

## **GROUND RULES FOR ELECTION OF 2016 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION ALTERNATE DELEGATES**

- 1) Candidates for alternate delegate must pay a \$150 qualifying fee unless they previously paid such fee in this cycle to run as a delegate.
- 2) A candidate for alternate delegate may pledge support for a presidential candidate different from the presidential candidate for whom that person was pledged in the presidential preference primary.
- 3) No person may qualify as a candidate for an alternate delegate position from both a congressional district and the State at Large.
- 4) Candidates for alternate delegate must declare the Presidential candidate for which they are seeking the alternate place. (Each presidential candidate is entitled to receive a number of alternate delegates equal to his number of delegates.) They must complete a pledge of support for such candidate. (See attached.)
- 5) The presidential candidate to whom an alternate delegate candidate pledges and the District or At-Large place number he/she chooses must match the results of the delegate election from the March 1<sup>st</sup> primary. See item 6).
- 6) The names of the 47 Delegates, the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged, and the Place Number for which they ran on March 1st will be posted on the Alabama Republican Party website so that alternate delegate candidates may select the person for whom they want to be an alternate.
- 7) Qualifying of candidates for all 47 alternate delegate positions will open at 8:30 a. m. CDT on Monday, April 11, 2016 and will close at 5:00 p. m. CDT on Friday, May 6, 2016. Nominations will not be allowed from the floor at the district meetings or the state meeting.
- 8) The qualifying form and the qualifying fee (for first time candidates) must be delivered to the Alabama Republican Party, 3505 Lorna Road, Hoover, AL 35216 within the above times. The qualifying form will be available online and may be returned by e-mail, regular mail, FAX or in person. The voice number is 205-212-5900 and the FAX number is 205-212-5910. An email address is [hsachs@algop.org](mailto:hsachs@algop.org).
- 9) The names of candidates and the position for which they qualify will be posted on the Alabama Republican Party website adjacent to their chosen Delegate (see item 6 above) no later than the end of the next working day.

- 10) There are no run-off elections for alternate delegate. The person in each place receiving the most votes shall be declared the winner. A tie vote will be decided by coin toss.
- 11) Alternate delegates for the Congressional Districts (3 from each district) shall be elected at the Congressional District Meetings to be held between Monday, May 9, 2016 and Saturday, May 21, 2016. District Meetings may be held in the District or at the May 21 State Committee meeting. The District Chairman will make the meeting decision.
- 12) Alternate delegates for Statewide Delegates (26) shall be elected at the special called May 21, 2016 meeting at the Trussville Civic Center at 5381 Trussville Clay Road in Trussville, Alabama.
- 13) After qualifying closes, State Republican Headquarters will provide each Congressional District Chairman will a list of candidates by place number in his/her Congressional District.
- 14) A quorum of the ByLaws control the voting process for alternate delegates.
- 15) The method used for voting at the Congressional District meeting will be by paper ballot or by electronic device, at the discretion of the District Chairman.
- 16) The results from the Congressional District elections shall be reported in writing under the signature of two people (preferably the District Chairman and the District Secretary).
- 17) Voting for the At-Large delegates shall be by electronic device.
- 18) Candidates for At-Large alternate delegate may give up to 60 second introductions concerning themselves during the election for alternate delegates. These introductions will occur prior to voting for each place.
- 19) For information only, each State Committee member will receive in their package a list of all candidates for At-Large delegate, listed alphabetically by place number in the order in which they will be voted on by electronic device. Trump delegates will be listed first, followed by Cruz delegates.
- 20) During voting for At-Large alternate delegates, the names of the candidates for each At-Large alternate delegate position shall be listed on a screen alphabetically by the place number being voted on.
- 21) There are no alternate delegates for the three members of the RNC from Alabama.