

ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION REGARDING 2012 DELEGATE SELECTION

1 WHEREAS, the Illinois Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at which  
2 delegates and alternate delegates to the 2012 Republican National Nominating Convention will be elected  
3 and bound; and

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5 WHEREAS, under the Rules of The Republican Party as adopted by the 2008 Republican National  
6 Convention on September 1, 2008, and amended August 6, 2010, the Illinois Republican State Central  
7 Committee must adopt rules; procedures; policies and instructive materials governing the selection of  
8 delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention to convene in 2012; and

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10 WHEREAS, Rule No. 15 of The Republican Party, as amended, requires that delegates and alternate  
11 delegates to the National Convention shall be elected, selected, allocated, or bound on a proportional basis  
12 in accordance with any applicable laws of the State of Illinois and Rules of The Republican Party, in so  
13 far as the same are not inconsistent with the Rules of The Republican Party; and

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15 WHEREAS, the RNC Temporary Delegate Selection Committee (“TDSC”) recommended the  
16 requirement of proportional allocation of delegates and alternates after a thorough review of the Party  
17 Rules and the Presidential nominating process. The TDSC also recommended guidelines to help serve as  
18 the legislative history for this Rules change particularly related to the definition of “proportional basis,”  
19 the new requirement for states conducting their Presidential nominating process prior to April 1, 2012;  
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22 WHEREAS, the guidelines adopted by the TDSC define proportional allocation as the allocation of  
23 delegates and alternate delegates in proportion to the voting results for Presidential candidates running in  
24 the general primary election, and requires that states allocate at-large delegates and alternate delegates on  
25 a proportional basis and permits the proportional allocation of Congressional District delegates and  
26 alternate delegates based on total congressional district results; and

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28 WHEREAS, the guidelines allow states to adopt a minimum threshold of the percentage of votes received  
29 by a candidate that must be reached below which a candidate may receive no delegates, provided such  
30 threshold is no higher than twenty percent, and a minimum threshold above which a candidate may  
31 receive all the delegates, provided such threshold is no lower than fifty percent; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Illinois Election Code allows political parties to choose delegates and alternate delegates  
34 to their respective National Conventions according to one of two alternative methods of allocating  
35 delegates, and pursuant to Alternative B the selection all aspects of the selection of delegates and alternate  
36 delegates under the Illinois Election Code shall be superseded by the delegate selection rules and policies  
37 of the national political party.

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39 WHEREAS, a document which contains instructive material on delegate selection methods entitled “2012  
40 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION SELECTION PROCESS” has been  
41 prepared in cooperation with the Republican National Committee, and is available for distribution to all  
42 interested persons; and

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44 WHEREAS, true copies of the same and all applicable state statutes with the Secretary of the Republican  
45 National Committee, and

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47 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican State Central Committee determines  
48 that the selection of delegates and alternate delegates to the 2012 Republican National Nominating  
49 Convention shall be made pursuant to Alternative B of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/7-14.1)

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1 which provides that the Code shall be superseded by the delegate selection rules and policies of the  
2 Republican National Committee; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican State Central Committee hereby determines  
5 that (1) pursuant to authority granted by state law, Rules of The Republican Party, and guidance  
6 promulgated by the RNC Temporary Delegate Selection Committee, the Illinois Republican Party shall  
7 proportionally allocate congressional district delegates and alternate delegates for the 2012 Republican  
8 National Nominating Convention based upon the number of votes cast for candidates within each  
9 congressional district at the March 20, 2012 general primary election; (2) the number of delegates and  
10 alternate delegates shall be allocated to each congressional district pursuant to the formula contained in  
11 Alternative A of 10 ILCS 5/7-14.1 the calculation of which shall be performed by the State Board of  
12 Elections; (3) a minimum threshold of ~~20~~ 10 percent of the popular vote in the general primary election  
13 is hereby established to receive at-large and congressional district delegates and alternate delegates; (4) a  
14 candidate receiving more than 50 percent shall receive all available at-large and delegates in that  
15 congressional district; (4) within thirty-days of the March 20, 2012 primary, or as soon as practicable and,  
16 consistent with the Rules of The Republican Party, delegates and alternate delegates from each  
17 congressional district shall be selected by the prevailing presidential campaign, or campaigns, and  
18 certified to the Republican National Committee by the State Central Committee and in consultation with  
19 candidate(s) the Illinois Republican State Central Committee shall approve a slate of delegates and  
20 alternate delegates who will be bound to the winning candidate(s); (5) at-large and bonus delegates shall  
21 be selected by the State Convention in accordance with the Rules of the Republican Party.  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff of the Illinois Republican Party shall take all necessary steps  
24 for the distribution of the document entitled "2012 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL NOMINATING  
25 CONVENTION DELEGATES SELECTION PROCESS"; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution, the above referenced documents, and all  
28 statutes governing the selection of such delegates and alternative delegates be filed with the Secretary of  
29 the Republican National Committee; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/1A-8(14) the Illinois Republican State Central  
32 Committee respectfully directs the State Board of Elections to take such action as may be necessary or  
33 required to give effect to directions of the state central committee as may be applicable pertaining to the  
34 selection of delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Nominating Convention or  
35 notwithstanding any candidate certification schedule contained within the Election Code, the certification  
36 of the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidate selected by the established political party's national  
37 nominating convention.  
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39 Adopted this \_\_\_ day of September, 2011.  
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44 Pat Brady, Chairman  
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49 Tolbert Chisum, Secretary