

**Nebraska Republican Party State Central Committee**  
**Hastings, NE on August 20, 2022**  
**Adopted Constitutional Amendments**

**A22-001**

**ARTICLE VIII Vacancy on Ticket — How Filled**

**Section 2. SPECIAL ELECTIONS.** Should any vacancy arise on the ballot for any cause which results in a special election, such vacancy shall be filled by a quorum of the (1) State Central Committee in the case of State office or United States Senator; (2) Congressional District Committee in the case of the United States Representative, or (3) County Central Committee in the case of County offices, in the manner and time provided by law. The Chairman of the appropriate committee shall call a meeting of the committee at a place designated by him at such time as to permit the filing of the Certificate of the Nomination of a candidate with the proper election officers in the time and manner provided by law.

*Explanation: Currently, the State Party Constitution is unclear as to filling a candidate vacancy during a special election. Adds language describing the nomination process when a candidate vacancy occurs prompting a special election under Nebraska law.*

**A22-002**

**ARTICLE IX State Party Administration, Section 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

1. The Executive Committee of the Nebraska Republican Party shall consist of the State Chairman, the State Vice Chairman, the National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman, the Assistant Chairmen, the State Treasurer, the State Secretary, the Congressional District Chairmen and Vice Chairmen, the immediate past Republican Chairman, the State Women's Federation President, the State Young Republicans Chairman, the State College Republicans Chairman, and the ~~State TARS Chairman~~ State High School Republicans representative, the Finance Chairman, and the General Counsel, plus one ~~member~~ member-at-large from each Congressional District to be selected by the members of the State Central committee resident in the respective districts affected, such election to be held at the same meeting of the State Central Committee at which the State Chairman is elected, plus two members from the First and Second Congressional District and ~~three~~ four members from the Third Congressional District who shall be a County Chairman to be selected by a vote of the County Chairmen in each District in the same month that the State Chairman is elected, with the provision that the Chairman of the Lancaster County Party will be automatically elected to one of the two positions from the First District. The policies, affairs and business of the Party shall be administered by the Executive Committee.

*Explanation: Clarifies that the executive committee member from each congressional district is a member-at-large. Increases the number of third district member representatives on the executive committee from three to four. Inserts State High School Republicans representative and deletes State TARS Chairman to reflect current description of an independent affiliated group.*

**A22-003**

**Section 14. ENDORSEMENT. (Strike existing section language and insert the following)**

1. The Party, including its officers and staff, may endorse a Republican candidate seeking a federal, statewide, legislative, or multi-county political office in a contested election if a request for endorsement is made by the candidate seeking endorsement and the endorsement is approved by a two-thirds vote of the State Central Committee. In the absence of a request for endorsement and a two-thirds vote of the State Central Committee, the Party including its officers and staff shall be prohibited from endorsing and financially supporting such candidate in a contested election.
2. County parties, including its officers and staff, may endorse a Republican candidate seeking a federal, statewide, legislative, multi-county, county, or local political office for political subdivisions geographically connected to the county in a contested election if a request for endorsement is made by the candidate seeking endorsement and the endorsement is approved by a two-thirds vote of the county's central committee. In the absence of a request for endorsement and a two-thirds vote of the county's central committee, the county party including its officers and staff shall be prohibited from endorsing and financially supporting said candidate in a contested election.
3. State Officers, Executive Committee members, State Central Committee members, and County parties including its officers and staff shall not endorse a non-Republican candidate in an election in which a Republican is a candidate. Any officer or member found to have violated this provision may be removed from their office or committee and a vacancy shall exist if a majority of the State Central Committee members vote to remove said officer or member.
4. Contested Election shall mean an election in which two or more Republicans are seeking the same political office in either a primary, special, or general election.
5. Endorsement shall mean: (1) a public display or statement of support either by print, electronic media, or a written statement; or (2) a reported campaign contribution. Materials created and distributed for the purpose of increasing voter turnout including but not limited to door-to-door distribution of Republican candidate literature, shall not be a prohibited endorsement.
6. Financially Supporting shall not include resources made available from the Republican National Committee through the Party and county parties to all Republican candidates including but not limited to mobile canvassing applications, walk lists, call lists, or data.
7. Nothing in this section shall restrict the Party including its officers and staff, county parties including its officers and staff from endorsing a Republican candidate in an election at any level when he or she is the only declared Republican candidate seeking that office.

*Explanation: Establishes the State Party may endorse Republican candidates in federal, state, legislative and multi-county district races, and county parties may endorse Republican candidates in their own county or local races. Permits a party endorsement in contested races where two or more Republicans are challenging each other if two-thirds of the State Central Committee members, or in the case of local races county central committee members, vote to make such endorsement. Prohibits certain activities by party officials when no endorsement has been made.*

**A22-004**

**ARTICLE VII, Section 2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF CONVENTION.** The Convention shall formulate and promulgate a state platform ~~during the year in which a presidential election occurs~~, select a State Central Committee, select electors for President and Vice President of the United States, exercise such other powers as ordinarily vested in conventions and transact such business as shall properly come before it.

*Explanation: Permits state delegates to propose and adopt a state platform any time a state convention is convened, compared to current language which is every four years.*

**A22-005**

**ARTICLE IX State Party Administration, Section 5. VACANCIES.**

1. The office of State Chairman, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman shall become vacant immediately when any incumbent shall become a candidate for an elective office. A vacancy in the office of National Committeeman or National Committeewoman shall be filled for the unexpired term by the State Central Committee at a meeting called for that purpose promptly after the creation of the vacancy.
2. If a vacancy occurs in any State Party office, the same shall be filled in the same manner as provided herein for the election or appointment of such officer. If a State Party officer is elected to represent a political subdivision (district) and the boundary of that district is redrawn due to a decennial census resulting in the officer no longer residing within that district, then the position shall become vacant.
3. Vacancies in the State Central Committee shall be filled immediately by a meeting of State Convention delegates in the Central Committee District where such vacancy occurs, provided that in Central Committee Districts included entirely within one county, the vacancy shall be filled in the manner determined by the respective County Central committee; provided that vacancies in the position of County Chairman Representative shall be filled by an election by the County Chairmen of all Counties in such District.
4. If Central Committee vacancies are not filled as provided above within 60 days after notice by the State Chairman to the County Chairmen and State Convention delegates of the Central Committee district in which the vacancy exists, the State Chairman shall fill the vacancy as soon as possible.
5. A vacancy in the office of delegate or State Central Committee shall exist upon the happening of any of the following events: (1) receipt of a letter of resignation, (2) death, (3) ceasing to be a resident of the County or District from which elected, (4) failure to ~~elect~~ be duly elected at a proper election, (5) conviction of a felony, or (6) ~~in the case of a State Central Committee Member~~, failure of a State Central Committee member to attend three (3) meetings during that person's term. For the purpose of this subsection the member's term shall begin on the day of their election at the State Convention or super-district election.

*Explanation: Specifies that a vacancy occurs if the census redrawing of a district boundary results in an officer no longer residing within their former district. Indicates that a resignation occurs upon the receipt of a signed letter of resignation. Clarifies additional language in the new subsection 5.*