

## **Brief Explanation of the Colorado Republican Committee Emergency Bylaws**

*Without HB2020-1359, Colorado Republicans around the state would legally be unable to hold assemblies and conventions, due to a variety of executive and other orders coming from Governor Polis, the Colorado Department of Health, and county health departments. The goal of these emergency bylaws is to enable our counties and districts to still hold assemblies and give a voice to the grassroots as we have always done in Colorado.*

### **Emergency Bylaw #1**

This allows the relevant chairman to reschedule an assembly or convention without the usual 10-15 days' notice. If that notice was insisted on, many counties would no longer be able to hold an assembly or convention with the ever-changing and fluid nature of our situation. All delegates and alternates should be notified of the changes in whatever means is possible, though email and phone calls (electronic means) are now broadly allowed due to the changing nature of county health orders.

### **Emergency Bylaw #2**

Many districts and counties do not have quorum requirements, but if they do, those are waived, though no one person will be able to conduct an assembly or convention alone. Full participation is encouraged wherever practicable.

### **Emergency Bylaw #3**

Self-explanatory.

### **Emergency Bylaw #4**

The key word here is "MAY." This bylaw gives the relevant officers the ability to adopt alternative credentialing, nominating, or voting methods as necessary. HB 1359 allowed us to make a way for counties and districts who generally require in-person voting to expand the options for all delegates to still participate electronically, through drive-by/drop-off voting, or other means. This bylaw ensures the grassroots still has a voice in assemblies and conventions where in-person gatherings have been banned through executive orders from the Governor.

### **Emergency Bylaw #5**

HB 1359 required that districts and counties allow – not require – no more than five proxies.

### **Emergency Bylaw #6**

This bylaw enables all counties and districts to still have a meeting, even if their bylaws requires in-person meetings under usual circumstances. It also requires that verifiable records be kept for six months to ensure transparency.

### **Emergency Bylaw #7**

The key word here is "MAY." We believe each county or district's officers understand their unique situation the best and should have the freedom to implement deadlines as needed.

**Emergency Bylaw #8**

The key word here is “MAY.” If a county or district chooses to use an electronic meeting system that enables nearly 100% of all delegates to participate, they may no longer need alternates. However, the right of CD Alternates to run for National Delegate is still preserved.

**Emergency Bylaw #9**

HB1359 extended the usual deadline for assemblies. This bylaw also allows counties and districts to hold a vote open for no more than seven days with the goal of allowing them freedom to find a way to allow for the maximum level of participation so all voices are heard.

**Emergency Bylaw #10**

Quick responses are essential for candidates seeking a place on the primary ballot. This bylaw guarantees an expedited response to any candidate concerns.

**Emergency Bylaw #11**

This bylaw protects our counties and districts who have been doing an incredible job scrambling to find a way to hold assembly or convention in the midst of all the changing executive orders from the state and county governments. We recognize our local leaders have had to respond to extraordinary circumstances, and as long as they gave one day’s notice of changes, their results are ratified.

**Emergency Bylaw #12**

This bylaw requires the State Chairman to give at least three days’ notice of any date or location change for the State Assembly and Convention, and to send such notice to all email addresses for the district and county chairmen, members of the SCC, and all delegates and alternates that are on file with the state party. Additionally, notice will be posted on the state website.

**Emergency Bylaw #13**

This bylaw requires the State Chairman to give at least seven days’ notice for any credentialing or voting procedure changes for the State Assembly and Convention and requires the same notice to be given as Emergency Bylaw #12.

**Emergency Bylaw #14**

This bylaw recognizes that there may still be a state executive order banning a specific number of persons from gathering in April, but it still preserves the right of all State Alternates to run for National Delegate. Furthermore, if a voting method is used, such as mail-in ballot, every Delegate would have an opportunity to cast a ballot from their home. The turnaround time to get those ballots back in and elevate alternates would not fit within the 7-day window required by state statute.

**Emergency Bylaw #15**

This is a last-resort bylaw that ensures the Republican Party will have candidates on the primary ballot. The language makes it clear that a vacancy committee shall not have the authority to

designate a candidate for the ballot unless all other efforts have been made by the county or district and have failed.

**Emergency Bylaw #16**

Without this bylaw, the majority of county and district assemblies would not go forward in Colorado.

**Emergency Bylaw #17**

This bylaw ensures these emergency bylaws are temporary and automatically repealed at the end of the year. They also may be repealed at an earlier date by a vote of the SCC or SEC.