

**BY LAWS OF THE  
ALABAMA REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*(Last amended on February 25, 2012)*

**ARTICLE I, NAME AND EMBLEM**

1. The name of the organization governing the Republican Party in the State of Alabama shall be the Alabama Republican Executive Committee, hereinafter called "Committee".
2. The official emblem of the Republican Party in the State of Alabama shall be the modern elephant used by the Republican National Committee.

**ARTICLE II, OBJECTS AND PURPOSES**

1. The object of the Committee shall be to build and promote the Republican Party in the State of Alabama.
2. The Committee shall perform the duties imposed by law and party custom upon and shall exercise the rights granted by law and party custom to, state executive committees of political parties. The Committee shall direct, manage, and supervise the affairs and business of the Republican Party in Alabama; determine party policies; issue calls and prescribe rules for conventions and primaries for the election of party officers and the nomination of candidates for public office; settle party controversies; give direction and assistance to all Republican organizations in Alabama, which are affiliated with the Republican Party in the State of Alabama; further such principles as from time to time may be adopted by the Party; and otherwise enjoy all privileges and perform all duties and responsibilities granted or imposed by applicable laws or by the rules of the Republican National Committee.

**ARTICLE III, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

1. The Committee shall be composed of the following members:
  - (A) (i.) Each county chairman shall be a member of the Committee. In addition, each county in the State shall be entitled to one member for each 25,000 inhabitants or major fraction thereof, residing in such county according to the most recent decennial census; provided, however, that in no event shall a county be entitled to less than two members. In those decades when members of the Committee are elected in the year of the decennial census, appropriate upward adjustments in county representation shall be made when the decennial census results become official. A county's additional member or members shall be elected at large by the county committee for the remainder of the then current State Committee term of office.
  - (ii.) The members of the Committee, other than the County Chairman and bonus members, shall be elected by majority vote in the Republican primary election.

(iii.) The members of the Committee from any county entitled to at least three members but not more than nineteen members pursuant to subdivision (i), may, if the County Committee so elects, be allocated among precincts or combinations thereof as provided hereinafter.

(iv.) The members of the Committee from any county entitled to twenty or more members pursuant to subdivision (i), shall be elected by precinct as provided hereinafter.

(v.) Whenever election is by precinct, the number of members to be elected in the primary shall be allocated by the county committee as nearly possible among precincts or combinations of precincts in the proportion in which the votes cast in each precinct at the immediate preceding general election for the Republican presidential nominee bears to the total number of Republican votes, likewise measured, cast in all precincts of the county, and the allocated number of members on the Committee shall be elected by the electors residing in the precinct or combination of precincts to which the allocation is made. Candidates must be electors and residents of the precinct or combination of precincts from which they are to be elected. If the boundaries of a precinct are altered between general elections, the county committee shall, on making allocations of precinct positions on the Committee estimate the number of Republican votes affected by such change of boundaries. Each county committee in counties having twenty or more allocated members on the Committee and any other county committee choosing to elect members by precinct or combination of precincts, shall, within the time, stipulated by the Committee, but in no event later than January 1 of each year in which members of the Committee are to be elected, submit its plan for allocating precinct positions on the Committee to the chairman for approval by the Steering Committee.

(B) The members of the Committee so elected shall serve a term of four (4) years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Vacancies among any of the foregoing positions shall be filled by the county committee of the county where such a vacancy exists except that in counties having twenty or more allocated members on the Committee, a vacancy shall be filled by the members of the county committee representing the precinct or precincts where such a vacancy exists. The term of office for members of the Committee elected under the primary laws shall begin on the day following the General Election of each gubernatorial election year. The term of office for county chairmen as members of the Committee shall be the same as that member's term of office as County Chairman.

(C) If not otherwise a member, the state chairman, any vice-chairman, the secretary and the treasurer of the Committee, the finance chairman, the immediate past state chairman, chairman or president of the Young Republican Federation of Alabama, chairman or president of the College Republican Federation of Alabama, the chairman or president of the Alabama Federation of Republican Women, the

chairman or president of the Alabama Minority GOP, and the national committeewoman and national committeeman shall, during the term of their respective offices or position be a member of the Committee. A State Committee member so elected shall not vacate his/her regular membership on the Committee and shall be entitled to only one vote.

- (D) Ten (10) members of the Committee shall be appointed by the chairman with the approval of the Committee after reasonable written notice to the members of the Committee. They shall serve on the Committee during the tenure of the office of such chairman and at his pleasure. While members of the Committee, they shall enjoy all privileges of membership except that they shall have no vote on matters involving the election or removal of officers of the Committee and the national committeeman and national committeewoman. No more than five (5) appointed members shall be from any one county.
- (E) At any time during which a county has two or more persons who are Republicans serving in an elective federal, state, district or county office, except Constables, and residing in said county, such county shall be entitled to bonus members on the Committee to be elected by the particular county committee, as follows:

- 2-4 persons serving equals 1 bonus seat.
- 5-9 persons serving equals 2 bonus seats.
- 10-14 persons serving equals 3 bonus seats.
- 15-19 persons serving equals 4 bonus seats.
- 20 or more persons serving equals 5 bonus seats.

A county's bonus member or members shall serve for the remainder of the then current State Committee term of office.

- 2. To be eligible for selection or election to the Committee, and maintain membership, a person must be a regular financial contributor to the Republican Party of Alabama as defined by Standing Rule and a duly qualified elector:
  - (A) In the county, if elected in a county-wide primary.
  - (B) In the precinct allocated the position if elected from a county required or electing to so allocate, or,
  - (C) In the State if appointed by the chairman.

Failure to maintain such eligibility requirements shall, if not corrected within thirty (30) days after written notice thereof to such person from the chairman result in automatic loss of membership on the Committee. A member's absence (other than a person on active duty with the National Guard or Reserve Forces of the United States or a member of Congress or a county chairman) from any two consecutive regular meetings of the Committee, or from any three (3) regular meetings in a four (4) year term shall result in automatic loss of membership of the Committee.

## **ARTICLE IV, OFFICERS**

1. The Committee shall elect for two (2) year terms of office (and until their successors are elected) a chairman, a senior vice-chairman, three vice-chairmen allocated geographically by congressional districts as determined by the Committee, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as the Committee deems appropriate. It shall not be necessary for such officers to be selected from among the members of the Committee. The chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Committee, and all such persons shall perform the duties imposed upon them by the laws of Alabama, by these bylaws, by the parliamentary authority adopted herein by the Committee itself, by the Steering Committee and by the chairman. The senior vice-chairman shall act in the absence of the chairman. The Steering Committee shall assign and re-assign duties to the vice-chairmen.
2. The Committee may, by a majority vote of its full membership, remove any of its officers, with or without cause. If otherwise members of the Committee, such removal shall not affect their membership on the Committee. For the purpose of this paragraph, full membership shall include all positions filled or due to be filled under paragraph 1(A) of Article III above plus all positions actually filled by the application of paragraphs 1(C) and (E) of Article III above. Positions filled or due to be filled under paragraph 1(D) of Article III above shall not be included in determining the total membership for purposes of this paragraph.
3. Officers of the Committee shall be elected at the first meeting of the Committee occurring in odd-numbered years.
4. The national committeewoman and national committeeman shall be selected in accordance with the rules adopted by the most recent Republican National Convention.
5. The State Committee shall fill officer vacancies created by death or other reason.
6. An officer's absence (other than a person on active duty with the National Guard or Reserve Forces of the United States or a member of Congress) from any two consecutive regular meetings of the Committee, or from any three (3) regular meetings in a four (4) year term, or from more than two regular meetings of the Steering Committee during any twelve (12) month period shall result in automatic removal from office without further action of the Committee.

## **ARTICLE V, STEERING COMMITTEE**

1. The mandatory officers of the Committee, together with the chairman of each congressional district, the Chairman or President of the Alabama Federation of Republican Women, the Chairman or President of the Young Republican Federation of Alabama, the Chairman or President of the College Republican Federation of Alabama, the Chairman or President of the Alabama Minority GOP, the National Committeewoman, the National Committeeman, and the Finance Chairman shall constitute a Steering Committee. The Finance Chairman and the State Legal Counsel

shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman. The State Legal Counsel shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee shall have general supervision and management of the affairs of the Committee between its meetings, including the establishment of compensation, if any, for the officers of the Committee; providing it shall be subject to the orders of the Committee and shall take no action in conflict with the actions of the Committee. Except as otherwise directed by the Committee, the Chairman may, with the advice and consent of the Steering Committee, appoint or employ an Executive Director who shall be the principal staff person for the Committee. The Executive Director shall appoint, with the consent of the Chairman, other employees of the Committee to such staff positions as are authorized by the Steering Committee. The Chairman may, with the consent of the Steering Committee, appoint committees (such as, but not limited to, candidate recruitment committee, finance committee, budget committee, policy and issues committee, publicity committee) as may be needed or desirable to carry out the purposes of this organization. Persons appointed to such committees need not be members of this Committee. Other persons may be employed or retained for particular purposes by the Chairman with the consent of the Steering Committee. Employees and persons retained for particular purposes shall hold their positions during the tenure of office of the appointing authority for such person. They shall serve at the pleasure of such appointing authority except that the Executive Director may not be terminated by the Chairman without the approval of the Steering Committee. Compensation made to any non-officers of the Committee shall be established by the Chairman subject to the approval of the Steering Committee.

2. The Steering Committee shall meet at the call of the chairman at least four (4) times during each year with not more than 120 days between any two meetings. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or by any seven members of the Steering Committee. Meetings may be held by telephone conference call. No meeting shall take place without seven (7) days written or three (3) days oral notice having been given, such notice to designate the time and place of the meeting or time and means of access for meeting by teleconference, provided that a member may waive notice and provided further that no notice need be given if the meeting is duly called by a prior meeting of the Steering Committee. All meetings must take place in the State. A majority of the Steering Committee shall constitute a quorum, and "Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised" shall govern all proceedings except where inconsistent with these bylaws, with directions from the Committee or with special rules of order adopted by the Steering Committee. At any meeting at which the chairman of a congressional district or the chairman or president of an organization designated in Article V (1) is absent, the next ranking officer of said congressional district or organization present at said meeting shall be entitled to vote.
3. Any member of the Steering Committee's absence (other than a person on active duty with the National Guard or Reserve Forces of the United States or a member of Congress) from more than two regular meetings of the Steering Committee during a twelve (12) month period shall result in loss of membership on said committee. The Steering Committee shall have the authority to fill the resulting vacancy upon recommendation of the affected organization. Notice shall be given the affected

organization within ten (10) days after such vacancy occurs, and if no recommendation is forthcoming by the next regular meeting, the Steering Committee shall fill the vacancy.

4. There may be a Standing Committee on Rules, appointed by the Chairman with the approval of the Steering Committee. The Standing Committee on Rules shall monitor compliance by county committees with the bylaws, primary resolutions and standing rules of the Committee. On request, County committees shall submit their bylaws to the Steering Committee or to the Standing Committee on Rules.

#### **ARTICLE VI, REMOVAL OF MEMBERS**

1. Members may be removed for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance, or for support (other than his personal vote) of any candidate for public office opposing a Republican candidate for that office. A member may be removed upon advice and consent of two-thirds of the Committee present at any regular or special meeting, after seven (7) days written notice by certified mail to such member and notice in the call to the membership of the Committee. Such action for removal must be initiated either by the Steering Committee, the County Committee of the county represented by such member or by written petition by twenty-five members of the Committee. Members elected under the primary laws and bonus members may also be removed, after written petition of two-thirds of the member's County Committee, and by two-thirds vote of the Steering Committee, after seven (7) days written notice to both the member and the Steering Committee.
2. Members who remove their legal residence from the counties or precincts they represent shall automatically lose their membership on the Committee. Members appointed by the chairman who remove their legal residence from the State shall automatically lose their membership on the Committee.

#### **ARTICLE VII, MEETINGS**

1. Two (2) regular meetings of the Committee shall be held each year, one in January or February and one in June, July or August of each year. The chairman shall be responsible for properly giving notice to all members of the Committee of the regular meetings.
2. A special meeting may be called by the chairman at any time or must be called and held by the chairman within thirty (30) days receipt of written petition by twenty-five (25) members of the Committee, notice having been properly given to all members.
3. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, and once a quorum is established, the presence of a quorum cannot be challenged except following a recess or adjournment of the meeting.
4. For the purposes of this Article VII, a proper notice shall be deemed to be properly given if the time of notice is fourteen (14) days if by regular first-class mail, or seven (7) days if by certified mail or three (3) days if by telegram before the day of the meeting concerned, provided that such notice must state the time and place of the meeting, and provided further that if the meeting is a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting must be summarized in the notice. In computing time, the date of mailing or telegraphing shall not

be counted, but the date of the meeting shall be counted. If practical, a tentative agenda shall be provided with the notice of the meeting.

5. Proxy voting will not be recognized in any meetings of the Committee. On questions deemed by the chairman as not of sufficient consequence to call a meeting of the Committee, yet on which the opinion, or vote, of the members may be desired, or required, a ballot by certified mail may be taken, and a majority of the membership of the Committee must reply within the time specified on the ballot to constitute a quorum. Such a mail vote shall be as valid as if the meeting had been properly held and the issues voted upon at such meeting.
6. "Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised" shall govern all proceedings of this Committee except where inconsistent with these bylaws or with Special Rules of Order adopted by the Committee.

### **ARTICLE VIII, PARTY SUBDIVISIONS, THEIR FUNCTIONS AND REGULATIONS**

1. Except when formulated, recognized and regulated by this Committee, no individual, group, organization or committee shall function, operate or otherwise designate itself as part or parcel of this the Official Republican Party of Alabama or use the official emblem of the Republican Party in Alabama.
2. All subdivisions of the Republican Party of Alabama shall exist, operate and function under the rules, regulations and prescriptions of this Committee.
3. Each congressional district shall have a congressional district committee composed of members of this Committee who reside in the district; provided, however, that ex-officio and chairman-appointed members of this Committee shall be non-voting members of their congressional district committees. The voting membership of each congressional district committee shall elect a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary-treasurer. It shall not be necessary for such officers to be selected from among the members of the district committee. Officers not otherwise members of the district committee shall be members of the district committee, but not the State committee, during their respective terms of office. The election of these officers shall be held between the General Election in each even-numbered year and the first regular meeting of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee the following year. These officers shall serve for two (2) years and until their successors are duly elected or their offices are otherwise vacated. District committees shall meet at least annually in addition to the required bi-annual meeting at which officers are elected.
4. The primary functions of each congressional district committee are:
  - (A) To assist and promote party candidates for congress and party candidates for state offices.

- (B) To perform such other functions as may hereinafter be directed by this Committee or by the State Chairman acting on behalf of the Committee.
5. Republicans in each county in the State shall elect a Republican county executive committee which shall be representative of the Republican Party within the county, and the county committee shall elect a County Chairman and such other officers as it deems useful for the Party within the county and shall have such local rules and bylaws as are not inconsistent with resolutions, rules, or bylaws of this Committee or the Steering Committee. Each county committee shall provide in its bylaws for a minimum membership of the lesser of (a) 25 members or (b) one member for each 1,000 inhabitants or major fraction thereof residing in the county according to the most recent decennial census. All such members shall be elected by primary and at least half of such members shall be elected from precincts or combinations of precincts according to population, traditional political subdivisions of the county or Republican vote in the most recent federal or state election. Such precincts and combinations of precincts shall be designated from time to time by the County Committee and upon failure of a County Committee to act, by the Steering Committee. The county committee bylaws may provide for additional members that are chairman-appointed or otherwise selected, provided the number of such members does not exceed 20% of the total membership of the county committee.
  6. County committees shall, annually at least five days prior to the winter state committee meeting, file with the state headquarters a list of the names of its current members and officers and any newly elected bonus members, with current addresses, phone number and e-mail addresses, and annually at least five days prior to the summer state committee meeting file with the state headquarters a copy of its current bylaws and local standing rules. These bylaws and local standing rules shall be in compliance with state party bylaws and standing rules.
  7. The County Chairman and the county executive committee shall perform those duties prescribed by the laws of Alabama and shall be responsible for the development, progress and harmony of the Party within the county. Such duties include, but are not limited to, the following:
    - (A) Pass a primary resolution establishing qualifying fees and the qualifying start date for local public and local party offices. Provide a copy of the primary resolution to state headquarters at least five days prior to start of qualifying.
    - (B) Qualify candidates for local public and local party position and certify names of candidates to the probate judge within five days after qualifying closes. A copy of the certification must be provided to state headquarters at the same time it is submitted to the probate judge.
    - (C) Provide a list of potential Republican poll workers to local election officials at least 45 days prior to every election. A copy of this list must be submitted to state headquarters at least 45 days prior to elections.
    - (D) Canvass and certify primary results to the probate judge for local races and to state headquarters for all other races. Call state headquarters with unofficial

election results the night of the primary election as soon as they are available and provide a printed copy of precinct level results for all races to state headquarters by noon of the Wednesday eight days following the primary election.

8. The county executive committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall be responsible for local candidates, the settlement or adjudication of local intra-party disputes or contests for local nominations and matters of local patronage or vacancies in office. In addition, county chairmen and county executive committees shall carry out faithfully all directives of this Committee or the Steering Committee.
9. This Committee reserves the right to withdraw official recognition by the Committee from any county executive committee and to appoint or designate an entirely new county executive committee for any county when any such county executive committee or the majority of its officers:
  - (A) Refuses to support Republican nominees for congress or state offices.
  - (B) Actively and publicly participates in the primary election of another party or supports nominees of any other political party.
  - (C) Fails to comply with reporting and other requirements called for in this Article and with Standing Rules.
  - (D) In the opinion of a majority of the full membership of this Committee, or two-thirds of the full membership of the Steering Committee, is so inactive or irresponsive to the affairs of the Republican Party in Alabama as to need replacing. Before such action may be taken, however, the state chairman shall draft a list of specific charges against the county committee in default and shall furnish the county chairman with a copy thereof, with notice to the accused of their full right to be heard before this Committee.
10. The Committee adopts the following portion of Rule 32 "Rules Adopted by the Republican National Convention" (1971) viz:

"Participation in a Republican primary, caucus, any meeting or convention held for the purpose of selecting delegates to a county, district, state or national convention shall in no way be abridged for reasons of race, religion, color, sex, or national origin."

#### **ARTICLE IX, DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Delegates to the National Convention shall be selected in accordance with the laws of this State, the rules adopted by the most recent Republican National Convention and the presidential candidate preferences of Alabama Republican voters as expressed in the Alabama Republican Presidential Preference Primary election. Unless prohibited by such laws or rules, all delegates shall be elected in the Presidential Preference Primary election. The maximum number of delegates and alternates permitted by the rules of the Republican National Convention shall be

allocated to selection in the various congressional districts in the State. The remainder, if any, shall be allocated to the State at large. Delegates shall be elected by place number within congressional districts and the State at large delegate candidates shall indicate the name of the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged, if any. The name of the presidential candidate so indicated, or, in the absence of such a pledge, the word "uncommitted", shall be shown on the ballot above the names of the appropriate delegate candidates. Delegate candidates pledged to the same presidential candidate shall be listed on the ballot within place number in an order determined by a random drawing conducted by the Steering Committee. If State law should require such candidates to be listed in a different order, then delegate candidates pledged to the same presidential candidate shall be listed on the ballot within place number in such order as may be required by State law. Uncommitted delegate candidates shall be similarly listed. Alternate delegates shall be selected as determined from time to time by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE X, PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS**

Presidential electors, except where prohibited by State or Federal law, shall be named by the State Committee. At least one elector shall reside in each congressional district.

#### **ARTICLE XI, DURATION**

The duration of the Committee shall be perpetual notwithstanding the fact that the members of the Committee shall be elected from time to time or the fact that these bylaws may from time to time be amended. A partial or complete change in membership of the Committee shall not affect the duration of the Committee or the term of office of the officers of the Committee.

#### **ARTICLE XII, AMENDMENTS**

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at any meeting of the Committee, provided the substance of the proposed change is given in the notice of the meeting or announced at the preceding meeting of the Committee. These bylaws may also be amended by a four-fifths vote of those present and voting at any meeting of the Committee without prior notice.

**STANDING RULES ADOPTED BY THE  
ALABAMA REPUBLICAN PARTY**

**July 9, 1977**

**Party Rules:** Each county committee must meet once a calendar quarter. Notice must be given to the State Headquarters in advance, and the meeting must be publicized and open to the public.

**January 14, 1989, amended August 26, 1995**

**Primary Elections:** The State Finance Chairman and officers of the Committee, including the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman, shall not serve as campaign chairman, treasurer or official spokesman for a candidate in a contested primary election. They may be candidates for public or party office, including national convention delegate or alternate delegate; except the chairman and secretary may not be candidates in a contested primary election for a public statewide office or for member of congress. All may be candidates or campaign officers or spokesmen for candidates without primary opposition. Paid employees of the State Committee shall not be involved in any contested primary race. Persons actively involved in a contested primary election for any office shall be disqualified from discussion and voting on any issue of disqualification or contest for that office as members of any State or county committee or subcommittee.

**July 30, 1994**

**Dual Candidacy:** No person shall be certified as a Republican primary candidate for more than one public office in the event state law would prohibit such person from holding such offices simultaneously.

**Sore Loser:** No person shall be permitted to qualify as a candidate for public or party office if in a prior Republican primary election that person was defeated and thereafter sought election to the same office in the same election cycle as an independent, write-in, minor party candidate or otherwise.

The provisions of this Rule apply for a period of six years after such a person was so defeated in a Republican primary election.

**February 21, 2004**

**Regular Financial Contributor:** The requirement in bylaws Article III, paragraph 2, for members of the Committee to be regular financial contributors is defined as, at a minimum, Capitol Club membership, with the dues paid in full by the last day of the month preceding a regular meeting of the Committee. If a member's dues are not current, including any amount in arrears, that member will not be allowed to vote.

## **June 26, 2004**

**Resolution Committee:** There shall be a committee on Resolutions composed of one member of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee from each of the seven (7) Congressional Districts. The Chairman of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee shall appoint these members, upon recommendation of the District Chairman, and designate one of them as Chairman.

The Resolutions Committee shall consider all resolutions submitted at least 20 calendar days before a regular meeting of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee by any member of that Committee and shall make recommendations for adoption, amendment, or other disposition. Before the Resolutions Committee makes any changes, other than spelling or grammar, to a proposed resolution, these changes must be coordinated with and agreed to by the author.

Any resolutions reported out by the Resolutions Committee, shall then be mailed to the membership of Alabama Republican Executive Committee at least 10 calendar days prior to a regular meeting.

Resolutions not submitted and/or circulated in accord with the time frame defined in this rule shall require a two-thirds vote of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee for adoption.

## **February 10, 2007**

**County Involvement:** All members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to participate in their respective County Republican Party functions, including the payment of dues under local committee bylaws.

## **June 16, 2007**

**Denying Ballot Access:** This Committee reserves the right to deny ballot access to a candidate for public office if in a prior election that person was a Republican office holder and either publicly participated in the primary election of another political party or publicly supported a nominee of another political party. The provisions of this Rule shall apply for a period of six years after such person so participated. (This rule does not include all of the reasons for denying ballot access.)

## **August 13, 2011**

**Nominating Committee:** Candidates for positions to be elected by this Committee may be nominated from the floor without screening or recommendation by any nominating or other subcommittee. County Republican Executive Committees must also allow candidates to be nominated from the floor. They may use nominating committees for the purpose of identifying candidates for positions to be filled by County Executive Committee vote, but a nominating committee shall not be used for purposes of screening, restricting or recommending candidates.

**Switching Parties:** This procedure shall be followed when a statewide, congressional, or state school board elected official of another political party desires to become a Republican. The elected official shall contact the Chairman or Executive Director of the Alabama Republican Party, and request a meeting before the Steering Committee. Upon learning of a request, the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party shall schedule such meeting before the Steering Committee within 30 days. At the meeting, the elected official shall present his/her reasons for wanting to switch parties and should be prepared to answer questions by Steering Committee members. The Steering Committee shall then deliberate on the request in a closed session. After due deliberation, the Steering Committee shall vote on whether or not to recognize the elected official as a Republican. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and voting shall be required for recognition. The Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party shall verbally notify the official as soon as practical and the Secretary of the Alabama Republican Party shall do so in writing within ten calendar days. A news release and other appropriate publicity shall be at the discretion of the Steering Committee.

This procedure shall be followed when an elected official of another political party other than statewide, congressional, or state school board desires to become a Republican. The elected official shall contact the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of his/her county of residence, and request a meeting before the county Republican Executive Committee. Upon learning of a request, the Chairman of the county Republican Executive Committee shall schedule such meeting at a regular or special meeting of the county Committee, within 30 days. At the meeting, the elected official shall present his/her reasons for wanting to switch parties and should be prepared to answer questions by county Committee members. The county Republican Executive Committee shall then deliberate on the request in a closed session. After due deliberation, the county Republican Executive Committee shall vote on whether or not to recognize the elected official as a Republican. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and voting shall be required for recognition. The Republican County Chairman shall verbally notify the official and the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party of the vote as soon as practical and the county Executive Committee secretary shall do so in writing within ten calendar days. A news release and other appropriate publicity shall be at the discretion of the county Republican Executive Committee and/or the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party. With the prior approval of the County Republican Executive Committee, the County Chairman may use either the county Republican Executive Committee or the county Steering Committee for the meeting. If a county Republican Executive Committee is so inactive that a meeting is not likely to take place within 30 days, the Steering Committee of the Alabama Republican Party shall assume the responsibility for acting on the request to switch parties.