Missouri Republican State Committee
2020 Call to Convention

SELECTION OF DELEGATES & ALTERNATES TO THE
2020 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

All Missouri Republicans are cordially invited to participate in selecting Missouri’s delegates and alternate delegates to the 2020 Republican National Convention that is to be held August 24-27 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Delegates shall be allocated according to the method adopted by the Missouri Republican State Committee on September 14, 2019, and contained herein.

MISSOURI REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

Pursuant to the Rules of the Republican National Committee, a State Convention of the Missouri Republican Party is called for Friday, June 19, 2020, and Saturday, June 20, 2020, in St. Charles, Missouri, unless otherwise designated by the State Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee.

The first convention session will convene at 9 a.m., on Saturday, June 20, 2020. The session will be devoted to electing convention officers, appointing committees, considering reports from the Rules and Credentials Committees, introducing candidates for certain offices in Missouri, and the presentation of a keynote address. This session will also convene for the following purposes:

1. Electing 27 delegates at-large to the 2020 Republican National Convention, scheduled for August 24 through August 27, 2020;
2. Electing 27 alternates-at-large to the 2020 Republican National Convention, and specifying the method by which alternates will be designated to serve;
3. Pledging all delegates and alternates to support a presidential primary candidate in accordance with the Rules Governing Caucus and Convention Participation for the Republican Presidential nomination at the Republican National Convention;
4. Selecting two Presidential Electors at-large to be voted on in the 2020 General Election;
5. Ratifying the selection of one Presidential Elector previously elected at each of the eight Congressional District Conventions.
6. Electing a man and a woman to serve as members of the Republican National Committee from the state of Missouri;
7. Transacting any other business that may properly come before the convention.

The second session will be at 2 p.m., on Saturday, June 20, 2020. This session will be devoted to completing any business unfinished from the morning session and the discussion and adoption of a platform declaring our Party’s principles and positions on various state and national issues.

If any of the foregoing arrangements are not feasible, this schedule may be amended by the Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee.
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SELECTION OF THE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

In each Congressional District of the State of Missouri, a Congressional District Convention shall be held on Saturday, May 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., unless otherwise designated by the State Chairman, for the purpose of:

(1) Electing three (3) delegates to the 2020 Republican National Convention;
(2) Electing three (3) alternates to the 2020 Republican National Convention and specifying the method by which alternates will be designated to serve;
(3) Pledging all delegates and alternates to support a presidential primary candidate in accordance with the Rules Governing Caucus and Convention Participation for the Republican Presidential nomination at the Republican National Convention;
(4) Nominating a Presidential Elector to be voted for at the General Election to be held on November 3, 2020;
(5) Considering the draft of a State Platform and voting on proposed changes, additions and deletions recommended by local caucuses. Recommended State Platform amendments must be forwarded to the State Chairman within 48 hours of the meeting’s adjournment. Any changes not so forwarded shall be deemed null and void.

Congressional District Conventions shall elect delegates and alternates by slate. Only full and complete slates of both Delegates and Alternates composed entirely of registered voters residing in the Congressional District will be considered. To be considered full, the name, address, city, and ZIP code of each proposed delegate or alternate must be provided. Nominated slates found to be in proper order shall be presented to the caucus body for a vote. If a slate receives a majority of votes cast, that slate shall be elected. If no slate receives a majority of votes cast, the Congressional District Chairman shall place before the convention the two slates that received the most votes. The slate receiving the most votes in the second round of voting shall be elected.

Notice of each Congressional District Convention shall be published on the state party website (www.mogop.org) not less than 15 days prior to the date of the convention in accordance with the provisions of Rule 16(e)(3) of the Republican National Committee.

It is the responsibility of each Congressional District Republican Committee and its Chairman to call the Congressional District Convention. The Chairman of each Congressional District Republican Committee shall notify the Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee not less than 20 days prior to the date of said convention of the time and location of the Congressional District Convention. Notice shall be sent to the State Chairman at the Missouri Republican Party headquarters in Jefferson City.

PROCEDURES FOR CALLING LOCAL CAUCUSES

Each Republican county committee and its chairman, and the St. Louis City Committee and its chairman, shall be responsible for conducting the delegate and alternate selection process within its jurisdiction.

The delegates and alternate delegates to the State Convention and to the Congressional District Conventions shall be elected at local caucuses in accordance with the rules prescribed herein, and
from such counties, cities, wards and areas as shall be prescribed by the county or city Republican committees. Hereafter, we refer to county, ward, township and other area meetings for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to the Congressional District Conventions and State Convention by the term “Local Caucuses” and to each of the areas themselves as a “Local Caucus Area.”

Each such local caucus area and its delegate and alternate allotment must be clearly designated in the local caucus area’s notice of the local caucus.

If delegates are to be elected at other than countywide or citywide caucuses, the county or city committee must submit a plan for approval by the Missouri Republican State Committee at or before its meeting in February 2020. Each local caucus area must have cast a minimum of 600 votes for the Republican nominee for President in the 2016 General Election.

Notice of each local caucus shall be published on the state party website (www.mogop.org) not less than 15 days prior to the date of local caucus in accordance with the provisions of Rule 16(e)(3) of the Republican National Committee. Local caucuses may publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the local caucus area.

It is the responsibility of each county or city committee and its Chairman to call the local caucus. If a county committee does not exist in a county or city, or if the county or city committee makes it clear that they do not intend to call a local caucus, the State Chairman shall appoint a designee to call a local caucus. The Chairman of each county or city committee, or the State Chairman’s designee, shall notify the Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee not less than 20 days prior to the local caucus of the time and location of the local caucus. Notice shall be sent to the State Chairman at the Missouri Republican Party headquarters in Jefferson City.

If any county or city Republican committee fails to call, hold, or advise the State Chairman of the date, time and location of the local caucus, the State Chairman or the State Chairman’s designee may call such meeting on 15 days notice.

Unless otherwise designated or approved by the State Chairman, all local caucuses in any county and in the city of St. Louis shall be held on Saturday, April 4, 2020, at 10 a.m. They shall be free and open and held in a suitable place. Only residents who are eligible to vote in the local caucus area during the presidential preference primary on March 10, 2020, shall be allowed to vote at the local caucus. Residents must show a photo identification to be allowed to vote at the local caucus. Any person or group of persons who present or file a list of candidates, delegates or alternates to be voted on at any local caucus shall, upon request, be permitted to name at least one teller to assist in supervising the casting and counting of votes.

The rules for each local caucus shall be as follows:

**Credentials Committee**
There shall be a credentials committee to judge the qualifications of all Caucus voters. The Credentials Committee shall be appointed by March 27, 2020.

**Rules of Order**
The Rules of the Caucus, as established by the Call to Convention, the Missouri Republican State Committee, the Republican National Convention, and Roberts Rules of
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Order, Newly Revised, when not in conflict with aforementioned rules, shall govern the Caucus. No rules substitutions will be allowed.

Voting
Each eligible caucus voter is entitled to one vote. Proxies are not allowed. In local caucus areas with split congressional districts, participants shall vote for the respective delegates and alternates only in the congressional districts where they reside.

Time Limits
Unless otherwise specified, any speech on any question or nomination shall be limited to a period of three minutes. A second is not needed for nomination and no seconding speech will be allowed. Debate on any proposition shall be limited to a total of six minutes, divided equally by those supporting and opposing the proposition.

Recording Devices
Caucus attendees may record any proceeding of the caucus in writing, audio recording, or video recording, provided it is done in a respectful manner. If space allows, media will be allowed to attend, observe, and record the caucus proceedings.

Agenda

1. Call to Order. The Central Committee Chair or the Chair’s designee shall serve as the Temporary Chair. He/She may briefly welcome and provide introductory information about the Caucus (including recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation).

2. Reading of portions of the Call to Convention. A temporary Secretary may read pertinent sections of the Missouri Republican State Committee’s 2020 Call to Convention.

3. Certification of list of qualified voters. The Credentials Committee shall report to the Secretary those individuals present and qualified to vote at the Caucus. The Chair shall announce the number of qualified voters.

4. Election of Caucus Chair. The Temporary Chair shall conduct an election of a Caucus Chair who will immediately assume the chair. After the Chair declares the vote outcome, if no more than five voters rise to request a division of the vote, the Chair’s decision is final. The Chair may appoint such other officers, as is necessary.

5. Election of Caucus Secretary. The Caucus Chair shall conduct an election of a Caucus Secretary.

6. Election of Delegates and Alternates. Elections shall take place to determine Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District Convention(s) and Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention.

Local caucus areas with 10 or more delegates shall elect delegates and alternates by slate. Only slates of both Delegates and Alternates composed entirely of registered voters residing within the county of the local caucus will be considered. The name, address, city, and ZIP code of each proposed delegate or alternate must be provided. No person shall appear on more than one slate. Nominated slates found to be in proper order shall be
presented to the caucus body for a vote, and all names on each nominated slate shall be read by the caucus secretary prior to voting.

If a slate receives a majority of votes cast, that slate shall be elected. If no slate receives a majority of votes cast, the Caucus Chairman shall place before the caucus the two slates that received the most votes. The slate receiving the most votes in the second round of voting shall be elected.

Local caucus areas with fewer than 10 delegates may elect delegates and alternates by slate or individually. If an individual receives a majority of votes cast, that individual shall be elected.

Delegates to the Congressional District Conventions may serve only from the Congressional District in which they are registered to vote.

No person shall be nominated or listed on any slate without his or her prior approval. A person does not have to be present to be nominated or listed on a slate.

7. Platform Discussion. The Caucus Chair shall ask for any additions, deletions, or changes to the Missouri Republican Party’s proposed platform. All suggested amendments must be typed or printed and include the name, signature, registered voting address, and telephone number of the person submitting the motion. Only suggestions receiving a majority vote of the caucus will be forwarded to the Missouri Republican State Committee’s Platform Committee and the Congressional District Convention(s) of the local caucus area.

8. Adjournment.

Procedures for Seating Alternate Delegates
In the event a delegate cannot attend the convention to which they have been elected, an alternate delegate shall be seated in their place. Alternates shall be seated in the order in which they appear on the elected slate or were elected individually.

The local caucus must forward to the State Chairman within 72 hours of the adjournment of the local caucus any additions or changes to the proposed Platform. Any change not so forwarded shall be deemed null and void.

**Allocation of Delegates and Alternates**

Accompanying this Call is the “Document of Allocation of Votes to Each Congressional District Convention and State Convention”. It is prepared on the basis of one delegate and alternate to the Congressional District Convention and State Convention for each 1,000 votes cast for the Republican Presidential Nominee in 2016. When calculating countywide delegate totals, any number representing a fraction shall be increased to the next whole number. No county shall have fewer than 2 delegates and alternates. Within each area named in the Document of Allocation, the committee calling a given caucus or convention must allot the given number of delegates and alternates to subordinate areas. At all times the committee shall adhere to the principles of open participation, equal representation, and full public notice.
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Audrain, Camden, Clay, Jackson, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis, and Webster Counties shall apportion their delegates and alternates to appropriate local jurisdictions and shall also apportion said delegates and alternates to the appropriate Congressional Districts because these jurisdictions are represented by multiple Congressional Districts.

Any questions about the accuracy of this allocation shall be settled by the Missouri Republican State Committee at its February 2020 meeting.

The State Convention, each Congressional District Convention, and each local caucus shall be the sole judge of the qualifications and election of its own members. A member thereof whose participation has been certified and is contested shall take and hold their seats until the contest is determined, but shall have no vote in the contest. All contests of district delegates and alternates to the 2020 Republican National Convention shall be determined at the State Convention pursuant to Rule 21 of the Republican National Committee.

Contest of Delegates and Alternates

No contest shall be considered unless it meets the following conditions:

(1) If contesting a delegate to the State Convention, the challenge must be filed in writing and must be physically in the office of the Missouri Republican State Committee not later than 5 p.m., on April 17, 2020. Challenges may be mailed or hand delivered to the Missouri Republican Party headquarters in Jefferson City. Such challenges shall be settled at the State Convention.

If contesting a delegate to a Congressional District Convention, the challenge must be filed in writing with the congressional district chairman not later than 5 p.m., on April 17, 2020. A copy must also be physically in the office of Missouri Republican State Committee not later than April 17, 2020. Challenges may be mailed or hand delivered to the Missouri Republican Party headquarters in Jefferson City. Such challenges shall be settled at the Congressional District Convention.

(2) Each contest must be in writing. It must request a specific action by the appropriate Credentials Committee: who by name and address should be seated, and who by name and address should be denied seating. The challenge must state reasons for action to be taken and must be supported by evidence or testimony.

A State Convention Credentials Committee of 11 members is hereby authorized. The committee shall consist of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee, one person from each Congressional District to be appointed by the State Chairman, and one at large person to be appointed by the State Chairman. The Credentials Committee will prepare for the State Convention a temporary roll of delegates and alternates, and recommend action on any challenges submitted in proper form. The temporary roll will include all names of delegates and alternates certified to the State Chairman by the secretaries of the various local caucuses except those whose credentials are contested in the above specified form.
The Credentials Committee shall meet at a time and date to be determined by the State Chairman, to determine which challenges, if any, have been submitted in proper form. The Credentials Committee shall notify all challengers who have not fulfilled the above requirements and explain that the delegates they contested will appear on the convention floor. For each challenge in proper form, the Credentials Committee shall notify those persons whose credentials are questioned that their certification has been contested and when they may appear before the Credentials Committee to answer allegations, at the address listed on the affidavit of election or affidavit of contest, whichever is appropriate. Such letters must be mailed by 5 p.m. on April 24, 2020.

This Credentials Committee will be the official Credentials Committee of the 2020 Missouri Republican State Convention, and will have full authority before that convention unless countermanded by a vote of the Missouri Republican State Committee. All other recommendations are subject to approval by assembled delegates of the State Convention.

**REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE MEETING**

At the discretion of the State Chairman, a meeting of the Missouri Republican State Committee may be called by the Chairman to meet at the State Convention, to transact proper and necessary business.

**RULES GOVERNING CAUCUS & CONVENTION PARTICIPATION**

Only strong and faithful Republican voters, residing and registered to vote in the district involved, shall be allowed to participate in any caucus or convention. Only Republicans who are registered voters residing in the district of their election shall be elected as delegates or alternates. No delegate shall cast a fractional vote.

The names and counties of all delegates and alternate delegates elected at the county caucuses will be made available to the public and media upon request.

In accordance with Rule 16(e)(6) of the Republican National Committee, there shall be no proxies at any convention for the purpose of selecting delegates or alternates to the 2020 Republican National Convention.

Participation in any Republican caucus or convention, held for the purpose of selecting any of the delegates or alternates above called for, shall in no way be abridged for reasons of sex, race, religion, color, age or national origin.

In keeping with the open-door policy, party leaders are urged to fully inform all citizens how they may participate in the delegate and alternate selection procedures. Within this framework and allowing for the size of the delegation and prior voting pattern, each unit should strive to apportion representation by sex, youth, minority and heritage groups, and senior citizens as fairly as possible.

In the event that a candidate receives a majority of votes cast in the 2020 Missouri Republican Presidential Preference Primary, all delegates and alternates to the 2020 Republican National Convention will be bound through the first round of balloting to support the winner of the 2020 Missouri Republican Presidential Preference Primary unless that candidate releases his or her delegates, dies, withdraws or becomes inactive. For the purposes of this document, votes cast for
any candidate who releases his or her delegates, dies, withdraws or becomes inactive prior to the 2020 Missouri Presidential Preference Primary will not be included in the calculation of the majority vote.

In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the 2020 Missouri Republican Presidential Preference Primary, delegates and alternates will be allocated in the following manner:

The winner of a plurality of the votes cast within each Congressional District shall be entitled to that Congressional District’s three (3) delegates and three (3) alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention to be elected at the Congressional District Convention pursuant to these Rules. These delegates will be bound through the first round of balloting unless the candidate releases his or her delegates, dies, withdraws or becomes inactive.

In the event that the election authority in Audrain, Camden, Clay, Jackson, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis, and/or Webster Counties fails to report the Missouri Republican Presidential Preference Primary results by congressional district, candidate vote totals in the county or counties failing to report will be allocated to each congressional district based on the percentage of registered voters residing in each congressional district on July 31, 2019. Those allocations are as follows:

**Audrain**
- Congressional District 4: 79.8%
- Congressional District 6: 20.2%

**Camden**
- Congressional District 3: 61.8%
- Congressional District 4: 38.2%

**Clay**
- Congressional District 5: 30.5%
- Congressional District 6: 69.5%

**Jackson**
- Congressional District 5: 76.3%
- Congressional District 6: 23.7%

**Jefferson**
- Congressional District 2: 19.2%
- Congressional District 3: 52.9%
Congressional District 8: 27.8%

*St. Charles*
Congressional District 2: 36.6%
Congressional District 3: 63.4%

*St. Louis*
Congressional District 1: 39.4%
Congressional District 2: 60.6%

*Webster*
Congressional District 4: 76.4%
Congressional District 7: 23.6%

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF CAUCUS & CONVENTION OFFICERS**

Each caucus or convention shall elect a Chairman, a Secretary, and such other officers as it deems necessary. The Chairman shall preside over the meeting, casting a vote only in the case of a tie. The Secretary shall keep careful minutes of the proceeding.

Within 72 hours following adjournment of the local caucus, the Chairman and Secretary of each local caucus shall file a copy of the following documents with the State Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee at the Missouri Republican Party headquarters in Jefferson City:

1. A signed set of minutes for the meeting;
2. A list signed by the Caucus Chairman and Caucus Secretary of delegates and alternates elected to the 2020 Congressional District Convention, including names and addresses;
3. A list signed by the Caucus Chairman and Caucus Secretary of delegates and alternates elected to the 2020 Republican State Convention, including names and addresses;
4. A list signed by the Caucus Chairman and Caucus Secretary of all Republicans attending the local caucus meeting, including names and addresses;

Technical changes to the list of delegates and alternates may be made by the Caucus Chairman up to 5 days after the submission of the list to the Missouri Republican Party. Technical changes are defined as corrections to the address, city, and ZIP code of delegates and alternates. Any change that fundamentally alters the outcome of the caucus election is not permitted.

It is strongly encouraged that, in addition to the above-required documentation, the local caucus Chairman or Secretary email a spreadsheet listing the names and addresses of the Congressional District delegates and alternates and the State Convention delegates and alternates to the Missouri Republican Party at mail@mogop.org.

In addition, the Chairman and Secretary of each local caucus shall file a copy of the following documents with the Chairman of the Congressional District Republican Committee:

1. A signed set of minutes for the meeting;
2. A list signed by the Caucus Chairman and Caucus Secretary of delegates and alternates elected to the 2020 Republican Congressional District Convention, including names and addresses;
Upon adjournment of each Congressional District Convention, the Convention Chairman and Secretary must, within 72 hours, mail or deliver by hand to the office of the Missouri Republican State Committee at the Missouri Republican Party headquarters in Jefferson City:

1. A signed set of minutes for the meeting;
2. A list of delegates and alternates elected to the 2020 Republican National Convention, including their names and addresses;
3. The name and address of the chosen Presidential Elector.

**RULES AND PLATFORM COMMITTEE**

The State Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee shall appoint a Rules Committee of 11 individuals. The Rules Committee is directed to meet at a time and place to be determined by the State Chairman to review the “Standing Rules to Govern the State Convention” and recommend changes to the State Committee. The committee must submit these rules for approval by the Missouri Republican State Committee at its meeting in September 2019.

The State Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee shall appoint a Platform Committee of 11 individuals. The Platform Committee is directed to prepare a draft platform not later than Friday, February 14, 2020. This draft will be distributed to each County or City Chairman for discussion at each local caucus and to each Congressional District Chairman for discussion at each Congressional District Convention. The Platform Committee will consider amendments and submit its recommendations for a vote of the delegates present at the 2020 Missouri Republican State Convention.