person to more than one vote.

Section 8.03 A voting member who desires to vote by proxy shall designate his proxy on a written form, which shall be signed, dated, witnessed by any registered Republican, and delivered to the Secretary.

a. A proxy of a member absent at roll call shall be submitted before the meeting is called to order. (This requirement may be waived by the 15thRDRCC in special circumstances.)

b. A proxy of a member present at roll call, who subsequently leaves the meeting, may be submitted at any time during the meeting, but shall be eligible to be voted on a particular ballot only if delivered prior to start of voting on that ballot.

c. A proxy shall apply only to a single meeting.

d. The individual designated as a proxy shall be a Republican elector and must reside in the 15thRDRCC. The proxy may vote only if his principal is absent at the time of the vote.

e. Any member of the 15thRDRCC shall have the right to examine the proxies prior to the taking of any vote.

f. No individual shall vote more than two proxies at a meeting.

Section 8.04 Before each meeting of the 15thRDRCC the Chairman shall appoint a teller committee consisting of a chairman and at least two (2) other members. Secret ballots shall be received by the committee in a ballot box. After ballots are counted, the teller committee chairman shall read the tellers report without declaring the result. The 15thRDRCC Chairman then declares the result(s), which will be entered in the minutes.

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

Section 9.01 The Chairman shall appoint a standing Bylaws Committee that shall review all proposed amendments and make recommendations. The Committee shall also keep these Bylaws current with mandatory changes resulting from changes in Colorado Election Laws or Bylaws of

the Republican State Central Committee or Bylaws of the El Paso County Republican Central Committee, and notify 15thRDRCC of changes.

Section 9.02 The Chairman may appoint additional committees as he deems necessary or at the request of the 15thRDRCC.

Section 9.03 The quorum for any committee shall be those members present, provided that each member has been given adequate notice of the meeting.

ARTICLE X: ASSEMBLIES

Section 10.01 The 15th Representative District Assembly shall be held not later than sixty-five (65) days preceding the primary election date. (CRS 1-4-601)

Section 10.02 Those delegates and alternates, elected at precinct caucuses within the 15th Representative District, to the El Paso County Republican Assembly/Convention shall also serve as delegates and alternates to the 15th Representative District Assembly. Such delegates and alternates shall meet the requirements of CRS 1-4-602.

Section 10.03 An Assembly Credentials Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman. It shall meet sufficiently in advance to verify qualifications of delegates and alternates. It shall hear and determine all questions regarding qualifications of delegates and alternates, or the conduct of any precinct caucus at which such delegates or alternates were elected.

Section 10.04 No Proxies shall be allowed or recognized in the Assembly. Any vacancy shall be filled by an alternate present, selected from the list of alternates in their numerical order, beginning with the first alternate.

Section 10.05 What is commonly known as the "Unit Rule," by which the entire vote of a delegation is cast according to the majority vote within that delegation shall not be enforced nor adhered to. Section 10.06 Any delegate shall have the right to demand, and have entered, a roll call of his precinct's delegation upon a disputed vote.

Section 10.07 A quorum of the Assembly shall consist of those delegates present.

Section 10.08 Colorado Election Law allows for assemblies to designate vacancy committees which shall be responsible for filling vacancies occurring in candidate designation prior to or during fifty-five (55) days preceding the primary election, and any vacancy occurring thereafter in the nomination up to fifty-five (55) days preceding a general election. In case the 15th District Assembly fails to designate a vacancy committee for this purpose, it shall be constituted as in Article XI. (CRS 1-4-903)

ARTICLE XI: VACANCY IN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE

Section 11.01 A vacancy in the office of the Republican Representative from the 15th House District to the Colorado House of Representatives shall be filled within ten (10) days after the occurrence thereof by a vacancy committee or, if said committee fails to act within ten (10) days, shall be filled by the Governor within fifteen (15) days after occurrence of vacancy, and providing that the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall be a member of the same political party as the vacating representative. (CRS 1-12-103)

Section 11.02 The Vacancy Committee shall be composed of the officers of the 15thRDRCC, Division Leaders, and Committee people of the 15thRDRCC who attend, in person or by proxy, a meeting called for the purpose of selecting a Republican to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term of Representative from the 15th House District, or in any other manner that may subsequently be enacted by the Colorado General Assembly. Such appointee shall be certified with the Secretary of State within ten (10) days from the date the vacancy occurs.

Section 11.03 Six (6) days notice to the Vacancy Committee members shall be given by mail or personal contact. A replacement shall be selected by a majority vote of the Vacancy Committee members voting in person, in accordance with the voting procedures set forth in Article V, Section 5.04, b. The officers of the 15thRDRCC shall serve as the officers of the Vacancy Committee. (CRS 1-12-103)

Section 11.04 This Vacancy Committee shall also act in the event a vacancy occurs in a candidate designation or nomination if no other vacancy committee has been designated by the Assembly as per Article X, Section 10.08.

ARTICLE XII: CONTROVERSIES

In the event controversy arises which cannot be resolved, it shall be referred to the El Paso County Republican Executive Committee or the El Paso County Republican Central Committee. If the controversy is resolved by the Executive Committee, any party to the controversy may appeal the decision to the County Republican Central Committee. The County Central Committee's decision shall be final.

ARTICLE XIII: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER shall govern as applicable unless in conflict with these Bylaws, Colorado Election Laws, Bylaws of the State Republican Central Committee, or the El Paso County Republican Central Committee Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENT OF BYAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote at a meeting called in accordance with Article VII, 7.04, b. If previous notice has not been given in the call, unanimous consent of all members present, in person or by proxy, must be obtained before an amendment may be offered.

ADOPTED: February 15, 2003

CHAIRMAN: _____
James H. Way

VICE-CHAIRMAN: _____
James A. Mundt

SECRETARY: _____
Raymond George Ross