

MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ELECTION RULES

Proposed Rule Change for 2023 MRP State Committee

- I. Approval of these rules by the Michigan Republican Party (MRP) state committee hereby ends the primary process for choosing which Republican presidential candidate receives the Michigan delegates at the Republican National Convention (RNC) of 2024 and all subsequent RNC convention proceedings.
- II. The establishment of the MRP Presidential Nomination Caucus shall be immediately enacted to choose and ascertain Michigan's presidential delegates for the RNC.
- III. A newly-formed Planning Committee shall be created by the MRP state committee and shall regularly convene to conduct the following business items:
 - a. Planning and issuing recommendations pertaining to the MRP's caucus and convention activities;
 - b. MRP organization and strategy considerations;
 - c. Party's Constitution and Central Committee's bylaw matters;
 - d. Reviewing the MRP's efforts in connection with caucuses, conventions, Party organization, and strategy.
- IV. The MRP's caucus to choose the RNC delegates for the presidential nominee shall be held on the second Tuesday of March in each presidential election year.
- V. All elected county Republican chairmen are required to issue the call for the caucuses and give a notice to all duly-elected MRP Precinct Delegates with the meeting time and place of each county caucus at least 14 days prior to the date of holding the caucus.
- VI. The MRP presidential nomination caucus shall be conducted and governed under the following binding rules:
 - a. Only Duly-elected MRP Precinct Delegates shall determine selection of RNC presidential delegates within their caucuses on a county-by-county basis, with duly-elected MRP Precinct Delegates canvassing at a central location in each county on the same night.

b. The county Republican chairman shall serve as temporary chairman of the Caucus and appoint a temporary secretary to convene the meeting. Delegates in attendance shall appoint a permanent Chairman and Secretary of the Caucus by majority vote under standard Robert's Rules of Order, with any duly-elected MRP Precinct Delegate eligible to serve as permanent Chairman.

c. The Permanent Chairman and Secretary would be tasked with overseeing and maintaining all of the accurate information pertaining to the conference, verified by designated Caucus observers representing the campaigns of each candidate, that would ultimately determine the MRP presidential delegates, and would be unable to participate in the caucus as participants.

d. Caucuses will convene with duly-elected MRP Precinct Delegates holding up signs for their preferred presidential candidate, and then delegates being invited to caucus beside them.

e. The Michigan delegation to the RNC shall be bound on the first ballot to vote proportionally in accordance with the outcome of the MRP Presidential Nomination Caucus.

f. Candidates must garner support from at least 15 percent of caucus goers from elected precinct delegates in each county caucus contest in order to be considered viable. After an initial vote, candidates who voted for nonviable candidates will be required to change their votes on the next round during the caucus.

g. The proportional delegate allocation shall be rounded to the nearest whole delegate.

i. In the event a delegate is unallocated due to mathematical rounding, the unallocated delegate vote shall be cast in favor of the candidate closest to the rounding threshold.

ii. In the event delegates are over-allocated due to mathematical rounding, the over-allocated delegate shall be removed from a candidate based on the rounding threshold.

h. Delegates shall be bound to the candidates in direct proportion to the candidates' respective vote shares in their respective county caucus regardless of whether any such candidate has withdrawn from the race or otherwise does not have his or her name placed in nomination at the RNC.

- i. The final results in each county shall be proportionality determined by the amount of people in each county who voted for the Republican gubernatorial candidates and the presidential candidate in the previous elections.
- j. The designated Chairman hosting the county caucus, or his or her designee, shall announce the final vote of the delegation in accordance with the rules promulgated to govern the caucus.
- k. Under no circumstances shall cell phone apps, vote-counting machines, or any other technology be allowed for recording votes. All votes will be recorded on paper and then reported to county leadership.
- l. Any ties shall be determined with a coin flip witnessed by at least ten duly-elected MRP Precinct Delegates with an equal number of participants of the candidates who are tied. If it is a tie between three candidates, the number of witnesses shall be 12 and the proportionality requirement will remain the same.
- m. No duly-elected MRP Precinct Delegates shall be permitted to participate in the Caucus activities with no early, absentee, remote or off-site caucusing allowed under any circumstances.

VII. Notwithstanding the provisions in subsection VI, if only one candidate's name is placed in nomination at the RNC, all delegates shall be bound to vote for such candidate on the first ballot provided that the candidate received votes in the MRP Presidential Nomination Caucus.

VIII. Data will be provided through the Michigan Republican Party website in a transparent manner. Information will be provided to ensure accountability and to inform the public, including but not limited to the raw vote numbers from the first and all subsequent vote alignments, including the final tally; the total number of duly-elected MRP Precinct Delegates who participated in each precinct; and the total number of RNC presidential delegates won by each candidate at each county caucus. Individual votes by delegates and candidates who they support will not be posted by the MRP, and the privacy rights of delegates are encouraged to be respected by all attendees.

IX. The proportion of RNC presidential delegates awarded to each candidate shall be locked in on the night of the county caucus, with no changes after that date.

X. Extensive precinct caucus records shall be maintained for at least two years and made available to all members of the State Committee.