



## **ARTICLE XVII - ENDORSEMENT OF LOCAL CANDIDATES & RECALL OF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS** **California Republican Assembly Bylaws as of April 23, 2023**

### **Two-thirds Vote for Local Endorsements (Section 17.01)**

- Endorsement of candidates for local office, and endorsements for or against the recall of local officials, require the support of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting at a local endorsing convention.
- Delegates must be present at a physical meeting to vote.
- Absent or abstaining delegates shall reduce the number needed for an endorsement, but delegates expressly voting not to endorse shall not reduce that number.
- The failure of any Republican Assembly to participate in a local endorsing convention shall not invalidate an endorsement from that convention.

### **Procedure for Calling Local Endorsing Conventions (Section 17.02)**

- The temporary chairman of the local endorsing convention is the highest-ranking state officer in the district within which the candidate is to be elected or the official is to be recalled.
- Where the district has officers of equal rank, the temporary chairman shall be determined by lot.
- If no state officer resides in the district, then the state officer who resides nearest to the district shall serve as temporary chairman.
- The temporary chairman must provide at least ten days written notice of the date, time, place, and purpose of the local endorsing convention to the President and Secretary of each chartered Republican Assembly entitled to participate, except in cases of urgency, in which case equal notice shall be given to the Presidents and Secretaries of such chartered Republican Assemblies.
- If the temporary chairman fails to call an endorsing convention by the fiftieth day before the date of the election or recall election, then the convention may be called by the CRA President or by a majority of the officers of the largest chartered Republican Assembly entitled to participate (as determined by the records of the CRA Membership Secretary).

### **Representation (Section 17.03)**

- The temporary chairman specifies the number of delegates that chartered Republican Assemblies in the election district are entitled to send to the convention.
- All chartered Republican Assemblies wholly or partially within the election district are entitled to equal representation.
- The number of potential delegates from each Republican Assembly entitled to participate shall not be fewer than three nor more than seven unless a different number was previously approved by the President of every chartered Republican Assembly in the election district prior to the notice of the local endorsing convention.

- Each chartered Republican Assembly elects the delegates and alternates for local endorsing conventions except when the members of that Republican Assembly have voted to allow the President or Board of Directors of that Republican Assembly to appoint all the delegates and alternates.

### **Delegate Residency (Section 17.04)**

- The delegate residency rules and procedures outlined for state convention delegates in Section 12.10 also apply to local endorsing conventions that involve more than one chartered Republican Assembly, except that disputes shall be resolved by the temporary chairman or the CRA President.
- If delegate residency was not challenged prior to an endorsement vote at a local endorsing convention, then it may not be challenged subsequently, except by the CRA President.
- **Section 12.10 (Delegate Residency)** No more than one-third of the delegates representing a chartered Republican Assembly may reside outside the territory previously approved for that Republican Assembly by the CRA Board of Directors. If disputed, residency shall be determined by voter registration records. If such records are unavailable or inconclusive, residency may be established by other evidence, such as a California driver's license.

### **Limitations on Endorsing (Section 17.05)**

- Only registered members of the Republican Party may be endorsed for any office.
- Only one person may be endorsed for a particular office.
- Endorsements shall occur no sooner than sixty days prior to the close of filing.
- For purposes of determining eligibility to vote, delegates to a local endorsing convention must have been members of their respective chartered Republican Assembly no less than thirty days prior to the date of the local endorsing convention, as determined by the membership records maintained by the CRA Membership Secretary.
- The CRA President, upon being notified prior to an election, or between elections, of any alleged infraction of the Bylaws concerning endorsement of candidates or issues, or recall of an elected official, shall immediately investigate the alleged infraction, and take whatever action is deemed necessary to protect the endorsement or recall privilege and the good name of the CRA.

### **Local Endorsing Conventions Involving One Republican Assembly (Section 17.06)**

- If a local endorsing convention involves a single chartered Republican Assembly, then no delegate selection process applies, and all members of that Republican Assembly are eligible to vote on the endorsement, subject to the restrictions set forth above.
- The President of that Republican Assembly serves as the chairman of the local endorsing convention.

### **When an Endorsed Candidate Ceases to Be a Candidate (Section 17.07)**

- When an endorsed candidate ceases to be a candidate, regardless of the reason, the temporary chairman who called the prior endorsing convention for that office may call another endorsing convention to endorse a different candidate, pursuant to Article XVII.

- If the temporary chairman fails to call an endorsing convention within ten days after the endorsed candidate ceases to be a candidate, then the CRA President or a majority of the officers of the largest chartered Republican Assembly in the district may call the meeting.
- If there are fewer than thirty days until the election at the time the endorsed candidate ceases to be a candidate, then the temporary chairman may choose to hold the endorsing convention in person or by e-mail.
- The temporary chairman must provide five days' notice of the meeting and its format to all the delegates who participated in the prior endorsing convention (if known) and to the President or Secretary of each chartered Republican Assembly entitled to participate.
- Unless the temporary chairman receives written notice that a chartered Republican Assembly has selected new delegates, then the delegates who participated in the prior endorsing convention are entitled to participate in the new endorsing convention.