

GOP Bylaws Proposed Amendments

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1	2.03A	No candidate for any designation or nomination for partisan public office should be endorsed, supported, or opposed by the El Paso County Republican Central Committee, acting as an entity, or its elected officers individually or as a group, or committees before the Primary Election, unless such candidate is unopposed in the Primary Election. The elected officers shall supervise staff to prevent the appearance these provisions are being violated. [Source: CRS Bylaws III C].	Strike “should” and insert “shall”	No candidate for any designation or nomination for partisan public office shall be endorsed, supported, or opposed by the El Paso County Republican Central Committee, acting as an entity, or its elected officers individually or as a group, or committees before the Primary Election, unless such candidate is unopposed in the Primary Election. The elected officers shall supervise staff to prevent the appearance these provisions are being violated. [Source: CRS Bylaws III C].	To change that it is a requirement and not a suggestion
2	2.03A	No candidate for any designation or nomination for partisan public office should be endorsed, supported, or opposed by the El Paso County Republican Central Committee, acting as an entity, or its elected officers individually or as a group, or committees before the Primary Election, unless such candidate is unopposed in the Primary Election. The elected officers shall supervise staff to prevent the appearance these provisions are being violated.	Strike “committees” and insert “any committee acting as an entity”	No candidate for any designation or nomination for partisan public office should be endorsed, supported, or opposed by the El Paso County Republican Central Committee, acting as an entity, or its elected officers individually or as a group, or any committee acting as an entity before the Primary Election, unless such candidate is unopposed in the Primary Election. The elected officers shall supervise staff to prevent the appearance these provisions are being violated.	To clarify that it is the committee acting as a committee

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		[Source: CRS Bylaws III C].		[Source: CRS Bylaws III C].	
3	2.03 B	Prior to the primary, Senate, House, and Commissioner district chairs should not use their title as district chair to endorse, support, or oppose any Republican candidate for the district for which they are chair, unless such candidate is unopposed in the Republican primary.	Strike “should” and insert “shall”	Prior to the primary, Senate, House, and Commissioner district chairs shall not use their title as district chair to endorse, support, or oppose any Republican candidate for the district for which they are chair, unless such candidate is unopposed in the Republican primary.	To change that it is a requirement and not a suggestion
4	3.01	<p><u>Section 3.01 Composition</u></p> <p>All of the precinct leaders of the Republican Party of El Paso County, the Republican county officers elected pursuant to Section 6.01 of these Bylaws, together with the Chairman, ViceChairman and Secretary of the State Senatorial and Representative Districts, and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the County Commissioner Districts, the elected County Public Officials, the Bonus Members, the Division Leaders of the Representative Districts, the District Attorney, and any United States Senators and United</p>	<p>add “pursuant to Article 5 section 5.02” to the end of the second to the last sentence of Article 3, Section 3.01 and strike “excluding” and substitute “except for”.</p> <p>Strike “CRC Bylaws XVI (3)” and insert “CRC Bylaws XVI (C)”</p>	<p><u>Section 3.01 Composition</u></p> <p>All of the precinct leaders of the Republican Party of El Paso County, the Republican county officers elected pursuant to Section 6.01 of these Bylaws, together with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the State Senatorial and Representative Districts, and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the County Commissioner Districts, the elected County Public Officials, the Bonus Members, the Division Leaders of the Representative Districts, the District Attorney, and any United States Senators and United States Representatives and</p>	<p>To clarify that since a person only has one vote at a Central Committee meeting even if he/she holds multiple offices, He/she can only give one proxy for the County Central Committee meeting.</p> <p>To reference the correct section of the State Party Bylaws.</p>

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		<p>States Representatives and elected State Public Officials, who are members of the Republican Party and who reside within El Paso County, shall constitute the membership of the El Paso County Republican Central Committee. Multiple offices shall not entitle a person to more than one vote, excluding proxies. All of the above not otherwise specifically included in the Central Committee by statute shall be "District Captains" for purposes of compliance with state statute. [Source: Section 1-3-103, CRS and CRC Bylaws XVI (3)].</p>		<p>elected State Public Officials, who are members of the Republican Party and who reside within El Paso County, shall constitute the membership of the El Paso County Republican Central Committee. Multiple offices shall not entitle a person to more than one vote, except for proxies pursuant to Article 5, Section 5.02. All of the above not otherwise specifically included in the Central Committee by statute shall be "District Captains" for purposes of compliance with state statute. [Source: Section 1-3-103, CRS and CRC Bylaws XVI (3)].</p>	
5	5.02B	<p>The proxy shall apply only to a single meeting.</p>	<p>Insert as second sentence: "For example separate proxies are required for the Central Committee, House District, Senate District and Commissioner District meetings even if they are held on the same day."</p>	<p>The proxy shall apply only to a single meeting. For example, separate proxies are required for the Central Committee, House District, Senate District and Commissioner District meetings even if they are held on the same day.</p>	<p>To clarify that the proxy form applies to a single county central committee meeting.</p>
6	5.02C	<p>The individual designated by proxy shall be a Republican elector; shall reside in the same constituency as the principal represents, and may vote only if the principal is absent at the time of the vote. For example, the County Chairman may be designated</p>	<p>Strike section 5.02C and insert "5.02C The individual designated to vote the proxy shall be a Republican elector; shall reside in the same constituency as the individual giving the proxy represents, and may vote only if the individual giving the proxy</p>	<p>The individual designated to vote the proxy shall be a Republican elector; shall reside in the same constituency as the individual giving the proxy represents, and may vote only if the individual giving the proxy is absent at the time of the vote. For example, a</p>	<p>To clarify who can carry a proxy. This is a change in wording and not in policy.</p>

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		as a proxy for a Bonus Member and for any senator or representative in whose district the Chairman resides.	is absent at the time of the vote. For example, a bonus member may give his proxy to any Republican elector in the county while a precinct leader may only give his proxy to a Republican elector within his precinct.”	bonus member may give his proxy to any Republican elector in the county while a precinct leader may only give his proxy to a Republican elector within his precinct.	
7	6.02A (10)	A list of leaders ratified at the County Assembly shall be furnished to the Colorado Republican Central Committee Chairman within ten days of the Assembly. [Source: CRC Bylaws XVI (B) (4)].	Insert “precinct” before “leader”	A list of precinct leaders ratified at the County Assembly shall be furnished to the Colorado Republican Central Committee Chairman within ten days of the Assembly. [Source: CRC Bylaws XVI (B) (4)].	To clarify that this references precinct leaders.
8	6.02A (11)	The Chairman shall submit a budget for his term of office to the Executive Committee on or before May 15, following his election. This budget shall be revised and resubmitted on or before May 1 of the following year.	to strike “on or before May 1 of the following year” and insert “at successive Executive Committee meetings held no more than 60 days after the prior meeting until approved.”	The Chairman shall submit a budget for his term of office to the Executive Committee on or before May 15, following his election. This budget shall be revised and resubmitted at successive Executive Committee meetings held no more than 60 days after the prior meeting until approved.	To ensure that the party does not operate for a long period of time without an approved budget.
9	6.02B(3) And 6.05A and B	6.02B 3. In the case of the Chairman’s death, resignation, removal from office, permanent inability to act or permanent absence from El Paso County, the Vice-Chairman	Strike sections 6.02B(3), 6.05A and 6.05B and insert “6.05 Vacancies A. A vacancy in an office shall exist in the event of an officer’s ineligibility to	6.05 Vacancies A. A vacancy in an office shall exist in the event of an officer’s ineligibility to hold office, death, resignation, removal, permanent absence from El Paso County,	To ensure that whoever serves as Chairman has been elected by the Central Committee membership to serve as either

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		<p>shall automatically succeed to all powers and duties of the Chairman and shall immediately call a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held within 14 days. The Executive Committee may by a 2/3 vote determine that the Vice-Chairman shall complete the departing Chairman's term. Absent such vote, the Vice-Chairman shall, within 14 days, call a meeting of the Central Committee to elect a Chairman. The Central Committee meeting shall be held within 30 days of the Executive Committee meeting.</p> <p>6.05</p> <p>A. vacancy in an office shall exist in the event of an officer's ineligibility to hold office, death, resignation, removal, permanent absence from El Paso County or permanent disability. The Executive Committee shall decide by a majority vote whether sufficient evidence of a vacancy exists. [Source:</p>	<p>hold office, death, resignation, removal, permanent absence from El Paso County, or permanent disability. Resignations are effective upon receipt by the Secretary or, in the case of a resignation by the Secretary, by the El Paso County Republican Central Committee Chairman.</p> <p>B. Upon the vacancy in the office of Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall automatically succeed to all powers and duties of the Chairman as Acting Chairman and shall immediately call one of the following meetings:</p> <p>1. In the event the Vice-Chairman has been duly elected by the Central Committee and wishes to stand for the office of Chairman, the ViceChairman shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held within 14 days. The Executive Committee may, by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting, determine that the Vice-Chairman shall complete the departing Chairman's term. Absent such vote, the Vice-Chairman shall call a meeting of the Central Committee within 14 days to elect a Chairman. The Central Committee meeting shall be held within 30 days of the Executive Committee meeting.</p> <p>2. In the event the Vice-Chairman was not elected by the Central Committee or does not wish to stand for the office of</p>	<p>or permanent disability. Resignations are effective upon receipt by the Secretary or, in the case of a resignation by the Secretary, by the El Paso County Republican Central Committee Chairman.</p> <p>B. Upon the vacancy in the office of Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall automatically succeed to all powers and duties of the Chairman as Acting Chairman and shall immediately call one of the following meetings:</p> <p>1. In the event the Vice-Chairman has been duly elected by the Central Committee and wishes to stand for the office of Chairman, the ViceChairman shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held within 14 days. The Executive Committee may, by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting, determine that the Vice-Chairman shall complete the departing Chairman's term. Absent such vote, the Vice-Chairman shall call a meeting of the Central Committee within 14 days to elect a Chairman. The Central Committee meeting shall be held within 30 days of the Executive Committee meeting.</p> <p>2. In the event the Vice-Chairman was not elected by the Central Committee or does not wish to stand for the office of Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall call a meeting of the Central Committee within 14 days to elect a Chairman and Vice-</p>	<p>Chairman or Vice Chairman of the El Paso County Central Committee.</p> <p>To clarify when a resignation becomes effective.</p>

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		<p>CRC Bylaws V (4) (a)].</p> <p>B. A vacancy in the office of Chairman shall be filled as provided in Section 6.02 (B) (4).</p>	<p>Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall call a meeting of the Central Committee within 14 days to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Central Committee meeting shall be held within 30 days of the vacancy in the office of Chairman. The decision of the Central Committee is final.”</p>	<p>Chairman. The Central Committee meeting shall be held within 30 days of the vacancy in the office of Chairman. The decision of the Central Committee is final.</p>	
10	6.02C		<p>Add “6.02C(10)</p> <p>The Secretary shall make available the complete results of the bonus member election within two business days of the election.”</p>	<p>10. The Secretary shall make available the complete results of the bonus member election within two business days of the election.”</p>	<p>To ensure that the members of the Central Committee know who the elected bonus members are and who would be next in line to fill vacancies.</p>
11	6.05E	<p>Vacancies in the position of "bonus member" to the State Republican Central Committee shall be filled by a majority vote of the County Vacancy committee. The Executive Committee shall decide by majority vote whether sufficient evidence of a vacancy exists. If the County Chairman believes "bonus member" should be removed for cause (public support for a candidate opposing the Republican nominee in a general election or malfeasance or misfeasance on the part of</p>	<p>Strike “a majority vote of” in the first sentence and insert “pursuant to the procedures in section 7.04D(3)” at the end of the sentence and strike “8.03G” and insert “8.03H”.</p>	<p>Vacancies in the position of "bonus member" to the State Republican Central Committee shall be filled by the County Vacancy committee pursuant to the procedures in section 7.04D(3). The Executive Committee shall decide by majority vote whether sufficient evidence of a vacancy exists. If the County Chairman believes "bonus member" should be removed for cause (public support for a candidate opposing the Republican nominee in a general election or malfeasance or misfeasance on the part of the</p>	<p>To be consistent with the provision in Section 7.04D(3) that bonus member vacancies are filled by the next in order of balloting at the organizational meeting and to reference the correct section of 8.03.</p>

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		the "bonus member"), the procedure to be followed shall be the same procedure outlined in Section 8.03G in the case of the removal of a precinct leader		"bonus member"), the procedure to be followed shall be the same procedure outlined in Section 8.03H in the case of the removal of a precinct leader	
12	7.01A (4)	Without the affirmative vote of 60% at a meeting of the Executive Committee, the Officers shall not enter into contract or obligation which obligates the Central Committee beyond the end of the Elected Officers' term unless such obligation can be cancelled upon no more than 60 days notice by the subsequently elected officers.	Insert "of those present and voting" after 60% in the first sentence	Without the affirmative vote of 60% of those present and voting at a meeting of the Executive Committee, the Officers shall not enter into contract or obligation which obligates the Central Committee beyond the end of the Elected Officers' term unless such obligation can be cancelled upon no more than 60 days notice by the subsequently elected officers.	For clarification that it is 60% of those in attendance at the meeting and not 60% of the entire membership.
13	7.01B(3)	Chairman of each congressional, senatorial, representative, commissioner, or judicial district, wholly or partly within El Paso County; provided, however, that if the Chairman is a resident of a county other than El Paso, the Vice-Chairman shall be designated a member of the Executive Committee; provided, however, it the Vice-Chairman also resides in a county other than El Paso, the El Paso County resident designated by the district shall	Also add at the end of the section, "except where the Vice-Chairman of a multi-county district is not an El Paso County elector." Strike "resident" and insert "elector" in all instances of this section. Strike "it" and insert "if" following "however".	Chairman of each congressional, senatorial, representative, commissioner, or judicial district, wholly or partly within El Paso County; provided, however, that if the Chairman is an elector of a county other than El Paso, the Vice-Chairman shall be designated a member of the Executive Committee; provided, however, if the Vice-Chairman also resides in a county other than El Paso, the El Paso County elector designated by the district shall be a member of	To clarify that the person voting at the Executive Committee on behalf of a multi-county district must be an El Paso County resident. Changes the term resident to elector to be more accurate as to who can vote.

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		be a member of the Executive Committee. In the event that the Chairman of a Commissioner District, House District or Senate District cannot attend an Executive Committee Meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the District may vote in his or her stead at the Executive Committee Meeting.		the Executive Committee. In the event that the Chairman of a Commissioner District, House District or Senate District cannot attend an Executive Committee Meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the District may vote in his or her stead at the Executive Committee Meeting, except where the Vice-Chairman of a multi-county district is not an El Paso County elector.	Fixes a typographical error (change "it" to "if").
14	7.01C(1)	The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times each year.	Strike "four times each year" and replace with "every other month"	The Executive Committee shall meet at least every other month.	Provide for more meetings of the executive committee and ensure the meetings are spaced out throughout the year
15	9.01B	At the division meetings, the Precinct Leaders from each precinct in each election division created by the Chairman as provided in Section 6.02 (A) (13) shall select delegates and alternates and rank the alternates to the state, congressional and judicial assemblies and/or conventions as allocated to the division by the Central Committee and Standing Rule	Strike section 9.01B and insert new "Section 9.01B At the post-caucus division meetings, precinct leaders within each election division created by the Chair, as provided in Section 6.02A(12), shall fill, from among those County Assembly delegates and alternates chosen at the caucus, any additional delegate and alternate slots allotted to the division for the higher assemblies. They shall also rank the alternates to those same assemblies or conventions."	At the post-caucus division meetings, precinct leaders within each election division created by the Chair, as provided in Section 6.02A(12), shall fill, from among those County Assembly delegates and alternates chosen at the caucus, any additional delegate and alternate slots allotted to the division for the higher assemblies. They shall also rank the alternates to those same assemblies or conventions	To clarify that those selected as delegates and alternates to higher assembly come from only those elected as a delegate or alternate to the county assembly

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16	9.01D	The County Assemblies and/or Conventions shall be held within the time provided by state law at a time and place determined by the County Executive Committee.	Strike “time provided” and insert “dates provided”	The County Assemblies and/or Conventions shall be held within the dates provided by state law at a time and place determined by the County Executive Committee	To ensure that this refers to dates and not clock time.
17	9.01F	The Chairman shall issue the call for the Assembly and/or Convention at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the precinct caucus. The call shall include (in addition to the time, place and purpose) a statement of the number of delegates apportioned to each precinct as well as the number of delegates to be elected to the state and district assemblies and conventions. At the request of the Chairman of any district lying wholly within El Paso County the call for the County Assembly and/or Convention shall include the call for the assembly of such district. [Source: CRC Bylaws XIII (2) (b)].	Strike the parenthesis in the second sentence and insert commas.	The Chairman shall issue the call for the Assembly and/or Convention at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the precinct caucus. The call shall include, in addition to the time, place and purpose, a statement of the number of delegates apportioned to each precinct as well as the number of delegates to be elected to the state and district assemblies and conventions. At the request of the Chairman of any district lying wholly within El Paso County the call for the County Assembly and/or Convention shall include the call for the assembly of such district. [Source: CRC Bylaws XIII (2) (b)].	Fix grammar
18	10.01	The office of Division Leader is hereby established for the purpose of acting as a liaison between the County Chairman and the precinct leaders. The County Chairman shall prepare a description of the functions and duties of Division Leaders, and shall designate the precincts for which each Division Leader has liaison responsibilities.	Removed the period and Insert “, after consultation with the affected House District Officers.” at the end of the section.	The office of Division Leader is hereby established for the purpose of acting as a liaison between the County Chairman and the precinct leaders. The County Chairman shall prepare a description of the functions and duties of Division Leaders, and shall designate the	To include consultation with the affected House District Officers when designating division lines.

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				precincts for which each Division Leader has liaison responsibilities, after consultation with the affected House District Officers.	
19	10.02	<p><u>Section 10.02 Election</u> Division Leaders shall be elected at the Central Committee organization meeting of each house district. A person need not be an officer of the House District Central Committee or a Precinct Leader in order to be eligible to serve as a division leader. Division leaders shall be elected by a majority of those precinct leaders in each division who are present and voting at each House District Central Committee organization meeting, In the event of a tie, the election will be determined by lot.</p>	<p>Add a sentence at the end of Section 10.02. “Vacancies shall be filled as provided in Section 10.05”.</p>	<p><u>Section 10.02 Election</u> Division Leaders shall be elected at the Central Committee organization meeting of each house district. A person need not be an officer of the House District Central Committee or a Precinct Leader in order to be eligible to serve as a division leader. Division leaders shall be elected by a majority of those precinct leaders in each division who are present and voting at each House District Central Committee organization meeting, In the event of a tie, the election will be determined by lot. Vacancies shall be filled as provided in Section 10.05.</p>	<p>For clarification and provide a reference to the section on vacancies. There is no change in policy.</p>
20	10.03	<p>Once elected, Division Leaders shall continue to serve until the next organizational meeting of the House District Central Committee, or until they resign or are removed as provided in Section 10.04.</p>	<p>amend the second sentence in section 10.03 to place a comma after “resign” and delete the “or”, delete the period at the end of the sentence and insert “ , or due to reapportionment in accordance with Article XII.”</p>	<p>Once elected, Division Leaders shall continue to serve until the next organizational meeting of the House District Central Committee, or until they resign, are removed as provided in Section 10.04, or due to reapportionment in accordance with Article XII.”</p>	<p>To include division line adjustments that occur as a result of reapportionment.</p>
21	10.04A(2)	<p>The person has moved from the precinct or has changed party</p>	<p>Strike “precinct” and insert “division”.</p>	<p>The person has moved from the division</p>	<p>To allow division leaders that move</p>

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		affiliation.		or has changed party affiliation.	into a different precinct but remain in the same division to stay as division leader.
22	10.05	After it has been determined that a vacancy exists, the House District Chairman shall issue a call and preside over a meeting of leaders within that division who shall elect a new Division Leader to serve the unexpired term. The call shall be sent within thirty (30) days after the vacancy and an election held no earlier than ten (10) days or later than thirty (30) days after the call.	Insert “precinct” before the word “leaders”.	After it has been determined that a vacancy exists, the House District Chairman shall issue a call and preside over a meeting of precinct leaders within that division who shall elect a new Division Leader to serve the unexpired term. The call shall be sent within thirty (30) days after the vacancy and an election held no earlier than ten (10) days or later than thirty (30) days after the call.	To reference the correct title
23	13.01A	These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment was submitted to the Bylaws Committee and included in the official call mailed no less that fifteen (15) days before such meeting	insert “Central Committee” between the words “any” and “meeting” and delete the words “included in the official call”	These Bylaws may be amended at any Central Committee meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment was submitted to the Bylaws Committee and mailed no less that fifteen (15) days before such meeting	Clarification that the king of meeting is a central committee meeting and to remove the requirement that the bylaw amendments be included in the call so that it can be sent either in the call or separately.
24	13.01B	If previous notice was not given in the call, the unanimous consent of all Central Committee members present in person or by proxy must be	substitute “mailed by the date set in 13.01A” for “given in the call”	If previous notice was not mailed by the date set in 13.01A, the unanimous consent of all Central Committee members present in person or by proxy	To conform to the change made above (see amendment

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		obtained before an amendment to the Bylaws may be considered. [Source: CRC Bylaws XIX].		must be obtained before an amendment to the Bylaws may be considered. [Source: CRC Bylaws XIX].	#23).