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Proposed Bylaw Amendment\*

1.Composition: Elected State Committee Members: As provided by State Statutes (RSA 661:10, RSA 667:22), each County and recognized City shall have a County and City Committee comprised of the number of members apportioned to it by the State Convention of the Republican Party, and the members of each County Committee shall be elected by the Party nominees and delegates from each County and City to the State Convention as provided by such statute. Members so elected shall be designated as members of the State Committee, with voting privileges. These members of the State Committee shall also serve as members of their County and City committees. Non-Voting Members: County or City bylaws shall encourage the acceptance of additional members, however such members of the Local Committee shall not be voting members of the State Committee and are not allowed to vote for the officers of the County Committee. County or City Committees shall encourage the designation of “social,”“associate,”“county” or other similar named members to have voting privileges in all other matters which do not constitute official State Committee business. (Also see Article I Sec. 4a)

3.Caucuses: The State Chairman will also call biennial meetings of the Party nominees and elected Party delegates for the purpose of holding a caucus to elect members of the State Committee. These meetings must take place during the period beginning immediately following the biennial election and ending by December 15th. All qualified registered Republicans nominated shall be included on the ballot for consideration of election at these meetings. All voting shall be conducted by printed ballot, unless the race is uncontested. The State Chairman will be responsible for notifying all party nominees and elected Party delegates by mail at least ten days before the day of the meeting. Only members of the State Committee shall elect the County Committee officers.

Current Bylaw Language\*

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Rationale for change\*

To allow "Full Members" of City Committees recognized as "Full Members" under City Committee bylaws to elect City Committee Officers.

**Amendment 2 :**

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Proposed Bylaw Amendment\*

(3) Frequency: The Chairman shall call at least one meeting of the State Committee in April of each calendar year (each such meeting an “Annual Meeting”). The Chairman or the members of the State Committee may, in extraordinary circumstances, call a meeting of the State Committee to take place during the period between Annual Meetings in accordance with Article I, 3, A, (4) (any such meeting a “Special Meeting”).

Current Bylaw Language\*

(3) Frequency: The Chairman shall call at least one meeting of the State Committee in January of each calendar year (each such meeting an “Annual Meeting”). The Chairman or the members of the State Committee may, in extraordinary circumstances, call a meeting of the State Committee to take place during the period between Annual Meetings in accordance with Article I, 3, A, (4) (any such meeting a “Special Meeting”).

Rationale for change\*

In 2022, a blizzard and the venue’s closure precluded us from holding the meeting on the last Saturday of January. This necessitated the Chairman, Executive Director, and Credentialing Chair to gavel in the meeting at the State Headquarters and then recess the meeting to meet the bylaws. This amendment would allow us to a) avoid most New Hampshire weather events and b) provide the opportunity to hold the Annual Meeting on the same day as the Convention in even years. This would also save the party money by renting one venue rather than two during those years. This would also allow an extension of County/City Caucuses so as not to rush immediately after the election.

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(3)(a) Postponement: The Chairman may, upon notification to and consultation with the Executive Board and notice of the State Committee Membership, postpone the Annual Meeting in the event of inclement weather, unsafe conditions, or other circumstances outside the Chairman’s control. The Executive Board, at their next regularly scheduled meeting, shall set a new date for the Annual Meeting. Said meeting should occur as soon as reasonably possible. Proper notification of the new meeting date shall be provided as outlined in Article 1:4(a).

Current Bylaw Language\*

None - New Added Material

Rationale for change\*

In 2022, a blizzard and the venue’s closure precluded us from holding the meeting on the last Saturday of January. This necessitated the Chairman, Executive Director, and Credentialing Chair to gavel in the meeting at the State Headquarters and then recess the meeting. This amendment would allow us to postpone the meeting in advance to help ensure the safety of members and maximize participation in the meeting.

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3.Caucuses: The State Chairman will also call biennial meetings of the Party nominees and elected Party delegates for the purpose of holding a caucus to elect members of the State Committee. These meetings must take place during the period beginning immediately following the biennial election and ending by January 31st. All qualified registered Republicans nominated shall be included on the ballot for consideration of election at these meetings. All voting shall be conducted by printed ballot, unless the race is uncontested. The State Chairman will be responsible for notifying all party nominees and elected Party delegates by mail at least ten days before the day of the meeting. Only members of the State Committee shall elect the County and City Committee officers.

Current Bylaw Language\*

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Rationale for change\*

\*Conditional on passage of the bylaw amendment moving the date of the Annual Meeting to April. It will be withdrawn otherwise. With the moving of the Annual Meeting to April, this Bylaw Amendment will allow County and City Committees additional time to hold their caucuses and elect officers. This will also ease the burden of the Executive Director and other staff to cram multiple meetings in a very short window.

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Proposed Bylaw Amendment\*

Closed Primary

Current Bylaw Language\*

In order to receive a Republican Party ballot or to vote in any Republican Party Primary election, the person receiving the ballot shall be registered on the applicable checklist as a member of the Republican Party immediately prior to the date of any Republican Party Primary election.

Rationale for change\*

RE: RSA 659:14 " ... If the rules of a party permit a person who is registered as an undeclared voter to vote in the party's primary..." Only members of the party should be involved in electing candidates to represent the party. There are numerous situations where outside influences are organized to impact the outcome of who will be our candidates. According to Secretary of State David Scanlan "The state is responsible for conducting a party primary by statute, but the POLITICAL PARTIES DETERMINE WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THEIR PRIMARY. There **are no fees charged by the state for conducting a primary for a political party." (emphasis is mine)**

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Proposed Bylaw Amendment\*

Update '2/3rds' to 'majority' in section III where we need to fill a vaccant National Committee Man or Women

Current Bylaw Language\*

ARTICLE III: The National Committeeman and Committeewoman The National Committeeman and Committeewoman shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of the State Committee at the Republican State Committee meeting immediately preceding the Republican National Convention and serve a four year term from the adjournment of the National Convention until the adjournment of the following National Convention. Candidates shall be registered Republicans, but need not be State Committee members, to be eligible. In the event of a vacancy of a National Committeeman or Committeewoman, the State Chairman shall appoint, subject to a two-thirds approval by the Executive Committee, a replacement to serve until the end of the term or until the next meeting of the State Committee, whichever is sooner. Any National Committeeman or Committeewoman may be removed at any time by two-thirds of the members of the State Committee or by two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee. No vote to remove any National Committeeman or Committeewoman shall be valid unless each member is notified of the proposed action by mail, at least five days before the vote is taken. (Amended language below with the change in all caps) ARTICLE III: The National Committeeman and Committeewoman The National Committeeman and Committeewoman shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of the State Committee at the Republican State Committee meeting immediately preceding the Republican National Convention and serve a four year term from the adjournment of the National Convention until the adjournment of the following National Convention. Candidates shall be registered Republicans, but need not be State Committee members, to be eligible. In the event of a vacancy of a National Committeeman or Committeewoman, the State Chairman shall appoint, subject to a MAJORITY approval by the Executive Committee, a replacement to serve until the end of the term or until the next meeting of the State Committee, whichever is sooner. Any National Committeeman or Committeewoman may be removed at any time by two-thirds of the members of the State Committee or by two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee. No vote to remove any National Committeeman or Committeewoman shall be valid unless each member is notified of the proposed action by mail, at least five days before the vote is taken.

Rationale for change\*

This year we have as one candidate for Chair our national committee man. If Mr. Ager wins, we will need to appoint a replacement. Achieving a 2/3rds vote for the remainder of the term could be difficult and we need to have someone in that role to protect the first in the nation status. If there is more than one candidate, there would need to be multiple rounds until a 50% + 1 vote in favor of the nominee took place. I have seen non-profits unable to fill vacant board seats because of these super majority thresholds. The balance of section III should remain unchanged.

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Proposed Bylaw Amendment\*

Article 1, Sec 4 (b) "Call by Petition: The Chairman shall call a Special Meeting within within ten days of receipt of a petition for such a meeting signed by more than fifty individual members of the State Committee or ten members of the State Executive Committee. To be valid, any such petition must (i) be printed on paper and bear the original signature of each signatory in ink followed by the printed name of the signatory and (ii) specify the purpose of the meeting and set forth the specific language of the motion, resolution, or other action that the petitioners will present at the Special Meeting. Unless the Chairman's notice of a petitioned Special Meeting explicitly states otherwise, the business of any such meeting shall be limited to credentialing the members, adoption of proposed rules for the Special Meeting, and the consideration of the motion, resolution, or other action as stated in the petition. The Chairman shall provide notice of any such meeting in accordance with preceding subsection (a).

Current Bylaw Language\*

Article 1, Sec 4 (b) Call by Petition: The Chairman shall call a Special Meeting within within ten days of receipt of a petition for such a meeting signed by more than half the members of the State Committee. To be valid, any such petition must (i) be printed on paper and bear the original signature of each signatory in ink followed by the printed name of the signatory and (ii) specify the purpose of the meeting and set forth the specific language of the motion, resolution, or other action that the petitioners will present at the Special Meeting. Unless the Chairman's notice of a petitioned Special Meeting explicitly states otherwise, the business of any such meeting shall be limited to credentialing the members, adoption of proposed rules for the Special Meeting, and the consideration of the motion, resolution, or other action as stated in the petition. The Chairman shall provide notice of any such meeting in accordance with preceding subsection (a).

Rationale for change\*

The threshold change of how many members it takes to call a Special Meeting and or the addition of allowing executive committee members to call a meeting is much more reasonable standard than the current 50% plus 1 standard in the current bylaws. The concern is if a matter is important enough to call a Special Meeting it likely also a timely matter. To collect more than half the state committee members hand signed signatures would be burdensome and nearly impossible to do in a timely manner. Such a delay could cause a critical issue not to be addressed because the matter would have become stale in nature. The addition of ten executive committee members being able to call special full member meeting allows Simply it is a reasonable prudent threshold change that empowers the state members to redress potential critical and timely issues.

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Proposed Bylaw Amendment\*

Article IV (Paragraph 2) The Executive Committee shall meet at least six times per year, at the call of the State Chairman or upon the call of at least 1/4 of thereof....(Paragraph 5) Meetings of the Executive Committee ma be called by the Chairman on his or her own initiative, and shall also be called by him or her upon the written request of at least 1/4 of the members of the Executive Committee...

Current Bylaw Language\*

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Rationale for change\*

The slightly lower threshold is a more reasonable threshold than the current one-third.