

66B House District Republican Party of MN Constitution

PREAMBLE

We, the 66B House District Republican Party of MN (HD66B), have designed this Constitution to set forth our customs and practices and to institute regular procedures for the orderly and efficient conduct of our activities.

ARTICLE 1: NAME, OBJECTIVES, AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization is the 66B House District Republican Party of MN. It is a Basic Political Organizational Unit (BPOU) as defined under the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota (RPM).

Section 2: Objectives

The objectives of this organization shall be to elect Republican endorsed candidates to office and promote the Republican philosophy and platform.

Section 3: Membership

Membership in this organization is open to all U.S. citizens residing in House District 66B who support the objectives of the Republican Party and who abide by the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of HD66B, the MN 4th Congressional District Republican Party, and the RPM. Payment of dues shall not be required as a condition of membership.

ARTICLE 2: ORGANIZATION

Section 1: Precinct Organization

- A. Each precinct caucus may elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary with roles and duties as provided for in the HD66B Bylaws, elected at the precinct caucuses for two-year terms in even-numbered years.
- B. Precinct meetings, events, activities, or special caucuses may be organized, called, or otherwise conducted by that precinct's officers, by the BPOU executive committee, or by the BPOU chair.

Section 2: BPOU Organization – Full Committee

- A. Voting members of the Full Committee shall consist of Precinct Chairs, BPOU Officers, the HD66B State Representative and the SD66 State Senator, if Republican, and any Republican State Constitutional Officer residing in HD66B.
- B. Full Committee business meetings shall include all actions necessary and proper for the conduction of HD66B business. The Full Committee may fulfill its responsibilities through delegation or assignment of specific or general duties and authorities to the Executive Committee, standing committees, ad hoc committees, BPOU officers, or others, at its discretion. Delegation may include granting of provisional authority to act or to authorize expenditures, subject to ranges or limitations at its discretion.

- C. Full committee meetings may be called by the HD66B chair, the HD66B Executive Committee, and/or in accordance with a regular meeting schedule as may be adopted by the Full Committee. A quorum of 20% of the total roster of Full Committee members is required to conduct business.

Section 3: BPOU Organization – Executive Committee

- A. Voting members of the Executive Committee shall consist of: BPOU Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and the 5 Vice-Chairs, elected to two-year terms at BPOU Conventions held in odd-numbered years. The roles and duties of Executive Committee members are included in the HD66B Bylaws.
- B. Executive Committee business meetings shall include all actions necessary and proper for the overall organization and administration of HD66B affairs, including those duties assigned by the Full Committee or residing in BPOU officers and other Executive Committee members as defined in the Bylaws. The Executive Committee may fulfill its responsibilities through delegation or assignment of specific or general duties and authorities to standing committees, ad hoc committees, BPOU officers, or others, including the granting of provisional authority, at its discretion.
- C. Executive committee meetings may be called by the HD66B chair, the HD66B Executive Committee, and/or in accordance with a regular meeting schedule adopted by the Executive Committee. A quorum of 35% of the total roster of Executive Committee members is required to conduct business.

Section 4: Redistricting

Redistricting associated with the U.S. Census reapportionment process may result in terms of less than two years, subject to rules provided by the RPM.

ARTICLE 3: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1: Applicability

The general provisions in the sections of this Article shall apply to all HD66B units and entities, unless otherwise provided for in the HD66B Constitution or Bylaws.

Section 2: Meetings

- A. Meetings of all HD66B committees shall be governed by the Bylaws.
- B. Meetings may be conducted in-person, as conference calls, or as live interactive video or webinar sessions, or as a combination thereof, at the discretion of the committee.
- C. At least 35% of the roster or five, whichever is fewer, must be present to establish a meeting quorum to conduct business.

Section 3: Vacancies

- A. The date of occurrence of a vacancy of any office or elected or appointed role shall be determined by the date of receipt by the Chair or Deputy Chair of the written resignation by the affected officer; or in the case of vacancy due to ending residency within HD66B, incapacitation, death, or removal from office, the date of vacancy will be the date that verification of such condition is received by the Chair or Deputy Chair. Removals from office shall be in accordance with the HD66B Bylaws.
- B. Unless otherwise provided for by the HD66B, CD4, or RPM Constitutions or Bylaws, the Chair will appoint an interim replacement to the vacated seat. An individual must be willing to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the vacated seat as stated in the Bylaws. An appointed interim replacement shall fulfill the remaining portion of the term vacated or serve until a permanent replacement is selected and seated according to the Constitution and Bylaws
 - 1. Precinct officer permanent replacements may be elected by majority vote of the remaining precinct officers in the affected precinct.
 - 2. BPOU officer permanent replacements may be elected at a Full Committee meeting via special election, provided all applicable provisions regarding sufficient meeting notice, search committee interviews, etc., are met.
 - 3. BPOU, Congressional District, State Convention, and State Central Committee Delegate or Alternate vacancies shall be filled by progression among the ranked Alternates; if no Alternates remain to fill an open Delegate seat, a permanent replacement may be elected at a Full Committee meeting or specially called precinct caucus, as appropriate, via special election, provided all applicable provisions regarding sufficient meeting notice, search committee qualifying interviews, etc., are met. An appointed replacement may nominate himself or herself for consideration as the permanent replacement.

ARTICLE 4: PRECINCT CAUCUSES

Section 1: Convening of Precinct Caucuses

The official precinct caucuses shall be called and conducted as provided for by the laws of the State of Minnesota, and pursuant to the rules set forth by the RPM.

Section 2: Delegates and Alternates to the HD66B Convention

Each precinct caucus shall elect the number of HD66B delegates and alternates as determined by the RPM, according to the basis selected by the HD66B Executive Committee from among the basis options provided by the RPM. BPOU delegates and alternates shall be elected to two-year terms.

ARTICLE 5: CONVENTIONS

Section 1: Time and Purpose:

- A. Conventions shall be held at the call of the State Republican Executive Committee, the Republican State Central Committee, the Congressional District 4 Executive Committee, or the House District 66B Executive Committee for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to the State and Congressional District Conventions, electing delegates and alternates to the State Central Committee and for other necessary and proper purposes.
- B. Notices shall be sent by mail and/or electronically at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the convention. Special conventions may be called by the same committees and held at such times and for such purposes as the committee calling the convention may determine.

Section 2: Delegates and Alternates:

- A. Eligible voters at the House District 66B Convention shall be delegates and seated alternates elected at the last precinct caucuses.
- B. If any duly elected delegate to the convention is absent, then a duly elected alternate from that precinct shall be seated in his or her stead. The order of seating shall be by order of vote given at the precinct caucus with the alternate receiving the most votes being seated first. At the House District 66B Convention there shall be no cross seating of delegates and alternates between precincts. If no duly elected delegates or alternates are present, there shall be no representative for that precinct.
- C. If a precinct can no longer fill their allotted delegate seats from the elected delegates and alternates, the House District 66B Chair and Deputy Chair may, with the approval of the Full Committee, call a special caucus, in the manner prescribed by statute for biannual precinct caucuses, for the sole purpose of filling such vacancies from within the precinct as existed at the time of the call.

Section 3: Pre-Convention Committees:

- A. Prior to each convention, the HD 66B Executive Committee shall establish rules, credentials, and arrangements committees, and any other such committees as may be deemed necessary including Search, Nominations and Constitution Committees.
- B. Membership of each committee shall include at least three (3) members. The HD66B Chair shall appoint the chair of each committee.

Section 4: Presiding Officer

The presiding officer of the House District 66B Convention may be the Chair or Deputy Chair or the Chair may appoint another person to serve in their stead.

Section 5: Business:

A House District 66B Convention may adopt a platform, pass resolutions, endorse a candidate for the office of State Representative, and transact other business as stated in the Convention Call and according to the adopted Rules of the Convention.

Section 6: Delegates and Alternates to Congressional District Conventions:

The allotted number of delegates and alternates elected to Congressional District Conventions from HD66B shall be determined by the Fourth Congressional District and RPM, and such delegates and alternates shall be elected at the House District Convention held in even numbered years. Alternates elected shall be seated in the order of their election with the alternate receiving the most votes being seated first.

Section 7: Delegates and Alternates to the State Conventions:

The allotted number of delegates and alternates elected to the State Conventions from HD66B shall be determined by the Fourth Congressional District and RPM, and such delegates and alternates shall be elected at the House District Convention held in even numbered years. Alternates elected shall be seated in the order of their election with the alternate receiving the most votes being seated first. Based on the Rules adopted for the HD66b Convention, the delegates and alternates elected to the State Convention may not be the same as those elected to the Congressional District Convention.

Section 8: Election of State Central Delegates and Alternates:

The allotted number of delegates and alternates elected to the State Central Committee from HD66B shall be determined by the Fourth Congressional District and RPM, and such delegates and alternates shall be elected at conventions held in odd numbered years. Alternates elected shall be seated in the order of their election with the alternate receiving the most votes being seated first. The cross-seating of alternates may be done in accordance with the CD4 Constitution.

Section 9: Endorsing Convention

- A. When it is desired to endorse candidates for public office, a convention may held at the call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, the 4th Congressional District Executive Committee, or the HD66B Executive Committee.
- B. Only those delegates and alternates residing in the geographical area of the office for which the endorsing convention was called shall receive the call. Any candidate for public office may be granted pre-primary endorsement by the authorized convention if he or she receives 60% of the voting strength of the convention as established by the last report of the credentials committee preceding such vote.
- C. If the public office sought is legally partisan, then the candidate, prior to being considered for pre-primary endorsement, must agree to seek the office as a Republican if he or she receives the endorsement, and to abide by HD66B policies and procedures as proposed by

the Rules Committee and approved by the Convention. When more than one such candidate is nominated for endorsement, none of them shall be voted on separately.

ARTICLE 6: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- A. This Constitution may be amended at an HD66B Convention by vote of the majority of the delegates and seated alternates. Any proposal for amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Constitution Committee before it shall be voted on by the Convention.
- B. Copies of all proposed Bylaws and amendments shall be mailed or emailed to all committee members not less than ten (10) days prior to the full committee meeting that said bylaws or amendments are to be voted upon.

ARTICLE 7: BYLAWS

- A. The House District 66B Full Committee is authorized and empowered to adopt Bylaws that are not inconsistent with this Constitution. Proposed Bylaws or amendments to the Bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee before they shall be voted on and adopted by a majority of the membership in attendance.
- B. Copies of all proposed Bylaws and amendments shall be mailed or emailed to all members of the committee not less than ten (10) days prior to the Full Committee meeting where said bylaws or amendments are to be voted upon.

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