

1 **2017 STATE PARTY RULES AMENDMENTS**

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3 (Note: All rule changes submitted to the State Party Chairman must be submitted to the State
4 Convention as presented. Any duplication of submissions is the result of counties submitting
5 similar changes.)
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7 **OKGOP Rules may be amended in the following manner according to existing OKGOP State**
8 **Party Rules.**

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10 **OKGOP Rule 20 (e)**

11 **Amendment of Rules by State Convention:** These rules may be amended and changed by a
12 majority vote of any State Convention by either of the following methods: (1) Amendment must
13 first be submitted to the State Executive Committee, which shall, with or without
14 recommendation, include a copy of the proposed change in the Call authorized in Rule 16 (c); (2)
15 Amendment proposed by a vote of a County or Congressional District Convention shall be
16 submitted to a vote at the next succeeding State Convention if filed with the State Chairman
17 within five (5) days after adjournment of said County or Congressional District Convention. Notice
18 of amendments proposed by a County or Congressional District Convention shall be given by the
19 State Chairman by written or electronic notice to the Chairman of each County delegation, or if
20 no other delegation chairman has been designated, to the County Chairman, at least ten (10)
21 days prior to said State Convention. Any failure of a state convention to take due parliamentary
22 action on a county’s or district’s proposed amendment at the state convention shall result in the
23 same amendment being first order of business at the next state convention. Any failure by any
24 county, district, or state leader to present an amendment passed by a county or district
25 convention shall be deemed a Rule 3(a) violation of a sacred and inviolate right of party
26 participation.

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28 THE LANGUAGE TO BE **ADDED IS BOLDED**. LANGUAGE TO BE ~~DELETED IS STRUCK~~.
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30 **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #1**

31 **SUBMITTED BY McCLAIN COUNTY**

32 Proposed OKGOP Rule Change. Rule 17(d) State Convention Rules Committee Item
33 6 shall be modified to follows:

34 6. The Rules Committee report shall be **distributed to each County**
35 **Chairman two weeks prior to the State Convention and will be** submitted to the
36 State Convention for debate and adoption.

37 **FINAL LANGUAGE:**

38 Rule 17(d) State Convention Rules Committee

- 39 1. The State Chairman shall appoint the Rules Committee Chairman.
40 2. The Rules Committee shall review and revise, as necessary, the last adopted Rules.

- 41 3. The Rules Committee shall specify how additional rules, regulations, or platform
42 planks may be submitted from the floor for consideration, and shall specify the
43 percentages of votes needed for passage.
- 44 4. The Rules Committee may meet a maximum of four times before the State
45 Convention. All Rules meetings shall not meet before 9:00 a.m. and shall not extend
46 after 6:00 p.m.
- 47 5. No substantive changes may be made at the final meeting of the Rules Committee
48 prior to the State Convention.
- 49 6. The Rules Committee report shall be **distributed to each County Chairman two**
50 **weeks prior to the State Convention and will be** submitted to the State Convention
51 for debate and adoption.

52 **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #2**

53 **SUBMITTED BY McCLAIN COUNTY**

54 The purpose of the motion is to amend the Rules of the Oklahoma Republican Party to
55 add an additional item to Rule 17(d) to allow the Convention Rules Committee to
56 recommend adoption or non-adoption of changes to the State Party Rules.
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59 Proposed OKGOP Rule Change. Rule 17(d) State Convention Rules Committee. Item 7
60 shall be added as follows:

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62 **7. The Rules Committee report shall address each proposed rule change**
63 **and give reasons for adoption or non-adoption.**

64 **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #3**

65 **SUBMITTED BY CARTER COUNTY**

66 The true action taken in every Precinct in Oklahoma will be the selection of the State and District
67 Committee people and is no distinguishing gender associated with the election of one of these
68 people. Therefore, our desire is to correct the Rules and Regulations at our State Convention.
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71 We request a change in all Rules in Section 6 and 7 and any other Rules
72 where the identification reads "Committeeman or Committeewoman to
73 be changed to **COMMITTEE PERSON**.

74 **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #4**

75 **SUBMITTED BY CIMARRON COUNTY**

76 Removing Gender Restrictions in State Committee & District Committee
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78 **Purpose:** to amend the Rules of the Oklahoma Republican Party to remove gender
79 restrictions for district committee and state committee members, and clarify additional
80 language.

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82 **Reasons:**

- 83 1. The Oklahoma Republican Party platform approved in 2015 states, "The Oklahoma
84 Republican Party believes in equal rights and opportunities for all. Therefore, we believe
85 'affirmative action' is more harmful than beneficial."
- 86 2. The Republican National Committee platform approved in 2016 states "Merit and hard
87 work should determine advancement in our society, so we reject unfair preferences,
88 quotas, and set- asides as forms of discrimination."
- 89 3. The Republican Party has always stood for electing or choosing individuals based on their
90 merit, and not by race, gender, religion, or any other distinction.
- 91 4. We should bring the Party Rules in line with the Party Platforms, and achieve maximum
92 participation in the Party at all levels.
- 93 5. In 2011, State Convention delegates overwhelmingly voted to remove gender restrictions
94 on precinct, county, district and state chairs and vice-chairs.

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96 **Rule 6(a)1**

97 Replace ~~the State Committeeman, the State Committeewoman, the Congressional District~~
98 ~~Committeeman(men) and the Congressional District Committeewoman(women)~~ with **two State**
99 **Committee members, and two Congressional District Committee members per Congressional**
100 **District within the county.**

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102 **Rule 7(a)**

103 Replace ~~the State Committeeman, the State Committeewoman, the Congressional District~~
104 ~~Committeeman(men), the Congressional District Committeewoman(women)~~ with **two State**
105 **Committee members, two Congressional District Committee members per Congressional**
106 **District within the county.**

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108 **Rule 8(a)**

109 Replace ~~the State Committeeman and the State Committeewoman~~ with **and the two State**
110 **Committee members**

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112 **Rule 9(e)**

113 Replace ~~each Congressional District Committeeman and Committeewoman~~ with **each**
114 **Congressional District Committee member**

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116 **Rule 10(a)**

117 Delete ~~(one man and one woman)~~

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119 **Rule 10(e)**
120 Replace ~~The term of office of the State Committeeman and Committeewoman~~ with **The term**
121 **of office of the State Committee members**

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123 **Rule 10(f)**
124 Replace ~~If any State Committeeman or Committeewoman shall~~ with **If any State Committee**
125 **member shall**

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127 **Rule 19(C)**
128 Replace ~~County Chair, Vice-Chair, State Committeeman or State Committeewoman~~ with **County**
129 **Chair, Vice-Chair, State Committee member**

131 **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #5**

132 **SUBMITTED BY CANADIAN COUNTY**

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134 *This amendment to the rules supports platform change number 2 above and gives the party a*
135 *structure that it can follow for examining candidates. The candidates eligible for examination by*
136 *the State Party are limited to Federal and Statewide offices in the interest of relevance and in*
137 *order to allow county organizations to examine and endorse lower-level candidates without the*
138 *concern of state party influence overriding their voices.*

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140 1. A proposed amendment to the Rules of the Oklahoma Republican Party, to be added as a
141 new rule, titled *Examining Candidates for Elected Offices*.
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143 **a. The Oklahoma Republican Party State Chairman, in the interest of informing the voting**
144 **public during primary elections and special elections, shall request Republican**
145 **candidates for President of the United States of America and Oklahoma’s statewide and**
146 **federal congressional elected offices to affirm which sections of the Platform of the**
147 **Oklahoma Republican Party they support. This request shall be made to official**
148 **candidates within ten (10) business days of the filing deadline for these offices. The**
149 **deadline for candidate response is ten (10) business days from the date of the**
150 **Chairman’s request. This request and responses to it may be made in written, typed,**
151 **or electronic form. The Platform shall be made available to the candidates in the**
152 **request.**

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154 **The State Chairman shall make public the candidates’ responses, or failure to respond,**
155 **on the Oklahoma Republican Party’s website and to the press within ten (10) business**
156 **days of the request deadline. The Oklahoma statewide-elected offices are Governor,**
157 **Lieutenant Governor, Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State Treasurer,**
158 **Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Labor, Commissioner of**
159 **Insurance, and Corporation Commissioner. The Oklahoma federal congressional**
160 **election offices are United States Congressman and United States Senator.**

162 In the event that county parties conduct candidate examinations, the results of such
163 examinations shall be delivered to the State Chairman, and the Chairman shall make
164 public such results on the Oklahoma Republican Party’s website within ten (10) business
165 days of receiving the results.

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167 In the event of refusal or failure of the Oklahoma Republican Party State Chairman to
168 adhere to this rule and to discharge the obligations under this rule, any member of the
169 Oklahoma Republican Party State Committee may call the Chairman to act and may call
170 for a meeting of the State Committee to implement appropriate action. Refer to Rule
171 10.c. of the Rules of the Oklahoma Republican Party for information regarding calling a
172 meeting of the State Committee.

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174 **The purpose of this rule change is to create a simple means of judging candidate’s support of*
175 *the Oklahoma Republican Party Platform. This will aid a voter’s decision in races. The intention*
176 *of the request is to ask a candidate to initial each point of the platform with which he or she*
177 *agrees. This will provide a good measure of a candidates values. This is not an endorsement, but*
178 *a simple report of a candidate’s support of the OKGOP platform, in order to better inform voters.*

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180 *The purpose of this Motion is to amend the Rules of the Oklahoma Republican Party by adding a*
181 *new Section (i) under Rule 19., General Rules Applicable to Various Officers and Committees,*
182 *which would require candidates to disclose whether their positions on issues agree with those of*
183 *our Republican Platform.*

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185 *If this Motion is passed, the new rule proposed hereby will be submitted to the 2017 Oklahoma*
186 *Republican State Convention pursuant to state party Rule 20. (e) (2). It is important that this*
187 *Motion be passed and the new rule adopted because:*

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1891. *Republican Party activists are asked by candidates for their support, time, work, money and vote,*
190 *and they deserve to know sooner rather than later whether those candidates agree with the*
191 *official positions of the Party as expressed by our Platform.*
1922. *This motion does not propose a “litmus test” for candidates. They need not agree with one plank*
193 *in our Platform in order to receive the endorsement and support of our Party. They must simply*
194 *disclose where they stand on the issues.*

195 PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #6

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197 SUBMITTED BY CIMARRON COUNTY

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199 **Rule 19.(i) Disclosure of Agreement of Candidates with Our Platform:** For a Republican
200 candidate for elective office to receive the endorsement and support of the Oklahoma
201 Republican Party, he must read and mark up a copy of the current Oklahoma Republican
202 Platform, indicating his agreement or disagreement with each plank with explanation as
203 necessary, and make it available for review at the state Party office.

204 **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #7**

206 **SUBMITTED BY WOODWARD COUNTY**

208 Rule 19

210 (c) Proxies: Absent members of any County Committee, Congressional District Committee,
 211 or State Committee meeting, or any other official committee meeting, may be
 212 represented at such meeting by a written proxy designating the person who is to
 213 represent the member, except that there shall be no proxies at any convention or
 214 precinct meeting. Any person carrying a proxy ~~must possess the same residence~~
 215 ~~qualifications as the member represented, and if so,~~ shall have the same rights and
 216 privileges as ~~a~~ the voting **member represented as shown by the following: and is**
 217 **qualified in the manner shown in the following PROXY CHART:**

218 **PROXY CHART: A PROXY MAY BE GIVEN:**

FROM: or TO:	TO: or FROM:
County Chair, Vice-Chair, State Committee man or State Committeewoman Member	Any registered Republican in the same county
District Chair, Vice Chair, District Committee Member	Any registered Republican in their voting district; the same Congressional District or a county or congressional district officer on the State Committee in the county where they are registered
Elected State Representative or State Senator	Any registered Republican in their voting district the district the legislator represents.
U.S. Congressman	Any registered Republican in their Congressional District
Elected State Constitutional Officer statewide official, U.S. Senator or State Party Chairman, State Party Vice Chairman, National Committeeman or National Committeewoman	Any registered Republican in the state
Auxiliary presidents on the State Committee	Any registered Republican member of their organization in good standing

219 (d) No person shall carry more than seven (7) proxies to any meeting. Proxies shall be
220 recognized or considered valid only for the designated meeting. Any proxy may be
221 revoked at any time by the person who gave it, but a proxy may not be transferred to
222 another person by the person carrying the proxy. The use of proxies or proxy voting is
223 hereby prohibited at all precinct meetings and all conventions of the Oklahoma
224 Republican Party. Incomplete proxies shall not be valid.