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REPUBLICAN SENATE DISTRICT 51 CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME AND JURISDICTION

Section I – **NAME** - The name of this organization shall be the Senate District 51 Republicans of Minnesota herein called the Committee.

Section II – **PURPOSE** - The purpose of the Committee will be to elect Republican endorsed candidates to public office, and to manage the affairs of the Senate District 51 Republicans of Minnesota at the direction of State and Congressional District authority, as to matters within the scope of their functions.

Section III - **TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION** - The jurisdiction of the Committee shall be limited to the geographic area situated within the boundaries of the 51st Senate District as determined by Minnesota statute or law from time to time.

Section IV – **DUTIES** - It shall be the duty of the Committee to:

- A. Organize or cause to be organized the Senate District and each precinct or other voting unit within the District.
- B. Administer the affairs of the party within the Senate District and execute its programs.
- C. Coordinate the campaigns of, and to elect, Republican endorsed legislative candidates and candidates for other public offices as elected exclusively by residents of that district.
- D. Assist in the election of all other Republican endorsed candidates for public office whose constituency when elected will include residents of the district.
- E. Expand Republican Party participation within the Senate District
- F. Communicate the Republican message at every opportunity.

ARTICLE II FULL COMMITTEE

Section I **AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP**-The Senate District 51 Full Committee membership shall be district residents who are also:

- A. Senate District 51 Executive Committee members.
- B. Chair and Vice Chair of each precinct or their designated alternates if unable to attend.

Section II – **PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP** – The following individuals may receive Full Committee membership upon the sole provision an individual applies in writing for Full Committee membership and are granted Full Committee membership at the next Full or Executive Committee meeting.

- A. Any official elected as a Republican, or if holding a non-partisan office, then officially endorsed by the Republicans of Minnesota. These will be non-voting members in accord with state laws.
- B. Any State or Congressional District Republican of Minnesota party officer residing within the 51st Senate District.

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- C. Any additional person the Committee votes to membership such as representatives from Auxiliaries and Affiliate groups as defined by the Republican Constitution of Minnesota, not to exceed ten (10) persons.
- D. Any member of the Republican State Central Committee residing within Senate District 51.
- E. Chairs of Senate District Standing Committees.
- F. Any member of the Congressional District Full Committee residing within Senate District 51.

Section III – **REMOVAL** - Any Full Committee member, including an officer, may be removed from membership of the Full Committee by two-thirds vote of the Full Committee membership.

Section IV – **MEETINGS** - The Senate District 51 Full Committee shall hold a minimum of one (1) meeting per year. The Full Committee may hold special meetings at any time on ten (10) days written notice to all members, either (1) on call of the Chair and Deputy Chair, or (2) by petition of any 20% of the members of the Committee.

Section V – **QUORUM** - A quorum shall consist of 35% of the membership of the Full Committee in accordance with Sections 1 and II of this Article.

ARTICLE III FULL COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Section I – **OFFICERS** - Officers of the Senate District 51 Full Committee shall be a Chair and Deputy Chair, two first Vice-Chairs, two second Vice-Chairs, and two third Vice-Chairs, a Secretary, a Treasurer, House District 51A Chair and Deputy Chair, House District 51B Chair and Deputy Chair, Director of Communications and Technology, and Fundraising Chair. All Officers must reside within the boundaries of the office to which they are being elected.

Section II – **ELECTION** - Senate District 51 officers shall be elected for a two (2) year term at a Senate District Convention held in odd-numbered years. No officer shall serve more than two full consecutive terms in any particular office. A special election shall be held at the first convention after redistricting to elect officers to serve until the time of the next regular election.

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section I – **MEMBERSHIP** - Membership of the Executive Committee shall be:

- A. Senate District 51 elected officers as stated in Article III.
- B. Chair and Deputy Chair of House Districts 51A and 51B or their designated alternates if unable to attend. Such officers are to be elected by the House District delegate caucus at the Senate District Convention in odd-numbered years, or at a special election at the first convention after redistricting to serve until the time of the next regular election.
- C. The Senate District Chair and Deputy Chair shall serve as Chairs of Senate District 51 Executive Committee.

Section II - **POWERS AND DUTIES** - The Executive Committee shall:

- A. Have charge of the administration of the Senate District 51 party affairs, subject to the direction and control of the Senate District's Convention, and the Senate District Committee.

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- B. Appoint a Candidate Search Committee and following endorsement, if given, to coordinate and assist in the campaign for election of these candidates.
- C. Consult and advise the precinct officers.
- D. Appoint acting officers to fill precinct vacancies if the vacancies exist more than thirty (30) days.
- E. Fill Senate District 51 officer vacancies in the following manner: If a vacancy occurs, the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall meet within 30 days from the time of the vacancy and elect a replacement.
- F. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to perfect the organization of the senate district, recruit and direct block workers, conduct training sessions, complete voter surveys, conduct voter registration programs, conduct Neighbor-to-Neighbor and other authorized finance drives; to get out the Republican vote; and to accomplish such other tasks as may be assigned to them by the Senate District Committee.

Section III – **MEETINGS** - The Executive Committee shall meet at least six (6) times per year at regular intervals.

Section IV – **QUORUM** - A quorum shall consist of 35% of the membership of the Executive Committee in accordance with Section I of this Article.

Section V – **ATTENDANCE** - Attendance at meetings is crucial to the work of the basic political organizational unit (BPOU), therefore:

Should any officer of the Executive Committee be absent from three (3) consecutive meetings, unless they have been excused by the Executive Committee, they may be considered resigned (if a motion to consider them resigned is passed by the executive committee).

ARTICLE V HOUSE DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Section I – **MEMBERSHIP** – House District Chair and Deputy Chair, Secretary, and all other Precinct Chairs and Vice Chairs.

Section II – **DUTIES** – It shall be the responsibility of the House District Officers to perfect the organization of the house district, recruit and direct block workers, conduct training sessions, complete voter surveys, conduct voter registration programs, conduct Neighbor-to-Neighbor and other authorized finance drives; to get out the Republican vote; and to accomplish such other tasks as may be assigned to them by the Senate District Committee.

Section III – **VACANCIES** – House District Chair and Vice Chair are elected according to Article III, Section I and Article IV, Section I, Subsection B; and Article IV, Section II, Subsection E.

ARTICLE VI PRECINCT ORGANIZATION

Section I – **MEMBERSHIP** - There shall be a Precinct Chair and Vice Chair, and Secretary who shall be elected at a Precinct Caucus held according to Minnesota law in even-numbered years.

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Section II - **DUTIES** - It shall be the responsibility of the precinct officers to perfect the organization of the precinct, to recruit and direct block workers, conduct training sessions, complete voter surveys, conduct voter registration programs, conduct Neighbor-to-Neighbor and other authorized finance drives; to get out the Republican vote; and to accomplish such other tasks as may be assigned to them by the Senate District Committee.

Section III - **VACANCIES** - Vacancies among precinct officers shall be appointed by rule of Article IV, Section II, Subsection D.

ARTICLE VII CONVENTIONS

Section I - **CONVENTIONS** - The Senate District 51 Convention shall be held annually at the Call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, or the Senate District 51 Committee preceding Congressional and State Conventions. Special Senate District 51 Conventions may be held at the Call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, or the Senate District 51 Committee at such time and for such purpose as the calling Committee may determine. Senate District 51 Conventions shall be held at a place determined by the Senate District 51 Executive Committee. The call shall be sent out in writing via US Postal Service or handed out at the Precinct Caucuses at least ten (10) days prior to the Convention. A quorum shall consist of 35% of the total delegates elected at the Precinct Caucuses. However, a quorum shall consist of 20% of the total delegates elected at the Precinct Caucuses for odd-year conventions only. Seated alternates shall be counted towards fulfilling a quorum.

Section II - **DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES** - The Senate District 51 Convention shall be composed of all delegates, and seated alternates, elected at the last Precinct Caucus and still residing in the precinct in which they were elected.

Section III - **SEATING OF ALTERNATES** - Alternates shall be seated by (1) the ranking of the alternates if ranking were made at the Precinct Caucus by number of votes cast, or, if ranking were not made, by (2) a majority vote of the seated delegates of each precinct from among the alternates of such precinct.

Section IV - **PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEES** - Prior to each Convention, the Executive Committee shall elect a Chair and members for each Standing Committee: Rules, Resolutions, Credentials, Constitution and such other committees as may be deemed necessary, from the delegates and alternates to the Senate District 51 Convention. The Chair of each such Committee, at each level, shall serve as a voting member on the same Committee at the next higher level, if not contrary to the Constitution or Bylaws of such higher level.

Section V - **ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO STATE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS** - Delegates and Alternates to the State and Congressional District Conventions shall be elected at the Senate District 51 Convention held in even numbered years.

Section VI - **ALTERNATE DELEGATES** - The Senate District Committee may choose to provide for election of two (2) sets of alternates. Alternates if not ranked shall be seated by a vote of the majority of seated delegates. Delegation vacancies shall be filled from the first set of alternates followed by second alternates.

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Section VII - **STATE CENTRAL DELEGATES** - State Central Delegates shall be elected in odd-numbered years in accordance with the Congressional District Constitutions.

Section VIII - **ENDORSEMENT CONVENTIONS** - Candidates for Legislative and any other public office whose constituency is entirely within the geographic area of Senate District 51 and the convention is called for endorsement purposes, shall be governed by the following:

- A. Voting strength of the Endorsing Convention shall be the delegates and seated alternates to the Senate District 51 Convention elected at the caucuses of the precincts located within the area of which the convention is called.
- B. Call for Convention:
 1. The Senate District 51 Chair and Deputy Chair may issue the Call for an Endorsing Convention for any public office.
 2. The Senate District 51 Chair and Deputy Chair shall issue the Call for an endorsing convention for any public office upon written request of more than 50% of the Precinct Chairs and Deputy Chairs elected from within the area represented by the office to be endorsed.
 3. Ten (10) days written notice shall be given prior to all Endorsing Conventions to all delegates and alternates eligible to attend.
- C. Any endorsement of candidates for public office requires at least 60% of the valid ballots cast and more than 50% of the voting strength of the Endorsing Convention as established by the last report of the Credentials Committee preceding such vote. Voting shall be by secret ballot on any contested endorsement.
- D. Endorsement of a candidate for public office may be withdrawn in accordance with these laws by a vote of 75% of the voting strength of an Endorsing Convention called for this purpose. Voting shall be by secret ballot. If endorsement is withdrawn, authorization to use the Republican Database is immediately withdrawn and all copies must be immediately returned.
- E. Republican Data Base:
 1. Only Republican candidates endorsed or recommended in the current election year, or winners of Republican primary elections, shall have the authorization to use the Republican Database. That use must only be for their own election activities.
 2. If the candidate is elected in the general election, authorization shall continue until the next endorsing convention. If not elected in the primary or general election, authorization is withdrawn and all copies of the database must be returned within ten (10) days after the election.
 3. BPOU Delegate and Alternate lists or Caucus Attendee lists shall be provided to any candidate seeking endorsement. This candidate must be a known Republican who will support party principles.

ARTICLE VIII CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Section I - This Constitution is first adopted by majority vote (50% plus one) at the first Senate 51 District Convention after redistricting.

Section II - This Constitution may thereafter be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting strength of any Senate District Convention as established by the Final Credentials Report of

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such Convention. Any proposed changes must be presented in writing to the Executive Committee meeting at least ten (10) days prior to such Convention.

Section III - Bylaws may be adopted and amended by 60% of those voting at any Senate District Committee meeting provided that written notice of proposed Bylaws or amendments is provided to the Committee membership at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

Section IV - Bylaws may be adopted or amended by a majority vote of any legally called Senate District 51 Convention. Bylaws adopted by Convention shall take precedence over Bylaws adopted by the Committee.

1. The Executive Committee shall assemble and send an electronic communication of all endorsed candidates and recommended candidates to known Republicans within the district. The Executive Committee may send hard copies of soft copies or make available by any other means to known Republicans.

Section V - All provisions of this Constitution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Senate District 51 Convention.