

# LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 6

## Bylaws

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## Definitions

1. "Precinct Committeeman" shall be abbreviated as "PC".
2. "Captain" shall mean "Precinct Captain".
3. "Legislative District Republican Committee" shall be referred to as "District".
4. "District Chairman" shall mean, "chairman of a Legislative District Republican Committee".
5. The "Board" shall mean the elected officers of a "Legislative District Committee".
6. "A majority" shall mean more than 50% of the votes or ballots cast.
7. "MCRC" shall mean the "Maricopa County Republican Committee"
8. "MCRC Chairman" shall mean "Chairman of the Maricopa County Republican Committee".
9. "EGC" shall mean "Executive Guidance Committee".
10. "C&T" shall mean "Credentials and Tally".
11. "Arizona Revised Statute" or "Arizona Revised Statutes" shall be abbreviated "ARS".
12. The pronoun "his" shall mean "his or her". "he" shall mean "he or she".
13. "Mail/mailed" shall mean mail or mailed by the postal service or **e-mail**.
14. "Quadrennial" shall mean "every four (4) years".

**ARTICLE I – General**

Section A. Name of Organization

The name of this organization shall be the REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 6 hereinafter referred to as the "District".

Section B. Affiliation and Arizona Law Requirements

The District shall be organized and governed pursuant to A.R.S. 16-823, as it may be amended from time to time, and shall be affiliated with the State Republican Committee and the Maricopa County Republican Committee.

Section C. Bylaw Applicability

These Bylaws shall conform to and be subject to the State, and County Republican Committee Bylaws and the Arizona Revised Statutes.

Section D. Bylaw Effectiveness

These Bylaws shall take effect at the close of the meeting at which they are adopted and shall continue in effect until amended in accordance with ARTICLE VII.

Section E. Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern this District in all matters of procedure not covered in these Bylaws.

**ARTICLE II – Objectives**

Section A. The objectives of the District shall be:

1. To elect Republican legislators in District 6;
2. To elect Republican candidates at all levels;
3. To promote an informed electorate through political education;
4. To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to maintain and promote its principles;
5. To increase the effectiveness of Republican workers in the cause of good government through active political participation;
6. To promote Republican awareness and support Republican appointments to appointed offices, commissions, and committees at all levels.
7. To assist in voter registration.

## **ARTICLE III – Membership**

### Section A. Precinct Committeemen

The membership of this organization shall consist of all duly elected and appointed registered Republican Precinct Committeemen of the District. Precinct Committeemen are elected in accordance with A.R.S. 16-823 at the party primary election held before each General Election. Additional Precinct Committeemen may be appointed to fill vacancies remaining after the election. Appointment and certification begin following completion of District, County, and State Statutory Organization meetings.

### Section B. Number

Each precinct may elect at least one Precinct Committeemen plus an additional one for each 125 Republican voters (or major fraction thereof) registered before March 1st of the General Election year, as determined by the Maricopa County Elections Department.

### Section C. Duties

The duties of the members of this organization shall be:

1. To vote, in person or by proxy, at each & every district & county party election when qualified to do so.
2. To attend all regular or special meetings of the District;
3. To attend all County statutory and mandatory meetings in person or by proxy;
4. To attend all State statutory and mandatory meetings in person or by proxy, if elected to serve on the State Committee;
5. To campaign and carry petitions in their respective precincts on behalf of Republican candidates;
6. To organize voter registration campaigns and to offer assistance to those who wish to register within their precinct and the District;
7. To vote, organize and assist workers within their precinct and the District to turn out a maximum Republican vote;
8. To help develop, maintain, and support a permanent Republican precinct organization.

### Section D. Precinct Captains

#### 1. Selection

Within ten (10) days after the General Election, the Precinct Committeemen within each precinct shall elect from among their number a Precinct Captain.

#### 2. Acting Precinct Captains

To maintain the continuity of Precinct election activity, "holdover" Precinct Captains shall continue as Acting Precinct Captains until after the General Election. In Precincts where the previous Precinct Captain is no longer a Precinct Committeeman, the District Chairman shall appoint an Acting Precinct Captain who shall act until after the General Election.

#### 3. Removal and/or Replacement

A new Precinct Captain may be elected at any time by a majority of the Precinct Committeemen of that Precinct voting in person, or by proxy, at a special Precinct meeting called by the District Chairman in response to a petition from the majority of said Precinct Committeemen.

4. Duties

- a. Report the results of the Precinct Captain election to the District Chairman within five (5) days;
- b. Attend Precinct Captain Meetings called by the District Chairman;
- c. Maintain Precinct walking and alphabetic registration lists;
- d. Distribute copies of registration lists to Precinct Committeemen and volunteers as required;
- e. Disseminate political activity information to Precinct Members not in attendance at District Meetings;
- f. Organize the Precinct in the most efficient manner for distribution of campaign literature, collection of nomination petition signatures, and Get Out The Vote activity;
- g. Recruit volunteer Precinct workers;
- h. Recommend appointees to the District Chairman for approval to fill Precinct Committeemen vacancies;
- i. Organize Precinct registration drives;
- j. Coordinate Precinct efforts in support of District, County, and State Committee activities.

**ARTICLE IV – Meeting**

Section A. Regular Meetings (even years)

In even numbered years, no fewer than ten (10) regular monthly District meetings will be held.

Section B. Regular Meetings (odd years)

In odd number years, no fewer than six (6) monthly District meetings will be held.

Section C. Special/Executive/Precinct Captains

Special meetings of the District may be called by the Chairman when necessary, and shall be called at the written request of at least 15% of the then serving Precinct Committeemen. The Chairman may call special meetings of the Executive Committee and the Precinct Captains, and shall call a special meeting of the Precinct Captains at the written request of a least five (5) Precinct Captains.

Section D. Statutory Organization Meeting

The Statutory Organization Meeting shall be held during the time period defined by

A.R.S. 16-823 (at present, no earlier than the second Saturday following the General Election and no later than the first Saturday of the following December). Also, following reapportionment enactment affecting the District boundaries, a Statutory Organization Meeting shall be held within 60 days to elect new District Officers). Refer to Section G, Quorum, for further information regarding reapportionment.

## Section E. Quadrennial Convention Delegate Election Meeting

The meeting to elect the District's State Quadrennial Convention Delegates shall be held at the first regular District Meeting, providing for proper Meeting Notice that follows official notification from the State Republican Committee as to the Convention date and the number of delegates allocated to the District. A Special District Meeting may be called if required by time constraints.

## Section F. Meeting Notice

A regular meeting date, time and place shall be established. Except as noted below, Notice of Regular District meetings shall be mailed (postal or email) to each Precinct Committeeman not later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting, together with any pertinent information thereto. Notification requirements for Election, Officer Removal, and Bylaws Amendment meetings are established in the corresponding ARTICLE and Sections governing these events. Note that Notification for all such election meetings shall be made by postal mail.

## Section G. Quorum

A quorum for transaction of business shall be;

1. Fifteen Percent (15%) of the elected and appointed Precinct Committeemen for a regular, or special non-election meeting;
2. As required by County Committee Bylaws, twenty-five percent (25%) of the elected Precinct Committeemen, in person or by proxy for the District Statutory Organizational Meeting. For a Statutory Organizational Meeting resulting from reapportionment "elected Precinct Committeemen" shall mean those Precinct Committeemen (elected, or appointed) serving and residing within the new District boundaries 30 days prior to reapportionment enactment, in accordance with A.R.S. 16-823;
3. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the elected and appointed Precinct Committeemen present in person for a meeting to elect State Quadrennial Convention Delegates, where proxies are not permitted, (as per State Bylaws);
4. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the elected and appointed Precinct Committeemen, in person or by proxy, for a Bylaws Amendment Ratification Meeting; for a meeting to remove a District Officer; or for a meeting to elect a new District Officer in the event of death, ineligibility, resignation, or following removal in accordance with ARTICLE V;

Section H. Resolutions

All resolutions to be discussed at the monthly meeting must be distributed to the Precinct Committeemen at least 7 days prior to the meeting and must be part of the published agenda for the meeting. The sponsor of the resolution is responsible for bringing sufficient copies of the resolution for all Precinct Committeemen present at the meeting. Floor resolutions presented at the monthly meeting without prior notice will automatically be placed on the agenda of the next monthly District meeting for discussion.

**ARTICLE V. – Organization**

Section A. Officers/Executive Committee:

1. The officers of this District shall consist of the District Chairman, First and Second Vice- Chairmen, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall constitute the voting members of the Executive Committee. Nonvoting members of the Executive Committee shall include the appointed District Parliamentarian, Finance Chairman, and the appointed and elected Chairmen of the Standing Committees. These appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the District Chairman.
2. Officers shall be elected at the Statutory Organizational Meeting of the District prescribed by the Arizona Revised Statutes. (See ARTICLE VI, Section C., for nomination and election eligibility and process for officers).
3. Officers shall serve (subject to Replacement) through the next Statutory meeting. All officers of the District shall be Precinct Committeemen of Arizona's Legislative District 6 and reside within Legislative District 6 throughout their term of office.
4. Any officer, except the District Chairman, may be removed at any time for just cause, provided that a petition calling for the proposed removal vote (citing the alleged cause) is signed by a majority of the elected and appointed Precinct Committeemen and presented at a regular meeting. Official notice with a copy of the petition, proxy and removal vote meeting date, shall then be mailed by the Secretary to each Precinct Committeeman. This official notice shall be mailed at least 20 days before the meeting at which removal is to be voted upon. **Removal of the District Chairman is subject to the Maricopa County Republican Bylaws. See MCRC bylaws Article II Section 4 D.**
5. Vacancy of District Chair
  - a.) In the case of a vacancy in the office of District Chairman (except when such vacancy occurs within a sixty (60) day period prior to an organizational meeting), at a special meeting in which a quorum is present, the PC's within the District shall meet and elect by vote of the majority present, in person or by proxy, a successor to hold office for the unexpired term. Notice of such election and a proxy shall be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to such a meeting.
  - b.) Should a vacancy occur within a sixty (60) day period prior to an organizational meeting of the District Committee, the vacancy created shall be filled by election at such organizational meeting of the Legislative District.
6. Other Elected District Offices

In the case of a vacancy in an elective office of the District Committee, other than District Chairman, such a vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the District Committee at a regular

scheduled meeting at which a quorum is present in person or by proxy. Notice of such election and a proxy form shall be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to such a meeting. For the purposes of elections at a District Meeting, Nominating Committee members of a Legislative District shall include all registered Republicans of their Legislative District, who are PC's in their District, who have submitted their names and other required information on time, as determined by the Nominating Committee of the District, and in accordance with District rules and bylaws, on any ballot to be used to elect Legislative District officers.

## Section B. Duties of Officers:

1. The duties of the Chairman, in addition to those specified in the County Bylaws, shall be:
  - a. To preside at all meetings of the District Organization;
  - b. To represent the District as a member of the Maricopa County Executive Guidance Committee (EGC) and the State Executive Committee in accordance with the County and State Bylaws;
  - c. To keep members of the District Organization informed of the activities of the District, County, and State Committees and to insure that the District is represented at all County and State Meetings;
  - d. To appoint a Finance Chairman for the District;
  - e. To appoint a Parliamentarian to attend all District meetings, be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee, and offer parliamentary guidance to all other District Committees requesting same;
  - f. To appoint all other committee chairmen, with the advice of the Executive Committee;
  - g. Together with the respective committee chairman, to approve all committee programs with the advice of the Executive Committee.
  - h. To regularly monitor the activities of the committees to insure that their approved programs are progressing in a timely manner toward successful completion;
  - i. To insure that Precinct Captains are elected in a timely manner, and shall when necessary appoint temporary acting Captains until a Captain shall be selected by the Precinct Committeemen;
  - j. Where Precinct Committeemen vacancies exist within the District: with the advice of the Precinct Captain, the District Chairman and the Precinct Captain are charged jointly with the responsibility of appointing PC's to fill vacancies. Names of qualified persons to serve as Precinct Committeemen shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Maricopa County Republican Committee. **Refer to MCRC Bylaws Article II Section C (Vacancies) and D (Filing Vacancy by Appointment).**
  - k. When vacancies occur due to death, resignation, or District residency, to approve for appointment and submit the names of replacement State Committeemen to the Chairman of the State Republican Party;

l. Mandatory Resignation: The District Chairman shall resign said chairmanship upon formal announcement of candidacy, or upon filing nominating petition, for any elective public office except Precinct Committeeman.

m. Upon election of a new District Chairman, initiate transfer of all District property and records in his possession to the new District Chairman within 7 days.

2. The duties of the First Vice-Chairman shall be:

a. Preside at all District meetings when the Chairman is absent;

b. To perform any of the other non-appointive duties of the Chairman when so requested by the Chairman, or during the interval prior to the election of a new Chairman in the event of Replacement.

3. The duties of the Second Vice-Chairman shall be:

a. To assist the Chairman and First Vice-Chairman as requested;

b. Perform the specified non-appointive duties of both of these officers in their absence.

4. The duties of the Secretary shall be:

a. Take and keep minutes of all the regular meetings, Executive Committee meetings, and special meetings;

b. Keep a complete and maintain an up-to-date roster of the District Officers, Precinct Captains, Precinct Committeemen, State Committeemen, State Convention Delegates and Alternates and elected public and party Officers residing in the District;

c. Maintain and transmit, within 7 days, the permanent records of the District to the successor upon change of the person holding the office of Secretary.

d. Deliver hand recorded minutes of the election meeting to the new Secretary upon completion of the meeting.

e. Handle necessary correspondence at the direction of the District Chairman, including mailing of meeting notices and official calls;

f. Perform all other duties as directed by the District Chairman.

5. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

a. To receive and deposit all funds into the District 6 bank account and to pay all bills upon authorization of the Chairman;

b. Keep an account of all monies received and disbursed;

c. Report in full at regular meetings, written and verbal;

d. No check for more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) may be written without approval in advance from the Executive Board .

e. Submit an annual report to the District and such other reports as required by law.

f. To be responsible, with the Chairman, for the orderly transfer of the bank account funds and submitting a final report upon termination of duties.

g. Chair the Finance Committee

## Section C. Audit of District Books

Upon a change in the person holding the office of Treasurer, and after each Statutory Organizational Meeting, the books of the District shall undergo an audit by a committee from within the District organization appointed by the Chairman.

Section D. State Committeemen

1. Number

The number of State Committeemen that may be nominated at the District (Statutory) Organizational Election is equal to 1/3 of the total number of Precinct Committeemen elected at the preceding September Primary Election. The County Republican Committee may award additional State Committeeman positions to the District if extra State Committeeman positions are available to the County Committee. In any event, only elected Precinct Committeemen from District 6 may be nominated.

2. Selection

Though nominated at the District Organizational Election, the official election of State Committeemen occurs at the subsequent County Statutory Organizational Election.

--- For informational completeness, the County Organizational Election also includes the election of the Republican County Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, a Secretary and a Treasurer. By law the County Election must be held no later than the 2nd Saturday of January following the General Election. All Precinct Committeemen within a county are members of their County Committee, but only elected Precinct Committeemen may vote. This is one of the primary duties of an elected Precinct Committeeman.

3. Duties

Following the County Organizational Election, the newly elected State Committeemen must meet in Phoenix, (the city containing the state capital in accord with A.R.S., Title 16) to elect new State Party Officers. This includes the election of the Republican State Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, as well as the At-Large Members of the State Executive Committee (three At-Large Members are elected from each Congressional District). By law the State Statutory Organizational Election must be held no later than the 4th Saturday of January following the General Elections. This is the primary duty of the elected State Committeemen.

An additional Duty of the State Committeemen is to attend the State Mandatory Meeting held in January of non-General Election years to elect additional State Party Officers, including three Vice-Chairman, an Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

Section E. Quadrennial Convention Delegates

The State Republican Party holds a Quadrennial State/Congressional District Convention. This State Convention is held in the Spring of the Presidential Election year for the purpose of electing Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention.

1. Number of Delegates and Alternates

District Delegates to the State/Congressional District Quadrennial Convention are elected at the Legislative District level **and** only from among the District 6 Precinct Committeemen and other Registered Republicans from District 6, in accordance with State Republican Committee Bylaws, Article VI, Section C,

Election of Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention.

The number of Delegates allocated to each District is based on its total number of Precinct Committeemen relative to the overall State total. The number of Delegates is determined by the State Party in advance of the Convention. An equal number of District Alternate Delegates may also be elected.

2. Selection

The District elects its State/Congressional District Convention Delegates and Alternates (with proper notice) at a regular District meeting held prior to the State Quadrennial Convention and following notification from the State Party as to the Convention date and the number of Delegates allocated to the District. A special District Meeting may be called when required to meet time constraints.

3. Duties

- The principal purpose of the State Convention is to elect Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention.
- A secondary function of the State Convention is the election of a National Committee-Man and Committeewoman who will serve four-year terms as members of the Republican National Committee.
- The selection of these National Delegates and Committeemen is the duty of the Quadrennial Convention's Delegates. In the event that elected District Delegates cannot attend, or are otherwise absent from a Quadrennial Convention Vote, the next highest District Alternate Delegates present shall replace the missing Delegates for the vote at hand.
- Three National Convention Delegates are elected from each Congressional District with the remainder of the State's National Delegation elected At-Large.
- All Delegates to the State Convention vote to elect the At-Large Delegates to the National Convention. Only Delegates residing in a Congressional District vote to elect their respective Congressional District Delegates to the National Convention.

**2. ARTICLE VI - Elections**

Section A. Nominating Committee

Selection

A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the District Chair as needed.

Only elected Precinct Committeemen shall be eligible to be appointed.

The Nominating Committee shall serve for the period through the following Primary Election. Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled via appointment by the District Chairman.

1. Number

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members.

2. Duties

- The duties of the Nominating Committee are to handle the nomination of Officers, State Committeemen, Convention Delegates, and the nomination for other elections as may occur during their term, and to participate in the Conduct of Elections process as indicated in the Standing Rules & Procedures.

Section B. Credentials & Tally Committee

1. Selection

- The appointed Nominating Committee shall serve as the Credentials & Tally Committee.
- The Committee shall select one of their number as chairman of Credentials & Tally Committee.
- The chairman shall be a member other than the Nominating Committee Chairman. [If additional Credential and Tally Committee members are required to expedite the election task (due to the number of Precinct Committeemen and ballots to be processed) the District Chairman may recruit additional members at the election, as required.]

2. Duties

- The duties of the Credentials Committee are to prepare the ballots;
- conduct the verification and sign-in registration of eligible Precinct Committeemen and of proxies (where they are permitted) which they may be carrying;
- distribution of the corresponding ballot entitlement tags, as may be utilized;
- certification of the number of eligible votes in person and by proxy at close of registration;
- handle ballot distribution and pickup during voting.
- The duties of the Tally Committee are to tally and report the vote count. See details of the elections process in the District Standing Rules & Procedures.

3. Candidate Appointees to the Tally Committee:

The candidates for District Chairman, and for First and Second Vice-Chairman may designate one representative each, as Tally observers. These appointees may, if requested, assist the elected members of the Tally Committee in the vote count/tally process, when teamed with a Tally Committee member.

Section C. Nomination of Officers

1. Within five (5) days following the appointment of the Nominating Committee, and at the direction of the District Chairman, the Secretary shall issue the call for District Officer candidates to all duly elected Precinct Committeemen. The call shall state:
  - a. The place, date, and time of the Statutory Organizational Meeting (provided that the date shall fall within the time period defined by A.R.S. 16-823; see Article IV Meetings, Section D of these Bylaws for additional information),
  - b. The list of offices to be elected,
  - c. The number of State Committeemen to be nominated,
  - d. That any elected Precinct Committeeman desiring to run for any District Office, and/or for State Committeeman, shall submit his or her name, and the title of the office sought, in writing or by email, to any member of the Nominating Committee within 10 days from the issuance of the call (the final date for submitting shall be stated in the call),
  - e. The names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of the Nominating Committee members to whom the notices of candidacy may be submitted.

2. In the event that there are no Precinct Committeemen offering their candidacy for a given office, it will be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to seek out one or more qualified individuals to run for each such unsought office.
3. Immediately following the period for submission of candidacy, and prior to ballot preparation for District Officers, the Nominating Committee shall meet with the candidates only to apprise the candidates of the duties of the corresponding office to insure that they are aware of their responsibilities and agree to conduct them in good faith, if elected.
4. The names of candidates shall be reported to the District Chairman within 3 days following the final date for candidate submission. At the direction of the District Chairman, the Credentials Committee will prepare the ballot (paper, punch card, or other as appropriate) with names of candidates for each office appearing in alphabetic order. Additional names may be nominated from the floor at all elections. Floor nominees must express their desire to serve in the District position for which they are nominated.
5. The regular 10 day meeting notice shall include a proxy form and a list of District Officer and State Committeeman candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee.

#### Section D. Nomination of State Committeemen

1. State Committeemen are nominated by the District at the Statutory Organizational Meeting. They are elected at the following County Committee Statutory Meeting.
2. At the District Statutory Organizational Meeting, State Committeemen shall be nominated from a ballot alphabetically listing the names of all elected District 6 Precinct Committeemen who have submitted, in writing or by email, their desire to serve as State Committeeman, during the 10 day submitting period designated in the meeting call.

[Note that only District 6 Precinct Committeemen elected at the Primary election from District 6 may be nominated for State Committeemen.]

3. In the event that fewer committeemen than the district quota have submitted their desire to serve as State Committeemen, the Nominating Committee shall seek out qualified District 6 Committeemen to fill out the quota. The Nominating Committee shall consider the following criteria:
  - a. The relative degree and devotion with which the Precinct Committeeman has fulfilled his or her duties, as expressed in ARTICLE III, Section C. of the District Bylaws;
  - b. The extent to which the Committeeman has participated in special District, County, and State Committee registration, early ballot, and Get-Out-The-Vote drives, and other special party activities;
  - c. The commitment with which the Precinct Committeeman has aided the District Chairman, as requested, including participation and quality of work performed on Standing and Special Committees.

4. The list of State Committeemen candidates shall be reported to the District Chairman within 3 days following the final date for candidate submission. At the direction of the District Chairman, the Credentials Committee shall prepare the ballot (paper, punch card, or other as appropriate) with names appearing alphabetically. Ballot provision shall be made for nominations from the floor at the meeting; floor nominees must express, or have expressed, in writing or by email, their desire to serve as a State Committeemen. Note that the nominee need not be present.

Section E. Nomination of State Quadrennial Convention Delegates

1. State Convention Delegates and Alternates are elected at the District State Quadrennial Convention Delegate Election Meeting.

2. Within five (5) days following official notification from the State Party of the State Convention date and the number of Delegates to be elected by the District, the Secretary, at the direction of the District Chairman, shall issue the call to all elected and appointed Precinct Committeemen. The call shall state:

- a. The place, date, and time of the District Meeting to elect Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention.
- b. The number of Delegates and Alternates to be elected.
- c. The place, date, and time of the State Convention.
- d. That any District 6 Precinct Committeemen, or Registered Republican, resident in District 6 desiring to be a candidate for Delegate to the State Convention shall submit his or her name in writing, to any member of the District Nominating Committee within seven (7) days from the issuance of the call, (the final date for submitting shall be stated in the call).
- e. The name, phone number, and address of the Nominating Committee members to whom the notice of candidacy may be submitted.

3. Note that, only Precinct Committeemen or Registered Republicans from within District 6 may be nominated.

4. In the event that fewer Committeemen than the District quota have submitted their desire to serve as a Delegate, the Nominating Committee shall seek out qualified District 6 Committeemen to fill out the quota. The Nominating Committee shall consider the same criteria used for the selection of State Committeemen Candidates.

5. The list of Delegate candidates to the State Quadrennial Convention shall be reported to the District Chairman within 3 days following the final date for candidate submission. At the direction of the Chairman, the Credentials Committee shall prepare the ballot (paper, punch card, or other as appropriate) with names of candidates appearing alphabetically. Additional names may be nominated from the floor, including any additional District 6 Precinct Committeemen, or registered Republican resident within the District; floor nominees must express, or have expressed in writing or by email, their desire to serve as a Convention Delegate.

6. The Delegate election meeting will normally be held at the time of the next regular

meeting (unless the time constraints of the State Convention date require a Special Meeting). In any event, the meeting call shall provide for the regular ten (10) day meeting notice at a minimum.

Section F. Voting and Election

1 Eligibility

Eligibility to vote in District elections varies with the type of election;

a. District Statutory Organizational Election;

All elected Precinct Committeemen voting in person, or by Proxy are eligible;

b. District Statutory Organization Election (resulting from reapportionment enactment effecting the District boundaries);

All Precinct Committeemen serving and residing within the new District boundaries 30 days prior to the reapportionment enactment, voting in person, or by Proxy are eligible;

c. District Election of Delegates and Alternates to the State Quadrennial Convention;

All elected and appointed Precinct Committeemen, appointed before the cutoff date designated by the State Republican Committee, are eligible to vote in person (no Proxies are permitted);

d. District By-Law Ratification Vote, Officer Removal Vote, and Officer Replacement Election;

All elected and appointed Precinct Committeemen voting in person, or by Proxy are eligible;

2. Voting Method

Voting shall be by secret ballot except where only one nominee is being considered for an office, in which case a voice vote may be used.

3. Proxies

Precinct Committeemen eligible to vote at a District Election may give their Proxy to any registered Republican voter of the same Precinct, for any District Election allowing vote by Proxy. The form of the District Proxy shall be as illustrated by the sample Proxy in the District Standing Rules & Procedures, which shall conform to that approved by the Maricopa County Republican Committee.

4. Conduct of Elections

All District Elections shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures laid out in the District Standing Rules & Procedures.

5. Nominating Speeches

Each candidate, including nominees from the floor, for District Office may have nominating and seconding speeches. The length of the speeches shall be defined in the District Standing Rules.

6. Election to Office

At a District Election Meeting at which a quorum is present (see Article IV, Section G, Quorum);

a. District Officers shall be elected by a majority of votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, a majority vote on a second ballot between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot shall be used to determine the winner. In case of a tie on the second ballot, re-balloting will continue until a winner is determined.

If the winning vote count is by 1%, or less, a candidate may ask for a recount of the ballots cast (i.e., if 99 votes are cast, and the result is 50 to 49, the losing candidate may ask for and receive a ballot recount; if 300 votes are cast, and the result is 151 to 149, the losing candidate may ask for and receive a ballot recount).

b. State Committeemen shall be nominated at the District Statutory Organizational Meeting by a plurality vote with those receiving the highest vote count nominated until the Districts quota has been filled (there are no alternate nominees for State Committeemen). If there is a tie vote for the last positions, those tied shall draw lots to determine the final positions.

c. State Quadrennial Convention Delegates shall be elected by plurality vote in the same manner as State Committeemen, except that an equal number of Alternates shall also be elected by plurality vote. Alternates shall be those Delegate Candidates receiving the next highest votes below the elected Delegates. In the case of a tie for the last Delegate positions, those tied shall draw lots for the final Delegate positions. Those not achieving Delegate Status by the draw will be the top Alternate Delegates. In the same manner, a tie for the last Alternate positions will be determined by drawing lots.

#### 7. Certification of Election

a. District Statutory Organizational Election results shall be certified to the District Chairman by the Chairman of the Tally Committee. The certified results shall be signed by the Tally Committee Chairman and the Tally Representatives of the candidates for District Chairman;

b. The District Chairman shall announce the results of the District Officer Elections to the meeting upon completion of the officer vote count. Upon announcement of officer election results, the newly elected District Chairman shall preside over the remainder of the meeting. A list of elected Officers and State Committeemen Nominees shall be included with the next regular meeting notice;

c. State Quadrennial Convention Delegate Election results shall be certified to the District Chairman by the Chairman of the Tally Committee. The certified results shall be signed by the Tally Committee Chairman;

d. The newly elected District Chairman shall certify the election results of Officers, and State Committeeman Nominees to the Chairman of the Maricopa County Republican Committee within 7 days following the elections;

e. The District Chairman shall certify the election results of State Quadrennial Convention Delegates and Alternates to the Chairman of the Arizona

Republican Party within 3 days following the election;

f. In addition to certified tally results, all ballots (both used and spare) shall be turned over to the new District Chairman at the close of elections to be processed in accordance with District Standing Rules & Procedures.

## **ARTICLE VII - Bylaws Amendment Procedure**

### Section A. Introduction of Amendments

1. Proposed Amendments shall be introduced at any regular meeting of the District. Such Proposed Amendments will be accepted for consideration if presented by the District Executive Committee; or if presented by individual District Precinct Committeemen accompanied by a petition (citing the Proposed Amendment[s]) signed by 15% of the elected and appointed Precinct Committeemen.
2. Official notice of an Amendment Ratification Meeting (scheduled jointly with the next regular meeting), together with a copy of the Proposed Amendments, will then be mailed with a proxy form by the Secretary to each Precinct Committeeman. This official notification shall be mailed at least 20 days before the next regular meeting.

### Section B. Amendment Ratification Meeting

1. The Credentials and Tally Committee shall handle all matters of voting credentials, ballots and vote tally according to the conduct of election procedures laid out in the District Standing Rules & Procedures (See ARTICLE VIII).
2. The Proposed Amendments will be reviewed by the District membership at the Amendment Ratification Meeting. This meeting will afford an opportunity for presentations (pro and con), questions and answers, and motions to amend. Motions to change the proposed amendments may be accepted by a majority of those present and eligible to vote.
3. If major changes are made, the proponents may decide to withdraw their Original Amendments, as modified.
4. Following approval of a motion to amend the Proposed Amendments, if any (and if not withdrawn by the proponents) the Proposed Amendments, as modified, will be submitted to a Ratification Vote of the Precinct Committeemen.

### Section C. Amendment Ratification

Amendment Ratification is effected by a 2/3 vote of the Precinct Committeemen present in person or by proxy (Refer to Article IV, Section G.4, for Quorum).

### Section D. Reintroduction of a Failed Amendment

An amendment that fails to be ratified may not be re-introduced for at least six months after the failed Ratification Vote.

### Section E. Effectivity of Ratified Amendment

Amendments achieving Ratification shall become effective upon adjournment of

the meeting at which they are ratified.

**ARTICLE VIII - Standing Rules & Procedures**

Meeting and Election Procedures, Standard forms (such as Proxies) etc. are documented under separate Standing Rules & Procedures that may be changed as required without By-Laws Amendments.

**ARTICLE IX - Current Bylaws Certificate**

These District 6 Bylaws were ratified by vote of the District Precinct Committeemen on

\_\_\_\_\_   
Date

\_\_\_\_\_   
Signature of District Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_   
Signature of Secretary

**Standing Rules and Procedures for Legislative District 6**

1. Follow as close as practical, the meeting agenda in MCRC By-Laws Article V Section 3.
2. Time limit on speeches and questions will be at the discretion of the District Chairman.