



**Report of the Plan of Organization Committee**  
**for the 2022 NCGOP State Convention**

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### **Activities of the Committee**

During this cycle, the Committee considered dozens of proposed amendments to the State Plan of Organization, some submitted by the members of the committee, and others submitted by the party members. Many of proposed amendments will require substantial amounts of time to edit, revise, and discussed, and the committee deemed it appropriate to postpone its work on those proposed amendments until after the State Convention and to focus its time on the four proposed amendments to the Plan found in this report. For instance, the Committee deferred discussion on notice requirements, party officers as candidates, and potential conflicts between the Plan Committee and the Arbitration Committee. A full packet of considered amendments can be found at <http://ncgopplan.com>. As you will see, many will require additional discussion and work over the next year before they are ready for presentation to the convention.

In addition to the work on proposed amendments, the Plan of Organization decided one appeal that was brought before it pursuant to Art. VII, D. 3. d. 2. a.

The Chair thanks the Plan of Organization Committee for its hard work and the Committee recommends to the delegates of the State Convention that these four amendments be adopted.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1 – Electronic Meetings**

**Amend Article IX, Section J. by repealing that Section and Replacing it as follows:**

### J. ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

Except as herein provided, meetings of the following bodies are to be held in person:

1. All State, District, and County conventions;
2. All State Executive Committee and State Central Committee meetings;
3. All required District Executive Committee meetings (Art. V.A.3); and
4. All required county executive committee meetings (Art. III.A.3).

These in-person meetings may be broadcast, as provided below.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a county or district chair may petition, in writing or via email, the State party chairman for relief from the in-person meeting requirement. County or district chairs may join together in a written or emailed petition. Grounds for relief consist of a need for a meeting which cannot be postponed; an event consisting of an adverse weather event; or a public health crisis; or an unforeseeable occurrence which counsels prudence against an in-person meeting. The State party chairman may grant the petition after a majority vote on consultation with the Vice-Chair, the General Counsel, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. The State Secretary shall record all votes for and against the petition.

On the same grounds the State party chair may grant relief from the in-person meeting requirement for State conventions, State Executive Committee meetings, and State Central Committee meetings, on a majority vote after consultation with the Vice-chair, the General Counsel, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, as well as the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman. The State Secretary shall record all votes for and against the petition.

In addition, any District Executive Committee meetings or County Executive Committee meetings beyond the required quarterly meetings may be held in person or electronically at the discretion of the chair of the respective committee.

Each State, District, and County Executive or Central Committee may authorize any standing or special committee formed under its jurisdiction to be conducted as an electronic meeting.

When the State Party Chair grants relief from any in-person meeting requirement for a State convention, or a meeting of the State Executive Committee or the State Central Committee, the State Party Chair shall provide an alternative broadcast by electronic means of a meeting. When the State Party Chair grants relief from any in-person meeting requirement for a District or County Convention or executive committee meeting, the respective chair of any such District or County party shall provide an alternative broadcast by electronic means of a meeting. In any

case, the State Party Chair or the District or County chair may provide a place for in-person participation.

Any meeting held electronically must allow each member to fully participate in its proceedings, including the right to attend meetings, to make motions, to speak in debate, and to vote. No member can be individually deprived of these basic rights of membership or of any basic rights concomitant to them, such as the right to make nominations or to give up previous notice of a motion.

**Rationale:** This clarifies the procedures for meetings to be virtual, with the default position for the covered meetings being in-person. Making this amendment to the Plan of Organization would increase meaningful participation in the covered meetings/conventions.

## **Proposed Amendment #2 – Membership Requirements**

**Amend Article I – Membership; Section A. MEMBERS by adding the underlined text to the end of Section A.**

All citizens of North Carolina who are registered Republicans are Members of the Republican Party of North Carolina and shall have the right to participate in the official affairs of the Republican Party in accordance with these rules. All reference herein to Delegates, Alternates, Officers, and Members shall, in all cases, mean persons identified and registered with the Republican Party in the Precinct of their residence. Any person running for Party Office within the North Carolina Republican Party, at any level, shall be a resident of the jurisdiction in which he seeks office. A candidate running for any level of Republican Party office shall be a registered Republican resident of the jurisdiction in which he seeks office. In the event a candidate for public office was not a registered Republican as of January 31 of the year prior to the election in which that candidate seeks election, the Executive Committee of the jurisdiction may disqualify such candidate from recognition, endorsement, and the utilization of party resources.

**Rationale:** This would prevent those who switch their party registration shortly before filing from requiring the Republican Party from recognizing, endorsing, and utilizing the party resources of the jurisdiction in which the candidate is seeking office. This is a permissive provision and its utilization would be left in the discretion of the appropriate executive committee.

## Proposed Amendment #3 – Party Disloyalty

**Amend Article IX – General Administrative Procedure; Section E. to add a new subsection 3 underlined below.**

E. FORFEITURE OF OFFICIAL PRIVILEGES

1. Removal or Resignation from Committees

Any current or former Officer or Member of a Precinct Committee, County Executive Committee, District Committee, State Executive Committee or State Central Committee who, for any reason, is removed or resigned from said position shall forfeit all rights and privileges in any way connected with that position.

2. Party Disloyalty

Any registered Republican attempting to influence or influencing the outcome of any election against a Republican candidate or Republican endorsed by the appropriate Republican Executive Committee or Legislative Caucus, other than by supporting an opposing Republican Candidate in a Republican primary, may be declared ineligible to hold office under the State Plan of Organization at the State, District, and Precinct level for Party disloyalty by 2/3 vote of the State Executive Committee. Charges of Party disloyalty may be brought by petition of 50 members of the State Executive Committee, or by resolution of a County or District Republican Executive Committee. The State Executive Committee may declare a Republican found to have engaged in Party disloyalty as ineligible to serve in any office under the Plan of Organization for a period of time between 6 months and 5 years.

3. Automatic Resignation.

Any Committee Member or Officer of a County, District or State Republican Executive Committee campaigning in person, on social media, or in any other manner for a Candidate, in any race, who is a not a member of the Republican Party and is running in opposition to a member of the Republican Party, shall have been deemed to have automatically resigned from the committee and any position. In addition, no Committee Member or Officer shall serve as a treasurer or member of a campaign committee for any Candidate, in any race, if that Candidate is not a member of the Republican Party and is running in opposition to a member of the Republican Party.

**Rationale:** In the event a person who sits on any executive committee in the Republican Party decides to support a non-Republican candidate over a Republican Candidate, that person will have been deemed to automatically have resigned from the Executive Committee. This is to prevent the sharing of confidential or strategic information with non-Republican candidates who are in opposition to Republican candidates.

## **Proposed Amendment #4 – Committee Call of Meetings**

**Add a new subdivision g to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 3 as underlined below**

g. For all standing committees of the State Executive, State Central Committee, or the State Convention, a Committee meeting may be called upon the call of the chair of the committee or upon petition of 1/3 of the Members of the Committee, after giving 15 days' written notice to all Committee Members. Twenty Five Percent (25%) of the Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Rationale:** This brings the standing committee call of meeting and quorum provisions in conformity with other sections of the Plan of Organization.