

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RPOC CONSTITUTION

AMENDMENT #1, SUBMITTED BY: RPOC Constitution Committee

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: This amendment proposes to eliminate the current **Article XIV CAUCUS, WHO MAY PARTICIPATE TO VOTE** in its entirety.

CURRENT TEXT OF ARTICLE XIV:

Section 1: Eligible Voters: Only those individuals who are or will be eligible to vote at the time of the next state general election may vote or be elected as a delegate or officer at the precinct caucus. An eligible voter may vote or be elected a delegate or officer only in the precinct where the voter resides at the time of the caucus.

Section 2: Agreement with Republican Party Principles: Only those persons who are in agreement with the principles of the Republican Party as stated in the Republican Party's Constitution and platform, and who either voted or affiliated with the party at the last state general election or intend to vote or affiliate with the party at the next state general election, may vote at the precinct caucus.

Section 3: Decision by caucus vote: In case the right of a person to participate at the caucus is challenged, the question of the right to participate shall be decided by a vote of the whole caucus. A person so challenged may not vote on the question of the person's right to participate.

Section 4: One caucus per year: No person may vote or participate at more than one party's caucuses in any one year.

NEW TEXT OF ARTICLE XIV: There will be no text.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE: Accept

VOTE TOTALS OF THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE: 2 - 0

ARGUMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Article XIV was added to the RPOC Constitution in 2023 due to changes in Minnesota statute that eliminated all parts of 202A.16 that specified requirements for who may attend and vote at a caucus. The RPOC added Article XIV to add requirements because the State Republican Party did not do so in time for the 2024 caucus.

In May, 2024 at the State Convention, the MNGOP Constitution was amended to include a new Article V which contains the requirements that were added to the RPOC Constitution. Because the RPOC Constitution is assumed to incorporate the MNGOP Constitution (per MNGOP Constitution Article XVII Section 1), Article XIV in the RPOC Constitution is now redundant.