

Amendment for Fair Representation and Party Effectiveness



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It's time to solve the problems that impede the party from properly representing our full membership! Our party has wrestled with several persistent issues in delegate allocation, and we're thrilled to finally unveil a solution that will put these problems to rest and take back our party!

For too long, we've grappled with the following challenges:

1. **Imbalanced Representation:** The existing system highly favor precincts with the least Active Republicans since every precinct get at least 1 delegate even if they are the only Active Registered Republican, leading to a skewed representation when nominating candidates to represent our principles.

2. **Broken Relative Republican Strength Algorithm:** Most caucus years the RRSA cannot even be calculated in large counties like Salt Lake since our precincts are constantly changed by the County Clerks office due to changing legal districts. This first became apparent after the 2020 redistricting, leaving us in the dark on how to allocate delegates fairly.

3. **Low Precinct Caucus Meeting Attendance:** We've seen far too many no-show and low turnout precinct caucuses, which not only hinders our accountability to fill delegate positions but also results in ineffective outcomes and volunteer efforts.

4. **Huge Headaches with State Delegate Positions:** The nightmare of filling "Failed-to-Fill" State Delegate positions, as experienced in the 2022 County Convention, is a problem that's been looming for far too long.

5. **Inefficient Communication and Party Functionality:** With a staggering 913 precincts, our current communication and coordination efforts have been stretched to their limits.

6. **Vulnerable Delegate Positions:** The ongoing concern about outside influences jeopardizing our critical delegate positions has plagued us for years. It's time to stop the influence of "Party Switchers" in Salt Lake County.

With this proposed Bylaw Amendment, we're poised to tackle these long-standing issues head-on:

1. **Fair Representation:** Our amendment will rectify the representation imbalance, ensuring every Republican's voice through a balanced ratio of delegates to Active Registered Republicans.

2. **Provides an alternative to RRSA:** We're introducing a solution for situations when the Relative Republican Strength algorithm is impossible to calculate or falls short, ensuring accurate delegate allocation every time.

3. **Improved Attendance:** Ends low turnout at Precinct Caucus meetings, ushering in an era of greater accountability, enhanced results, and more comradery among fellow Republicans who care about our platform principles.

4. **No More State Delegate Headaches:** We're eliminating the problems associated with Failed-to-Fill State Delegate positions, making our conventions run smoothly.

5. **Streamlined Functionality:** By reducing the number of precincts, we'll enhance communication, coordination within our party, and make us a more effective party that promotes our platform principles.

6. **Security and Independence:** Rest assured, your delegate positions will be protected from external interference. #NoMorePartySwitchers taking Precinct or Delegate positions!

It's time to solve these problems once and for all. With this Bylaw Amendment, we're poised to revolutionize our approach and ensure a more successful, efficient, and secure Republican Party. Get ready for a new era of progress and winning going forward!"

Please help us solve these issues and **MAKE THE GOP EFFECTIVE AGAIN!**

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. District Boundaries

For purposes of efficient administration and communication, the Party shall organize Party districts within the boundaries of Salt Lake County.

A. Party districts consist of the following:

1. Voting Precincts;
2. Legislative Districts;
3. Senate Districts; and
4. Regional Districts.

B. Party districts shall coincide geographically with election districts established by law. Voting precinct shall be defined as a precinct with a registered voter(s) residing in it: except as allowed by Article VIII, Section 3, J.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 3. Delegates

A. Voting precinct delegates to both the County and the State Republican Party Conventions shall be elected. Ex-officio delegates shall be selected according to the provisions of the appropriate constitution and bylaws.

B. Each voting precinct shall have at least one (1) elected be allocated elected County and one (1) elected State delegate representation.

C. The County Party officers, executive committee members and Republican elected government officials shall have ex-officio delegate

status to the County and State conventions occurring during their term of office if they so desire, subject to the State party's governing documents.

- D. The number of County delegates to be elected at the Party caucuses for each voting precinct will be determined by the County Executive Officers, with the total number of precinct delegates elected to the County convention being no less than fifteen-hundred (1500).
1. County Convention Delegates shall be divided amongst the voting precincts by the County Executive Committee using the State Republican strength formula, ~~allotting each voting precinct at least one delegate.~~ except as allowed by Article VIII, Section 3, J.
 2. Ex-officio delegates shall be added to the total number of County convention delegates, and will have no impact on the overall number of voting delegates allocated to the precincts.
- E. The total number of State delegates allowed from Salt Lake County is determined by the State party.
- F. The Salt Lake County Republican Party shall allocate its State convention delegates in the following manner:
1. Ex-officio delegates shall be subtracted from the total number of delegates;
 2. Remaining delegates shall then be divided amongst the voting precincts by the County Executive Committee using the State Republican strength formula, ~~allotting each voting precinct at least one delegate.~~ except as allowed by Article VIII, Section 3, J.
- G. Should a voting precinct not fill its quota of County delegates as assigned, the Precinct Chair shall appoint a qualified registered Republican member from that precinct to these unfilled positions. All

appointments shall be filed with the party in writing no later than 14 days prior to a convention or meeting of a subcommittee of delegates to conduct business under these bylaws.

- H. If any precinct at its caucus, fails to elect any of its allocated delegates to the State convention, those unfilled delegate positions may only be filled by means of a special election at the County Nominating Convention.
- I. Candidates for those unfilled State delegate positions must reside within the same Congressional district, State Senate district, and State House district, and State School Board District as the precinct with the unfilled seats, but not necessarily within the same precinct.
- J. When the State Republican Strength Formula does not allocate at least three county delegates for a voting precinct, adjacent precincts may be combined for purposes of precinct caucus elections. The combined precincts must maintain a proportional delegate-to-registered-Republicans ratio as the rest of the county precincts and shall reside within the same partisan district and shall have county delegate and state delegate representation.
- K. When the State Party Relative Republican Strength formula cannot be calculated due to redistricting or other precinct boundary changes, the number of Active Registered Republican Voters will be used.
- L. Vacancies: ... (No changes to this section)