

# EL PASO COUNTY SENATE DISTRICT #10 REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE BYLAWS

## ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be the El Paso County Senate District Ten Central Committee, herein referred to as SD #10.

## ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

To perform the functions set forth in the Colorado Election laws for the Senate District, and the Colorado Republican State Bylaws, to provide an organization for the election of a Republican to the State of Colorado Senate from Senate District 10.

## ARTICLE III: POLICY

Section 3.01 All applicable provisions of the statutes of the State of Colorado and the Colorado State Republican Bylaws shall be considered a part of these bylaws, and shall supersede Any Provision of these bylaws, which may be in conflict.

## ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Regular voting membership of the organization shall be:

1. All the precinct committeepersons from precincts in this senate 10 district.
2. The officers of SD#10.
3. Division leaders of the district
4. The Republican senators, representatives, and district attorney who reside within the district. (CRS 1-3-103) (b)(II)
5. The Chairman, vice-chairman and secretary of the county Republican Central Committee who reside within the territory included in the limits of the district.

## ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

- Section 5.01 The elected officers of the SD #10 shall be a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary. They shall assume their duties at the close of the organizational meeting and shall serve for a term of two (2) years and/or until their eligible successors take office.
- a) They shall be registered Republicans at least one year immediately prior to their election and shall have resided within the district at least ninety (90) days prior to their election, all as shown by their registration record with the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder.
  - b) If an officer is elected and found to be ineligible to serve, a vacancy has occurred and shall be filled as per Article VI.

Section 5.02 The duties of the officers shall be:

a) The Chairman shall:

1. Be the chief executive officer, issue the call and preside at all meetings of SD #10 and Senate District #10 Assembly.
2. Be custodian of all funds, books, papers, records, and proceedings of SD #10 and Senate District #10 Assembly
3. Appoint necessary committees, and be ex-officio member of committees.  
With the assistance of the secretary, provide a list of the officers from the organizational meeting, together with their mailing address, zip code and telephone number to El Paso the County Republican Chairman, and El Paso County Clerk and Recorder, and the Secretary of State, immediately following the organizational meeting.
4. Shall insure that the Republican County Chairman, the State Chairman and the Secretary of State have a current copy of the SD #10 Bylaws and are notified of any amendments thereto.

Be responsible for seeing that the arrangements are made for the Senate District #10 Assembly.

b) The Vice-Chairman shall:

1. Exercise the functions of the Chairman in his/her absence or inability to perform, or at the Chairman's request.
2. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chairman.

c) The Secretary shall:

1. Be the chief clerical officer of the SD #10, and shall make a complete record of all proceedings of the SD #10 and the Senate District #10 Assemblies.
2. Prepare and have in readiness upon the convening of the Senate District #10 Assembly a roll of the delegates (and alternates) entitled to participate. This roll of delegates shall be based upon the report of the Credentials Committee of the County Assembly.
3. Prepare and verify all credentials for delegates (and alternates) and certificates of designation that shall be made by the Senate District #10 Assembly.
4. In the event of any emergency and in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, may call a meeting of the SD #10 and shall preside until the election of the chairman pro tem which shall take place immediately

Section 5.03: Nominations for candidates for Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary shall come from the floor and be made only by members of the SD #10, in person or by proxy.

Section 5.04: Election of the officers shall be by secret ballot (that is, dropped in a ballot box by Individual members or proxy). Where there is only one nominee for an office, election may be by acclamation.

- a. Officers shall be elected individually and by a majority of the votes cast by those present and voting in person or by proxy.

- b. If more than two (2) persons are nominated for a position, and after three (3) ballots have been taken no nominee has received the required majority vote, then, unless one or more nominees have withdrawn during or following such balloting, the nominee receiving the least votes on the last of the three (3) ballots shall be dropped for all subsequent ballots. The nominee receiving the least votes on each ballot thereafter shall also be dropped from subsequent ballots, unless one or more other nominees withdraw following such ballot. Balloting shall continue in such manner until a majority vote is cast for one nominee.

Section 5.05: Removal - Any officer may be removed from office at any time for whatever cause the SD #10 may deem sufficient, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire voting membership of the SD #10 present or represented by proxy at a meeting called for that purpose.

- a) This meeting shall be a "requested meeting" and shall meet all the requirements as stated in Article VII; Section 7.03.

The officer shall have at least ten (10) days notice, in writing, of the date, time, place and purpose thereof before any such meeting is held. The action of the SD #10 shall be final.

#### ARTICLE VI: VACANCY IN SD #10

A vacancy in an office shall exist in the event of ineligibility to hold office, death, resignation, removal, permanent absence, or permanent disability of the officer. Vacancies shall be filled as follows:

- a) A vacancy of Chairman: The Vice-Chairman shall automatically succeed to the powers and duties of the Chairman, and shall serve until the next organizational meeting.
- b) A vacancy of Vice Chairman or Secretary: The Chairman shall appoint a Vice Chairman or Secretary to act until the next meeting of SD #10, when SD #10 shall fill the vacancy. Notice of such an election/elections shall be in the call of such meeting (if other than an organizational meeting).
- c) In the event the Secretary is elected Vice-Chairman as per b) of this article, a new Secretary may be elected during same such meeting without notice, having been given in the call.

#### ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 7.01 The Organizational Meeting shall be held on the same date as the El Paso County Republican Central Committee's organizational meeting for the purpose of electing a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. (CRS 1 —3 - 103) (I) (c).

Section 7.02 Other Meetings shall be held upon the call of the Chairman, or in the event of the Chairman's absence or inability to act, upon the call of the Vice-Chairman, or in the event of an emergency and in the absence of both of the above, upon the call of the Secretary.

Section 7.03 Requested Meetings of SD #10 shall be called upon the written request, signed by one-third (1/3) or more of the members of SD #10. The notice of such meeting shall be mailed to each member of SD #10 within ten (10) days after receipt of the request. The meeting shall be held no less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) days after the date such notice is mailed. The purpose of such meeting shall be clearly stated in the call.

Section 7.04 The Official Call shall be in writing, mailed to the last address of each member on file with the Secretary of SD #10. It shall state the date, time, place of the meeting, the business to be conducted except for "requested meetings." The meeting may consider items not in the call.

- a) The call shall be mailed at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- b) When amendments to the Bylaws are to be proposed, the call shall be mailed no fewer than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. All members shall receive a copy of amendments in the call.

Section 7.05 A quorum for any meeting shall be those persons present or represented by a proxy, provided proper notice has been received.

### ARTICLE VIII: VOTING AND PROXIES

Section 8.01 Voting, with the exception of the election of officers, (Article V: Section 5:04), shall be by voice vote, Unless a roll call vote or secret ballot is requested by a motion properly made and passed by one-third (1/3) or more of those members present, in which case roll shall be made or ballots distributed when each member or his proxy's name is called.

Section 8.02 Multiple office shall not entitle a person to more than one vote, excluding a proxy.

Section 8.03 Voting by Proxy shall be in accordance with the following:

- a) A proxy of a member absent at roll call shall be designated on a written form which shall be signed by member, dated, witnessed and delivered to the Secretary before the meeting is called to order. (This requirement may be waived by SD #10 in special circumstances, subject to approval of the membership.)
- b) A proxy of a member present at roll call who subsequently leaves the meeting may be submitted on a written form which shall be signed by the member, dated, witnessed and delivered to the Secretary for recording at any time during the meeting, but shall be eligible to be voted on a particular ballot only if so delivered prior to commencement of voting on that ballot. Notwithstanding sub-paragraph d), the proxy holder may be any present voting member of the SD #10.
- c) A proxy shall apply only to a single meeting.
- d) The individual designated as a proxy shall be a Republican elector and reside within the same precinct as the principal he represents. The proxy may vote only if his principal is absent at the time of the vote.
- e) Any member of SD #10 shall have the right to examine the proxies prior to the taking of any vote.
- f) No individual shall be permitted to vote more than two proxies at a meeting.

Section 9.02 The Chairman may appoint additional committees as he deems necessary or at the request of SD #10.

Section 9.03 The quorum for any committee shall be those members present.

## ARTICLE X: ASSEMBLIES

- Section 10.01 The Senate District #10 Assembly shall be held no later than sixty five (65) days preceding the primary election date. (CRS 1-4-601)
- Section 10.02 The delegates and alternates elected at the precinct caucuses to the County Republican Assembly within Senate District #10 shall also serve as delegates and alternates to Senate District #10 Assembly. (Such delegates and alternates shall meet the requirements as listed in (CRS 1 —4 - 602) (5).
- Section 10.03 No proxies shall be allowed or recognized in the assembly. Any vacancy shall be filled by an alternate present, selected from that precinct list of alternates in their numerical order, beginning with the first alternate.
- Section 10.04 What is commonly known as the “unit rule,” by which the entire vote of a delegations is cast according for the majority vote within the delegation, shall not be enforced nor adhered to.
- Section 10.05 A quorum of the assembly shall consist of those delegates present, provided each member has been given adequate notice of the meeting.
- Section 10.06 The Assembly SHALL designate a vacancy committee who shall be responsible for filling a vacancy occurring in candidate designation as provided by Colorado Law.

## ARTICLE XI; VACANCY IN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE

- Section 11.01 A vacancy in the office of State Senator from Senate District #10 shall be filled within ten (10) days after the occurrence thereof by a vacancy committee.  
Colorado Constitutional Article XIV Sec (9) and CRS 1-12-206
- Section 11.02 The vacancy committee shall be composed of all the SD #10 Central Committee members who attend in person, a meeting called for the purpose of selecting a Republican person to fill the vacancy in the un-expired term of state senator from Senate District # 10, or in other manner that may subsequently be enacted by the Colorado general assembly. A quorum shall be those members of the Central Committee present in person. Such appointee shall be certified with the secretary of state within ten (10) days from the date the vacancy occurs.
- Section 11.03 Six (6) days notice to the Vacancy Committee members shall be given by mail or email. A replacement shall be selected by a majority vote of the Vacancy Committee members voting in person not by proxy. The Officers of Senate District 10 shall serve as the officers of the Vacancy Committee. CRS 1-12-206 (6).
- Section 11.04 This Vacancy Committee shall also act in case of a vacancy occurring in a candidate designation or the Assembly as per Article X has designated nomination if no other vacancy committee: Section 10.06. CRS 1-4-1002.

## ARTICLE XII: CONTROVERSIES

In the event any controversy arises in SD #10 which cannot be resolved, the controversy shall be determined by the County Central Committee or the County Executive Committee. In the event the controversy is determined by the Executive Committee, any party to the controversy may appeal the decision to the County Central Committee.

## ARTICLE XIII: PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED shall govern SD #10 in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws or the Election Laws of the State of Colorado, or the State Republican Bylaws.

## ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Section 14.01 These Bylaws may be amended at a meeting by two-thirds (2/3) vote of members of SD #10 Central Committee attending or by proxy provided that the proposed amendment was submitted to the bylaw committee and included in the official call mailed no fewer than thirty (30) days prior to that meeting.

Section 14.02 If previous notice has not been given in the call, unanimous consent of all members of SD #10 present, in person or by proxy, must be obtained before an amendment may be offered

AMENDED & RESTATED  
ADOPTED January 23, 2016

  
CHAIRMAN

  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

  
SECRETARY