

**All Delegates Elected in Primary - Alternates Elected by AREC  
2016 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Republican Party of Alabama acting by and through the Alabama Republican Executive Committee, as follows:

1. The Republican Party of Alabama hereby elects and states its intention to hold a presidential preference primary pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 17 of the 1975 Code of Alabama, as amended, and prescribes the method by which electors in said primary are to indicate their preferences, the method by which delegates and alternate delegates are to be selected, elected, chosen, and replaced, and the pledge by which delegates and alternates are to be bound.

2. The Republican presidential preference primary in Alabama shall be held Tuesday, March 1, 2016. In order to qualify the name of a person to appear on the ballot as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of President of the United States, a petition or petitions in support of such person's candidacy must be filed with the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee or his or her authorized representative, not earlier than October 5, 2015 at 8:30 a.m., and not later than November 6, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Such petition or petitions shall comply with the election laws of the State of Alabama applicable thereto and shall be in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A to this resolution. No candidate shall be allowed to have his or her name placed on the ballot at such presidential preference primary unless at the time of filing such petition or petitions there shall be paid to the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee a qualifying fee in the amount of \$10,000.00.

3. Persons desiring to be elected as delegates to the 2016 Republican National Convention must file with the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee or his or her authorized representative, not earlier than October 5, 2015 at 8:30 a.m., and not later than November 6, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., a declaration of candidacy in substantially the form attached as Exhibit B to this resolution and shall pay to the Alabama Republican Executive Committee a qualifying fee in the amount of \$150.00. As a part of such declaration of candidacy, each delegate candidate shall state the name of the Republican Presidential candidate to whom such delegate candidate is pledged, or, in the absence of such a pledge, that the delegate candidate is uncommitted. Each delegate candidate must specify whether he or she is a candidate from a congressional district or from the State at Large, and each candidate must designate the delegate place number to which he or she desires election. No person may qualify as a candidate for a delegate position from both a congressional district and the State at Large. Candidates for delegate from a congressional district must be qualified electors of the district, and candidates for delegate from the State at Large must be qualified electors of the State. In order for a delegate candidate to be eligible to appear on the primary election ballot, his or her declaration of

candidacy must include either the statement that the candidate is uncommitted to any Republican presidential candidate or a pledge of support to a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of President of the United States whose name is entitled or becomes entitled to appear on the Republican Presidential Preference Primary ballot pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Resolution. No person may be a candidate for more than one delegate position, and no person may submit a pledge other than in support of one presidential candidate. Any person filing a declaration of candidacy pledging support for a presidential candidate who fails to qualify pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Resolution or who withdraws pursuant to § 17-13-104 of the Code of Alabama may either withdraw as a delegate candidate and receive a refund of the qualifying fee paid or become an uncommitted delegate candidate for the same delegate position.

4. There shall be space on the ballot of the Republican presidential preference primary, to be headed "Candidate of the Republican Party for President of the United States." Underneath this heading there shall appear the words: "I hereby declare my preference for candidate for the office of President of the United States and for delegates pledged to such candidate to be as follows." Below these words, there shall be printed the names of the presidential candidates in alphabetical order of their surnames and a heading designated "uncommitted," and thereafter in the appropriate column by delegate place number the names of persons who are pledged to support each such presidential candidate or who are uncommitted and who have duly qualified for election to each such delegate position. The ballot shall not include the names of persons who qualify without opposition as delegate candidates. Such persons shall be certified as delegates in the event the results of the presidential preference primary are such as to entitle uncommitted delegates or a presidential candidate to the delegate positions for which such persons qualified under paragraph 3 of this resolution.

5. Pursuant to the Rules adopted by the 2012 Republican National Convention and subsequently amended, there shall be twenty-six delegates to the 2016 Republican National Convention from the State at Large and three delegates from each of the State's seven congressional districts. In casting a vote for a candidate of the Republican Party for President of the United States, each elector shall vote for such candidate or shall vote uncommitted, and each elector may also vote for delegates who are pledged or unpledged in accordance with that elector's presidential preference. An elector may not vote for a presidential candidate or vote uncommitted and also vote for delegates pledged differently. Pursuant to the Rules adopted by the 2012 Republican National Convention and subsequently amended, three additional delegate positions are designated for the three members of the Republican National Committee from each state. The provisions of this resolution do not apply to these three delegate positions.

6. All delegates from the State at Large shall be awarded to a presidential candidate who receives a majority of the votes in the Republican presidential preference primary election in the state. If no presidential candidate receives a majority of the votes in the state, then the

allocation shall be as follows: Based on the relationship that the number of votes received by each presidential candidate bears to the total number of votes cast for candidates receiving at least 20 percent of the vote cast in the Republican presidential primary election in the entire State, the Steering Committee of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee shall apportion pro rata the number of delegates from the State at Large each of the presidential candidates is entitled to receive rounded to the nearest whole number; provided that a presidential candidate must receive at least 20 percent of the total vote cast in the State in the Republican presidential preference primary election in order to be entitled to any of the twenty-six State at Large delegates. Uncommitted delegate positions shall be similarly awarded, and committed and uncommitted delegate positions in the State at Large and in each congressional district shall be awarded by counting uncommitted presidential votes as if they were cast for a single, duly qualified presidential candidate. All delegates from each congressional district shall be awarded to a presidential candidate who receives a majority of the votes in the Republican presidential preference primary election in that district. If no presidential candidate receives a majority of the votes in a congressional district, then the presidential candidate who receives the most votes in that congressional district shall receive two (2) delegates and the presidential candidate who receives the second most votes in that congressional district shall receive one (1) delegate, provided that a presidential candidate must receive at least 20 percent of the total vote cast in the district in the Republican presidential primary election in order to be entitled to any of the three delegates from that district. If only one presidential candidate receives 20 percent or more of such total vote in the district, such presidential candidate shall be awarded all of the delegates from that district.

In the event no presidential candidate receives at least 20% of the total vote cast in the state at large, then based on the relationship the number of votes received by each presidential candidate bears to the total number of votes cast in the Republican presidential primary election in the entire state, the Steering Committee of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee shall apportion pro rata the number of delegates from the state at large each of the presidential candidates is entitled to receive rounded to the nearest whole number. In the event no presidential candidate receives at least 20% of the total vote cast in the Republican presidential preference primary election in a congressional district, then based on the relationship the number of votes received by each presidential candidate bears to the total number of votes cast in the Republican presidential primary election in that district, the Steering Committee of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee shall apportion pro rata the number of delegates from such congressional district each of the presidential candidates is entitled to receive rounded to the nearest whole number.

7. In the event the pro rata apportionment of delegates leaves one or more delegates unassigned by process of mathematical distribution, then any such delegate or delegates shall be authorized for the candidate with the largest portion of the vote in the State in said Republican

presidential preference primary. In the event pro rata apportionment entitles candidates by process of mathematical distribution to more delegates than authorized hereunder pursuant to the Rules adopted by the 2012 Republican National Convention and subsequently amended, then the number of delegates authorized for the candidate receiving the least number of votes in the State, among those otherwise entitled to delegates, shall be decreased to the extent necessary to conform to the number of authorized delegate positions. Uncommitted delegate positions shall be similarly allocated by counting uncommitted votes as if they were cast for a single, duly qualified presidential candidate.

8. After determining the number and geographic distribution of delegate positions to which each candidate is entitled or to which uncommitted delegates are entitled, the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee shall so notify each candidate and specify the number of delegates and alternate delegates authorized as uncommitted or for each candidate from the State at Large and from each congressional district. One uncommitted alternate delegate shall be authorized for each uncommitted delegate and one alternate delegate for each delegate shall be authorized for each candidate entitled to delegates. The delegate and alternate delegate positions so certified by the Chairman shall be allocated among the presidential candidates or as uncommitted in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of this resolution.

The Chairman shall certify pledged delegates to the 2016 Republican National Convention from each congressional district and from the State at Large from among those persons who were pledged to each presidential candidate entitled to delegates and who were unopposed or who received the largest number of votes cast for each delegate position. Delegate positions for each presidential candidate shall be filled by unopposed delegate candidates and the recipients of the most votes for each place number in ascending order of place number for which they qualified under paragraph 3 of this resolution, until all delegate position for that presidential candidate in the appropriate district and the state at large are filled. Place numbers shall then be assigned to persons elected as delegates in the order of number of votes received by the presidential candidate to whom such delegates are pledged, and among each presidential candidate's delegates, in ascending order of place number for which each delegate qualified as a candidate. Uncommitted delegate positions shall be certified similarly.

Alternate delegates from the State at Large shall be elected by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee. Alternate delegates from each congressional district shall be elected by the members of the Congressional District Committee for that district. No alternate delegate position shall be deemed filled unless the person so elected (a) completes a pledge of support for the presidential candidate, if any, entitled to the alternate delegate position to which such person is elected and (b) pays to the Alabama Republican Executive Committee the \$150.00 qualifying fee required of delegate candidates.

There shall be no Alternate Delegates for the three members of the Republican National Committee.

9. No person named as a delegate or alternate delegate pledged to a person as the Republican nominee for President of the United States shall cast a contrary vote at such convention unless first released by (a) public statement or in writing by such presidential candidate or (b) two-thirds vote of all members of the Alabama Delegation to the 2016 Republican National Convention similarly pledged; and the vote of any person who attempts to violate the provisions hereof shall not be allowed, but such vote may instead be cast for the person to whom such delegate or alternate delegate is pledged either by the Chairman of the Alabama Delegation to the 2016 Republican National Convention or by the Secretary of such Convention.

10. Any vacancy in a delegate position shall be filled by his or her alternate delegate. Any vacancy in a delegate position for which there is no alternate or any vacancy among alternate delegates shall be filled with a person legally qualified to hold the position by majority vote of the remaining delegates and alternate delegates similarly pledged. If there are then no such remaining delegates or alternate delegates, any such vacancy shall be filled by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee. No vacancy shall be deemed filled until completion of the pledge required for the delegate or alternate delegate position in which the vacancy has occurred. We, the undersigned, who by our signatures affirm under penalty of perjury are qualified electors of (the State of Alabama) (the \_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District of the State of Alabama), support the candidacy of (name of candidate) for the Republican nomination for the office of President of the United States and petition the Republican Party of Alabama to cause such candidate's name to appear on the ballot in the 2016 Republican Presidential Preference Primary in the State of Alabama:

	Name	County of Residence
1.	(signature)	(name of county)
2.		
3.		

(Note: Either 500 signatures required from the State, or 50 signatures from each of the seven congressional districts, in which case there shall be separate petitions for each congressional district).

EXHIBIT "A"

STATE OF ALABAMA     )  
  )  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY )

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

I hereby declare that I am a candidate for the office of delegate to the 2016 Republican National Convention from the (State at Large) (\_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District) of the State of Alabama, Place No. \_\_\_\_.\*

I certify that (1) I possess the qualifications fixed by law for said office and will in no way be disqualified from holding the same, and (2) I am a Republican and am in accord with, and endorse, the principles and policies of the Republican Party.

(I pledge my support and vote to \_\_\_\_\_ for the Republican nomination for the office of President of the United States at the 2016 Republican National Convention, and agree to be bound and abide by the laws of the State of Alabama and the rules of the Republican Party of Alabama with respect to such pledge.) (I am uncommitted to any candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of President of the United States.)

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

WITNESS:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Candidate)

\_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE Address (no post office boxes)

\_\_\_\_\_

City

\_\_\_\_\_

Zip

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone

\_\_\_\_\_

(Type or print name as you wish it to appear on ballot – no titles)

\*Candidates must run for either the State-at-Large or a Congressional District, not both.

EXHIBIT "B"