

2016 PRIMARY RESOLUTION

August 22, 2015

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 accepts and comes under the primary election laws of the State of Alabama.

2. Each person desiring to be elected in the March 1, 2016, Primary Election as nominee of the Republican Party for public office other than for county office as defined in Section 17-13-5 of the Code of Alabama of 1975 must file with the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee or his or her authorized representative not earlier than 8:30 a.m. on October 5, 2015, and not later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 6, 2015, a declaration of candidacy in substantially the form attached and incorporated by reference as **Exhibit "A"** hereto and simultaneously therewith pay the following qualification fee:

2% of the annual salary applicable to the office of circuit judge, district judge, circuit clerk, and district attorney, paid by separate checks one half to the Alabama Republican Executive Committee and one half to the County Republican Executive Committee or Committees of the county or counties served by the office, further separated in the case of more than one county based on county population according to the most recent decennial census;

2% of the annual salary applicable to the office for any other remunerative public office which is not a county office as defined in such Section 17-13-5, paid to the Alabama Republican Executive Committee;

\$50.00 for an unremunerative office other than a county office as defined in such Section 17-13-5, paid to the Alabama Republican Executive Committee.

Persons desiring to qualify for more than one office which is to be elected or for which a nomination is to be made shall file a separate declaration of candidacy as to each such office and pay the qualifying fee prescribed for each such office. A person may not qualify for more than one public office in the event state law would prohibit holding the offices simultaneously.

In the event a candidate is unable to pay any qualification fee prescribed above, such candidate may certify inability to pay the same, and such inability shall be reviewed and its truthfulness shall be ascertained by the Candidate Committee provided for in paragraph 4 hereof. In the event such candidate's certification of inability to pay is found by the Candidate Committee to be untrue, his or her candidacy shall be disallowed.

3. Each person desiring to be elected in the March 1, 2016, Primary Election as the nominee of the Republican Party to a county office as defined in Section 17-13-5 of the Code of Alabama of 1975, as amended, must file with the chairman of the county executive committee of the applicable county (but should there not be a chairman at the time of such filing, then with the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee or his or her authorized representative) not earlier than 8:30 a.m. on October 5, 2015, and not later than 5:00 p.m. on

Friday, November 6, 2015, a declaration of candidacy in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and simultaneously therewith pay to the order of the applicable county executive committee such qualifying fee as the said county executive committee shall have established. The county executive committee for any county (or, if there be no county executive committee, then the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee) is authorized to appoint election sub-committees, to set qualifications for county office as defined in such Section 17-13-5, and to take any and all other action with regard to the primary election and general election embraced by this resolution as such county executive committee deems necessary and proper; provided, however, that (a) such appointment, setting of qualifications, and other action is not in conflict with this resolution or the laws of the state, (b) no candidate shall be required to sign any so-called loyalty oath, and (c) any qualifying fees shall be uniform within the county for the same office. To the extent that any county executive committee has decided in writing before the date of this Resolution, to accept and come under the primary election laws of the State of Alabama, and such is otherwise consistent with the terms hereof, this Committee hereby ratifies and affirms the decision. In the event any county executive committee does not decide, before October 5, 2015, to come under the primary election laws, or to refuse to come under the primary election laws, for the March 1, 2016 Primary Election, then the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee (or his or her authorized representative) shall have power to act in place of chairman of any such county executive committee and receive for filing the declaration of candidacy for persons desiring to be elected as the nominee of Republican Party for county office in the affected county, as if such county executive committee had made a timely decision to come under the primary election laws.

4. The voting members of the Steering Committee of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee are hereby appointed and constituted as the Candidate Committee. The Chairman and Secretary of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee shall be the Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Candidate Committee. The State Legal Counsel shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Candidate Committee. The Candidate Committee shall meet on call of its chairman, a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum, and the action of a majority of its members present at a meeting at a time when a quorum is present shall be binding upon, and constitute action of, the Candidate Committee; provided, that action consented to by at least eleven of the members of the Candidate Committee by telephone, verbally or in writing and without a formal meeting, shall be binding upon, and shall constitute action of the Candidate Committee, but a description of such action shall be reduced to writing and promptly mailed to each member of the Candidate Committee. The Alabama Republican Executive Committee expressly reserves the right to review and to reverse or otherwise supersede action taken by the Candidate Committee. The Candidate Committee shall have and possess the following powers:

(a) to review any declaration of candidacy, to determine if the candidate meets the qualifications prescribed in this resolution, and to direct the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee not to certify a candidate which the Candidate Committee finds does not meet such qualifications;

(b) to fill vacancies in any nomination for any public or party office with regard to the primary or other election and the general election where such vacancy exists by reason of death, resignation, disqualification, revocation, or otherwise, and

(c) to hear, consider, and decide and generally to have all the rights, duties, powers, and authority of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee with regard to contests presented to said state committee under the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 13, Title 17 of the 1975 Code of Alabama, as amended, including the right to prescribe appropriate rules governing any such contest; provided, however that such rules shall grant to the parties to any such contest their basic constitutional rights and privileges and shall not conflict with the provisions of said Article 3.

5. The Chairman of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint from time to time such subcommittees as he or she deems appropriate to look after, supervise, and conduct the primary or other election and the general election which are the subject of this resolution; to receive returns from, and canvass and tabulate and declare the results of, and certify to any primary or other election held under the laws of Alabama; and generally to delegate to and confer upon any such subcommittees the right, power, and authority to do and perform any act or thing which the Alabama Republican Executive Committee could do or perform with regard to such primary or other election, or general election.

EXHIBIT A

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF _____

I hereby declare that I am a candidate for the 2016 Republican nomination (or election) for the office of * _____.

I certify that: (1) I possess the qualifications fixed by law for said office and will in no way be disqualified from the same, (2) I am not subject to disqualification from registering and voting under the laws or Constitution of the State of Alabama, (3) I have not been convicted of a felony under the laws of the United States or of another State, and (4) I am a Republican and I endorse and will actively support the principles and policies of the Republican Party. **

I further declare myself as the person chosen to serve as the principal campaign committee to receive, expend, audit and disburse all monies contributed, donated, subscribed or in any way furnished or raised for the purpose of aiding or promoting my nomination or election as such candidate in accordance with Chapter 5 of Title 17 of the 1975 Code of Alabama, as amended, (Fair Campaign Practices Act).***

This the _____ day of _____, 201__.

WITNESS

_____	_____
	(Signature of Candidate)

	RESIDENCE Address (no post office boxes)

City	Zip

Home Phone	Office or Cell Phone

	Email Address

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON BALLOT — NO TITLES)

INSTRUCTIONS

*Describe office with completeness, for example: Member of Congress Fifth District; Circuit Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit, Place No. 8; Associate Justice of Supreme Court, Place No. 2; President, Public Service Commission. Place number must be shown where two or more are to be elected.

**Challenges to a candidate’s qualifications, based on party loyalty or otherwise, are heard by the Candidate Committee of the Alabama Republican Party for non-county offices and by the applicable county executive committee or its properly designated election subcommittee for county offices.

***Candidates desiring to appoint others to official finance committee (as permitted by Section 17-5-4 Code of Alabama 1975, as amended) may do so by striking through third paragraph of above declaration and adding on this form appropriate appointment and acceptance.