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2 **THE MINNESOTA FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**  
3 **REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**  
4 **CONSTITUTION**

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6 **Amendments proposed April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

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8 **Strikeout:** This text is proposed for deletion.  
9 **Underline:** This text is proposed for insertion.

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11 **Reasons for the amendments**

12 The Constitution and Bylaws Committee proposes to amend the CD5 constitution as indicated below by the struck-out and  
13 inserted text for the following reasons:

- 14 1. Strike article III, section 4 (“Minneapolis City Committee & Conventions”) because MCRC has been dissolved and  
15 its functions have been assumed by the newly-formed Minneapolis Republican Party (MRP) BPOU.
- 16 2. Replace “BPOU Representatives” with “Senate District Representatives” (article III, section 1, B, 1 and elsewhere)  
17 and add MRP BPOU Chair to CD5 Full Committee (article III, section 1, B, 4), to continue to give every SD a  
18 representative on the Full Committee (including those now within MRP) and also make the MRP BPOU Chair a  
19 member of the Full Committee.
- 20 3. Reorganize article III, section 1, C and article III, section 2, C, 2 regarding terms of office, substantially retaining the  
21 content.
- 22 4. Remove special provisions related to reapportionment/redistricting, which are either dictated by the state  
23 Reapportionment Manual and other authorities (article III, section 2, B, 3; article III, section 3; and article V, section  
24 3, D) or are included in general provisions of this constitution (article III, section 1, C).
- 25 5. Update the provision for calling an emergency meeting of the Full Committee with 24-hour notice (art. III, section 1,  
26 H, 1), by providing a means by which the members can approve the call.
- 27 6. Correct “State Full Committee” to “State Central Committee” (throughout).
- 28 7. Change other wording for clarity, consistency, or brevity, without altering the meaning of the provisions.
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31 **ARTICLE I**  
32 **Name and Membership**

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34 **SECTION 1:** The name of this organization shall be the Minnesota Fifth Congressional District Republican Committee,  
35 hereinafter called “Fifth District.”

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37 **SECTION 2:** The membership of the Fifth District shall be composed of all members of the Republican Party of Minnesota  
38 who reside within the boundaries of Fifth Congressional District of Minnesota.

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40 **ARTICLE II**  
41 **Purposes and Objectives**

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43 **SECTION 1:** The purposes of the Fifth District shall be those imposed by law, the Constitution and Bylaws of the  
44 Republican Party of Minnesota, and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Fifth District.

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46 **SECTION 2:** The objectives of the Fifth District shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 47  
48 **A.** To work with each BPOU in the Fifth District to strengthen the BPOU.  
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50 **B.** To secure the election of an endorsed Republican Congressional Candidate.  
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- 52 C. To cooperate with, coordinate, initiate and support the activities of Republican Party organizations within  
53 the Fifth Congressional District, and to maintain liaison between those organizations and the Republican  
54 Party of Minnesota.  
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- 56 D. To organize and maintain a Republican Party organization within the Fifth Congressional District. It shall  
57 find, train, endorse, and elect candidates for office.  
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59 **ARTICLE III**  
60 **Administration**

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62 **SECTION 1: Full Committee**

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64 **A. General Management**

65 The general management of the affairs of the Fifth District shall be vested in the Full Committee, subject  
66 to the control of the Fifth District Convention, this constitution, its bylaws, the Republican Party of  
67 Minnesota Constitution and its bylaws.  
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69 **B. Composition**

70 The Full Committee shall be composed of the following residents of the Fifth Congressional District:  
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- 72 1. One representative from each BPOU Senate District and partial BPOU Senate District within the  
73 boundaries of the Fifth Congressional District.  
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- 75 2. The members of the Executive Committee.  
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- 77 3. The previous Chair of the Fifth District.  
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- 79 4. One BPOU Chair of the Minneapolis Republican Party.  
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81 There shall be no alternate members of the Full Committee.  
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83 **C. Term of Office**

84 The terms of office for the members of the Full Committee are as follows:

85 ~~All members of the Full Committee shall serve until their successors are elected or appointed.~~  
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- 87 1. The term of office for ~~the~~ elected officers shall begin immediately after the ~~regular~~ Fifth District  
88 convention ~~held in odd-numbered years at which they are elected.~~  
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- 90 ~~2. The term of office for any appointed official shall cease when the chair's term has expired, or upon~~  
91 ~~the chair's death or resignation or having been removed from office.~~  
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- 93 ~~3. The term of office of BPOU representatives shall expire at the end of the BPOU odd-year~~  
94 ~~convention.~~  
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- 96 2. Members of the Full Committee shall serve until their successors are elected or appointed, except:  
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- 98 a. The term of office for Senate District representatives shall expire at the end of the BPOU odd-  
99 year convention that follows their election or appointment.  
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- 101 b. For Executive Committee members appointed by the Chair, see article III, section 2, C, 2.  
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- 103 ~~4. In the even-numbered year when reapportionment occurs, the elected officers will be elected for a~~  
104 ~~one-year term.~~  
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106 **D. Vacancy**

107 A vacancy shall occur in the Full Committee when a member ceases to reside within the boundaries of  
108 the Fifth Congressional District; or upon death or resignation or ~~having been removed~~ removal from  
109 office pursuant to Article III, Section 1, F and G.  
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111 **E. Filling of Vacancies**

112 Vacancies in the membership of the Full Committee may be filled for the unexpired term as follows:  
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- 114 1. Vacancies existing in any elected Fifth District office shall be filled by election by majority vote of  
115 the members of the Full Committee attending a duly called meeting, pending the next Fifth District  
116 Convention. At the next Fifth District Convention, the delegates and seated alternates shall elect a  
117 person to fill the unexpired term of office. Notice of the election shall appear on the convention call.  
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- 119 2. Vacancies existing for a ~~BPOU Senate District~~ representative to the Full Committee shall be filled  
120 by appointment by the ~~BPOU Senate District~~.  
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122 **F. Cause for Removal**

123 Members of the Full Committee, except ex-officio members, may be removed for any of the following  
124 reasons:

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- 126 1. Inactivity or failure to carry out the assigned duties of the office; or,
  - 127 2. Actively or publicly supporting a candidate of an opposition party or actively or publicly supporting  
128 a candidate opposing an endorsed Republican candidate.
  - 129 3. A Full Committee Member who misses two (2) consecutive meetings shall be automatically  
130 removed, notwithstanding Article III, Section 1, G.

131 **G. Removal Process**

132 Members of the Full Committee may be removed by the following process:

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- 134 1. Charges against any such member must be filed in writing with the Executive Committee.
  - 135 2. If the Executive Committee by majority vote finds reasonable cause for the charges, it shall set a  
136 date for a hearing and shall notify the member involved by sending a copy of the charges by certified  
137 mail at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the hearing.
  - 138 3. A ten (10) calendar-day notice shall be sent to the members of the Full Committee concerning the  
139 date of the hearing and action of the proposed removal.
  - 140 4. Following the hearing, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Full Committee Members shall be required for  
141 removal.  
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143 **H. Meeting of the Full Committee**

144 The Full Committee will determine the frequency of its meetings, but will meet at least six (6) times a  
145 year. ~~Notice of the day, The~~ time and place of each regular, special, or emergency meetings of the Full  
146 Committee shall be ~~given sent~~ to all members of the Full Committee ~~in a written form of by~~ mail, e-mail  
147 or text message. The meeting quorum will be ~~the a~~ majority of the Full Committee members. ~~When there~~  
148 ~~is a vacancy of a Representative or a Member of the Full Committee, the vacancies shall lower the~~  
149 ~~quorum count needed to hold a Full Committee meeting.~~  
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- 151 1. The chair of the Fifth District shall call regular and ~~or~~ special meetings of the Full Committee with  
152 ten (10) days' notice. Emergency meetings may be called by the chair, ~~with the approval of a~~  
153 ~~majority of the executive committee~~, with a 24-hour notice, provided a majority of the Full  
154 Committee members agree by e-mail or text to the time, date, and place of the proposed meeting  
155 before the call is sent.
- 156 2. A majority of the Full Committee members acting together may call a meeting of the Full  
157 Committee with ten (10) days' notice.  
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159 **I. Electronic Communications**

160 The members of the Full Committee may participate in a meeting of the Full Committee by any means of  
161 communication through which all participating members can hear each other and communicate during  
162 the meeting. For the purpose of establishing a quorum and taking any action at the meeting, a member  
163 participating in the meeting will be deemed present.  
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165 **SECTION 2: Executive Committee**

166 **A. Interim Management**

167 Administration and management of Fifth District affairs in the interim between meetings of the Full  
168 Committee shall be vested in the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may consider and give  
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176 recommendations on questions relating to the policies and activities of the Fifth District and may act on  
177 behalf of the Fifth District subject to the approval of the Full Committee.

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179 **B. Composition**

180 The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following:

- 181  
182 1. The elected officers as outlined in Section 3 of this article.  
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184 2. A Deputy Treasurer appointed by the Chair and approved by the Full Committee. The duties of the  
185 Deputy Treasurer shall be:  
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187 a. Assist the Treasurer in the performance of the Treasurer's Duties.  
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189 b. Perform such duties as the Executive Committee or the Full Committee recommends.  
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191 3. Three (3) at-large members elected at the regularly scheduled odd-year Fifth District convention. ~~In~~  
192 ~~even-year conventions when apportionment occurs, the (3) at-large members will be elected for one~~  
193 ~~year.~~  
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195 4. Up to five (5) appointed Vice Chairs. The duties of the appointed Vice Chairs shall be:  
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197 a. Assist the Executive Committee in administering ~~the~~ operations and be responsible for various  
198 designated projects throughout the Fifth District.  
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200 b. Perform such duties as the Chair, the Executive Committee ~~and/or~~ the Full Committee  
201 recommends.  
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203 **C. Appointment Process and Term of Appointed Executive Committee Members**

- 204 1. Any individuals to be appointed to the Fifth District Executive Committee (except where noted  
205 otherwise in this document) shall be submitted by the Chair to the elected members of the Executive  
206 Committee for approval or disapproval.  
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208 2. ~~The term for all appointed Executive Committee members shall expire with the term of the Chair of~~  
209 ~~the Fifth District. The term of office for appointed members shall expire when the Chair's term~~  
210 ~~expires or upon the Chair's death, resignation or removal from office.~~

211 **D. Meeting of the Executive Committee**

212 The Executive Committee will determine the frequency of its meeting. The day, time and place of each  
213 regular or special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be given sent to all members of the  
214 Executive Committee ~~in a written form of~~ by mail, e-mail or text message. The meeting quorum will be  
215 ~~the a~~ majority of the Executive Committee members.  
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217 **E. Electronic Communications**

218 The members of the Executive Committee may participate in a meeting of the Executive Committee by  
219 any means of communication through which all participating members can hear each other and  
220 communicate during the meeting. For the purpose of establishing a quorum and taking any action at the  
221 meeting, a member participating in the meeting will be deemed present.  
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223 **SECTION 3: Officers**

224 Election of officers shall take place at the regular Fifth District Convention in ~~the~~ odd numbered years, ~~by~~  
225 ~~delegates and seated alternates elected at BPOU Conventions, except in even-numbered year when~~  
226 ~~reapportionment occurs, the BPOU Convention will elect officers for a one year term.~~ Officers must reside  
227 within the Fifth Congressional District but need not be delegates to the Convention. No person shall be a Fifth  
228 District officer and a state party officer at the same time.  
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230 The officers of the Fifth District shall consist of the following:

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232 **A. Chair**

233 The Fifth District Chair shall:

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235 1. Be the chief executive officer of the Fifth District and preside at Conventions, Full Committee  
236 meetings and Executive Committee meetings.  
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2. Have general supervision and management over the affairs of the Fifth District and over other officers and shall perform such other duties as are incident to the office.
  3. Serve as the official spokesperson for the Fifth District.
  4. Appoint persons to the various committees and subcommittees of the Fifth District subject to the approval of the Full Committee, and to appoint persons to various committees of the state party as required by the state party constitution and bylaws.
  5. Represent the Fifth District:
    - a. In meetings with the State Chair and Deputy Chair pursuant to the State Party Constitution.
    - b. As a member of the State Full Committee, the State Executive Committee, and the State Nominating Committee.

254 **B. Deputy Chair**

255 The Deputy Chair shall:

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1. Perform such duties as may be assigned by the Chair.
  2. In the absence or disability of the Chair, and during the period of a temporary vacancy pending the election of a successor, the Deputy Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair.
  3. The Deputy Chair shall serve as the alternate representative of the Fifth District on the State Executive Committee. In the event that both the Chair and Deputy Chair are to be absent from the State Executive Committee meeting the Chair may give a proxy to an elected Fifth CD officer or a State Central delegate from the Fifth District to serve as a temporary alternate to the State Executive Committee.

268 **C. Secretary**

269 The Secretary shall:

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1. Record and keep the minutes of Fifth District Conventions, Full Committee meetings, and Executive Committee meetings, committee/subcommittee reports, and attendance.
  2. Maintain and keep the membership rosters of the Full Committee, Executive Committee, the Delegates and Alternates to the Fifth District Convention and the Fifth District's State ~~Full~~ Central Committee Delegates and Alternates.
  3. Perform such other duties as are commonly assigned to the office.

280 **D. Treasurer**

281 The Treasurer shall:

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1. Be entrusted with the custody of all of the funds of the Fifth District.
  2. Ensure all receipts and expenditures follow federal and state laws and rules.
  3. Keep a record of all accounts; and ~~shall~~ make a report at Full Committee meetings and Executive Committee meetings.
  4. Make and keep a record of reports as required by applicable federal and state authorities.
  5. Upon request by the State Party Treasurer, submit Fifth District budgets and ~~or~~ financial data pertaining to the Fifth District for review as required by the Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution.
  6. Perform such other duties as are commonly assigned to the office.

298 **SECTION 4: ~~Minneapolis City Committee & Conventions~~**

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- 300 ~~A. The Minneapolis City Committee shall be responsible for candidate search, endorsement, campaign~~
- 301 ~~coordination, funding, and electing candidates for municipal and school district offices within the City of~~
- 302 ~~Minneapolis. The Minneapolis City Committee shall have no other authority or responsibilities.~~
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- 304 ~~B. The Minneapolis City Committee shall be organized in accordance with its Bylaws and in accordance~~
- 305 ~~with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Fifth District and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican~~
- 306 ~~Party of Minnesota. The Minneapolis City Committee may adopt Bylaws and amendments thereto,~~
- 307 ~~effective upon the approval of the Fifth District Full Committee.~~
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- 309 ~~C. The Fifth District Full Committee may establish an organization for the Minneapolis City Committee in~~
- 310 ~~the event that the organization has become nonfunctioning or has failed to organize as specified herein. If~~
- 311 ~~no action is taken to fill a vacancy in the office of Chair of the Minneapolis City Committee within thirty~~
- 312 ~~days of such vacancy, the vacancy may be filled by the Fifth District Full Committee.~~
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- 314 ~~D. The call for a Minneapolis municipal or school district convention may be issued by:~~
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- 316 ~~1. The Chair(s) of the Minneapolis City Committee; or,~~
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- 318 ~~2. The Fifth District Chair; or,~~
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- 320 ~~3. In the absence of a City Committee, The Chair(s) of the BPOU (if the ward or city office is entirely~~
- 321 ~~within the BPOU or if all of the delegates and alternates for a ward or city office reside within the~~
- 322 ~~BPOU); or,~~
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- 324 ~~4. The Chair(s) of the Ward (if the Convention is for City Council).~~
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- 326 ~~E. Minneapolis Municipal and School District Conventions shall be composed of the delegates or their~~
- 327 ~~alternates, who reside in their jurisdictions who were elected at the Precinct Caucuses, which were held~~
- 328 ~~in each Precinct as authorized by Minnesota Statutes and the Constitution of the Republican Party of~~
- 329 ~~Minnesota.~~

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331 **SECTION 54: Suburban City Committees and Suburban Municipal and School District Elections**

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- 333 A. For every suburb or suburban school district within the boundaries of the Fifth Congressional District
- 334 that crosses BPOU lines, the suburban city committee that includes all of the suburb or suburban school
- 335 district may be responsible for candidate search, endorsing conventions and organizing campaigns for
- 336 such elected offices as mayor, council member, and school board member. However, if there is no
- 337 suburban city committee, the Fifth District in conjunction with the BPOU Committees who's BPOU
- 338 includes part of the elected office may be responsible for candidate search, endorsing conventions and
- 339 organizing campaigns.
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- 341 B. Suburban city committees for suburbs and school districts that cross BPOU lines may be recognized and
- 342 established upon approval of the Fifth District Full Committee. Suburban city committees for suburbs
- 343 and school districts that are entirely within a BPOU may be recognized and established upon approval of
- 344 the respective BPOU committee and the Fifth District Full Committee. Suburban city committees shall
- 345 be organized in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Fifth District Republicans. Suburban
- 346 city committees may adopt Bylaws and amendments thereto, effective upon the approval of the Fifth
- 347 District Full Committee.
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- 349 C. The call for a Municipal or School District Convention may be issued by:
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- 351 1. The Chair(s) of the applicable City Committee(s) (if the boundaries for the office are entirely within
- 352 the City or School District or if all of the delegates and alternates for the office reside within the City
- 353 or School District);
- 354
- 355 2. The Chair(s) of the BPOU(s) (if the Municipal or School District office is entirely within the BPOU
- 356 or if all of the delegates and alternates for the Municipal or School District office reside within the
- 357 BPOU); or,
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- 359 3. The Fifth District Chair (if the Municipal or School District office is entirely within the Fifth District  
360 or if all of the delegates and alternates for the Municipal office reside within the Fifth District).  
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362 **SECTION 65: General Provisions Relating to Congressional District Administration**  
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- 364 A. All members and representatives of the Full Committee and all members of the Executive Committee are  
365 entitled to vote in their respective committees.  
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- 367 B. Officer Leave of Absence
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- 369 1. Members of the Executive Committee shall notify the Executive or Full Committee prior to  
370 becoming a candidate or a campaign officer.  
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- 372 2. Members of the Executive Committee who become candidates for public office or serve as a  
373 campaign officer may be given a leave of absence for up to the duration of the campaign by a two-  
374 thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee or by a majority vote of the Full Committee. Members  
375 of the Executive Committee may be given a leave of absence for other causes for up to six months  
376 by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee or by a majority vote of the Full Committee.  
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- 378 C. The Fifth District officers generally shall have the responsibility to seek out qualified candidates and  
379 encourage them to seek public office. No Fifth District officer shall use his/her official position to  
380 promote pre-primary endorsement support or induce the candidacy of any individual by assuring Fifth  
381 District support prior to endorsement.  
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383 **ARTICLE IV**  
384 **Transmittal of Delegate and Officer Names**  
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386 **SECTION 1: BPOU Conventions**

387 The names of those persons elected as delegates and alternates to Fifth District and State Conventions, ~~State-~~  
388 ~~Central~~ delegates and alternates to State Central, those persons elected as and BPOU and Senate District  
389 officers and of those persons elected or appointed as BPOU delegates Senate District representatives elected-  
390 or appointed to the Fifth District Full Committee shall be forwarded to the Fifth District prior to a date  
391 specified by the Fifth District ~~and~~ or the State Party.  
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393 **SECTION 2: Precinct Caucuses**

394 The names of those persons elected as delegates, alternates and officers shall be forwarded to the Fifth  
395 District prior to the date specified by the Fifth District ~~and~~ or the State Party.  
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397 **ARTICLE V**  
398 **Fifth District Convention**  
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400 **SECTION 1: Composition**

401 The Fifth District Convention shall be composed of the following residents of the Fifth Congressional  
402 District:  
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- 404 A. Delegates from ~~various the~~ BPOUs within the Fifth District who are elected at their conventions. The  
405 number of Delegates ~~from the various BPOUs~~ shall be apportioned among the BPOUs in the same  
406 manner as delegates to the state convention.  
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- 408 B. One delegate and one alternate from any statewide affiliate organization meeting the requirements  
409 outlined in the Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution and Bylaws.  
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411 **SECTION 2: Time and Place of Convention**

412 The Fifth District Convention shall be held annually within a range of dates established by the State ~~Full~~  
413 ~~Central~~ Committee and at the call of the Fifth District Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee,  
414 and at such other times and for such other purposes as the Chair with the approval of the Executive  
415 Committee may determine. The Executive Committee shall determine the place of holding the Fifth District  
416 convention, and shall give ten (10) days' notice to delegates and alternates.  
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418 **SECTION 3: Convention Business**  
419 The Fifth District Convention shall transact such business as is specified in the call of the Convention and any  
420 other business properly brought before the Convention. In addition to endorsements, the objectives of the  
421 regular Fifth District Convention shall include:

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- 423 A. In odd numbered years regular conventions, to elect all officers of the Fifth District, the Fifth District's  
424 at-large delegate and alternate to the State Full Central Committee and review the Fifth District  
425 Constitution and Bylaws.
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- 427 B. In even numbered years, regular conventions to consider resolutions for submission to the State  
428 Convention.
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- 430 C. In presidential election years regular conventions, to elect delegates and alternates to the Republican  
431 National Convention; and to nominate a Presidential Elector Nominee and a substitute Presidential  
432 Elector Nominee.
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- 434 ~~D. In even numbered year when reapportionment occurs, the Convention will elect officers, and establish a~~  
435 ~~new Constitution and Bylaws.~~
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437 **SECTION 4: Convention Committees**  
438 Fifth District Convention Committees shall include a Credentials Committee, a Nominating Committee  
439 (when Fifth District Officers, National Delegates ~~and~~/or Presidential Elector Nominees and substitute  
440 Nominee are to be elected), a Resolutions Committee (in even years), a Rules Committee and such other  
441 committees as may be deemed necessary or desirable. Such committees shall begin to perform their  
442 respective duties before the Convention opens, and shall be subject to the confirmation of the Fifth District  
443 Convention. The members of each committee shall be appointed as follows:

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- 445 A. The Fifth District Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee shall name a chair and the  
446 members for each Convention Committee.
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448 **SECTION 5: Officer Elections**  
449 Candidates for Fifth District offices shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee. All candidates  
450 appearing before the Nominating Committee shall have their name placed in nomination by the Nominating  
451 Committee. The Nominating Committee may inform the convention if the candidate is qualified or not  
452 qualified for the office the candidate is seeking. All candidates shall be residents within the boundaries of  
453 Fifth Congressional District, but they are not required to be delegates to the Convention. No person shall be  
454 declared elected to an office until he or she has received a majority of the votes cast for that office.

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456 **SECTION 6: National Convention Delegates and Alternates**

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458 A. Delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention shall be nominated by the Nominating  
459 Committee as provided in Article V, Section 5. Candidates shall be residents within the boundaries of the  
460 Fifth Congressional District but are not required to be delegates to the Convention.

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462 B. No person shall be declared elected as a delegate or alternate to the Republican National Convention  
463 until he or she has received a majority of the votes cast for that position. The Fifth District Convention  
464 shall determine the order in which the alternates shall be seated in the place of a delegate who is unable  
465 to attend.

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467 **SECTION 7: Presidential Elector Nominees**

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469 A. In each Presidential election year, the Nominating Committee shall place in nomination those candidates  
470 seeking the office of the Fifth Congressional District's Republican Presidential Elector-Nominee. The  
471 candidate receiving the most votes for Presidential Elector-Nominee will be elected to that position and  
472 the next candidate receiving the most votes will be the substitute Nominee.

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474 B. The Chair shall report the Fifth Congressional District Elector-Nominee and substitute Nominee to the  
475 State Convention as required by the Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution.

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477 **SECTION 8: State Central Committee**  
478 Pursuant to the State Party Constitution, the Fifth District Convention shall elect a delegate-at-large and  
479 alternate to the State Full Central Committee in odd numbered year regular conventions. During a temporary



480 vacancy in the office of alternate to the delegate-at-large, the Fifth District Chair may appoint a temporary  
481 alternate, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.  
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483 **ARTICLE VI**  
484 **Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Amendments**  
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486 **SECTION 1: Constitution and Bylaws Committee**

487 The Fifth District Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee shall appoint the chair and members of  
488 the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.  
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490 **SECTION 2: Amendments to the Constitution**

491 A. Any proposal for amendment to this constitution shall be referred to the Constitution and Bylaws  
492 Committee. A minority report may also be issued upon the agreement of at least three (3) members of the  
493 committee.  
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495 B. A Constitution and Bylaws Committee report to amend this constitution may be adopted by a majority  
496 vote of a Fifth District Convention. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee report may not be amended.  
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498 C. Notice of a proposal to amend this constitution shall be included with the Convention Call. The  
499 Constitution and Bylaws Committee report shall be publicized by means chosen by the Executive Committee.  
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501 **SECTION 3: Bylaws**

502 The Full Committee and Executive Committee shall operate under such bylaws — consistent with the  
503 constitution of the Fifth District and the constitution and bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota — as  
504 are deemed necessary for the transaction of the business of the Fifth District.  
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506 A. The bylaws may specify whatever rules and administrative procedures the Full Committee deems  
507 necessary. Where the Fifth District Constitution and Bylaws are in conflict with each other the  
508 Constitution shall take precedence over the Bylaws.  
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510 B. The process of forming or discharging committees to carry out the duties and activities of the Fifth  
511 District may be outlined in the Bylaws of the Fifth District.  
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513 **SECTION 4: Amendments to the Bylaws**

514 The bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any Full Committee meeting after written notice of  
515 any proposal for amendment has been submitted with the notice of the meeting. Any proposal for amendment  
516 shall be referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and reported out of said committee. A minority  
517 report may also be issued upon the agreement of at least three (3) members of the committee.  
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519 **ARTICLE VII**  
520 **General Provisions and Definitions**  
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522 **SECTION 1: Endorsement and Unendorsement of Republican Candidates**

523 For endorsement of all Republican candidates, refer to the Republican Party of Minnesota constitution  
524 and bylaws.  
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526 **SECTION 2: Vacancy in Office of Treasurer**

527 In the event of a vacancy in the office of Treasurer, pending the election of a successor, the Deputy Treasurer  
528 shall temporarily assume the office of Treasurer upon approval of the Executive Committee. If the office of  
529 Deputy Treasurer is vacant, or if the Deputy Treasurer is not approved to serve as the temporary Treasurer,  
530 the Chair may appoint a temporary Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, pending  
531 the next Fifth District convention. If a temporary Treasurer is appointed, the process for electing a new  
532 Treasurer shall be followed as outlined in Article III, Section 1, E 1.  
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534 **SECTION 3:** An audit of all accounts shall be conducted at least biennially or upon the election of a new Treasurer.  
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536 **SECTION 4:** The Chair shall be the official spokesperson of the Fifth District and no other member of the Fifth District  
537 shall be authorized to express the views or otherwise speak on behalf of the Fifth District on any matter of  
538 policy unless the Executive Committee or Full Committee has first considered and taken action on the matter.  
539 This limitation shall not be construed to prevent any member from freely expressing his or her personal  
540 opinions, provided he or she makes it clear that the statements are solely his or her own personal views.  
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542 **SECTION 5: Definitions**

543 The term “BPOU” refers to the Republican Party organizational unit within the Fifth Congressional District  
544 described by the Republican party of Minnesota Constitution.

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546 The term “Partial BPOU” shall mean a BPOU in which any of the population—but not all—resides within the  
547 Fifth Congressional District.

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549 The term “chair” or “chairman” when specifying a single head of a committee shall refer to either a man or a  
550 woman.

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552 The term “elected officer”, unless otherwise indicated, means an officer of any committee elected at a  
553 convention and any officer elected to fill a vacancy in any such committee office. It also means any office  
554 voted on at the Fifth District Convention.

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556 The term “BPOU Chairs<sub>1</sub>”; unless otherwise indicated, means the Chairman ~~and~~ Chairwoman, Chair, Co-  
557 Chairs, or ~~Chair and~~ Deputy Chair of any BPOU, as prescribed by the BPOU Bylaws ~~and~~/or Constitution.

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559 The term “Precinct Chairs<sub>1</sub>”; unless otherwise indicated, means any such precinct chair elected at a Precinct  
560 Caucus and any acting chair duly appointed to a vacancy in such precinct office.

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562 The term “precinct officer<sub>1</sub>”; unless otherwise indicated, means any precinct officer such as a chair, vice-  
563 chair, secretary, treasurer, etc. elected at a Precinct Caucus and any acting officer duly appointed to a vacancy  
564 in such precinct office.

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566 The term “regular convention” refers to a duly convened Fifth District Convention held within the range of  
567 dates established by the State Full Central Committee to conduct business, outlined as specified in Article V,  
568 Section 3.

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570 The term “recognized suburban city committee” refers to a suburban committee whose constitution or bylaws  
571 are not inconsistent with the Fifth District Constitution and Bylaws and have been approved by the Full  
572 Committee.

573  
574 The term “Fifth District” refers to the organization described in this document.

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576 The term “Fifth Congressional District” refers to the geographic territory within Minnesota defined through  
577 the reapportionment process following the decennial census.

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579 The term “regular meeting” is a meeting that is held on a pre-determined schedule of dates.

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581 The term “special meeting” is a meeting that is not held on a pre-determined scheduled of dates.

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583 The term “emergency meeting” is a meeting on a pressing matter.

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585 **ARTICLE VIII**  
586 **Parliamentary Authority**

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588 **SECTION 1:** The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the  
589 proceedings at all meetings or Conventions of the Fifth District in all cases in which they are applicable and  
590 in which they are not inconsistent with the Fifth District Constitution and Bylaws, the Constitution and  
591 Bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Statutes of the State of Minnesota, or any special rules of  
592 order that may be adopted.