

Standing Rules of the 2017 State Convention
as approved by the Convention Review Committee

1. Only credentialed delegates, party staff, and elected or appointed officers of the Convention shall be allowed on the Convention floor.
2. Delegates leaving the convention shall deposit their credentials with the chairman of their delegation for transfer to alternates of their delegation.
3. Members shall address the Chair from the microphones available on the convention floor. There are to be four available microphones on the floor.
4. All nominations for party officers shall be from the floor of the Convention.
5. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of not more than one minute in length and two seconding speeches of not more than thirty-seconds in length.
6. Each candidate for a contested party office shall be limited to a speech of not more than five minutes in length.
7. Elections in contested races for party officers shall be conducted by secret ballot. All such ballots shall be cast, collected and tallied within the delegation by the delegation Chairman, who shall then report said totals to the Convention Secretary when called for. Ballots that are cast must be done so on the proper balloting paper. Any ballot that is cast on the incorrect paper shall not be counted.
8. The Chair shall give preference to the maker of a motion to speak first to the motion. Recognition shall alternate, so far as practicable, between those favoring the question and opposing the question. Debate shall be limited to five minutes per side on each question. No member may speak a second time until all those wishing to speak on the same side of the question have spoken.
9. All proposed resolutions, rules, or party platform changes must have been referred to the appropriate committee at least twelve days prior to the convening of the convention. Proposed resolutions must have received the prior approval of at least one county convention, or a Platform and Resolutions Committee appointed by the State Executive Committee, or the State Executive Committee.
10. No resolutions shall be considered that duplicate the content of the Party Platform.
11. No resolutions shall be considered or made from the Convention floor.
12. Seating for the Convention shall go as follows: smaller counties that have whole votes will be seated at the front, followed by large counties with whole votes, then small counties with half votes and then large counties with half votes.