

# CONSTITUTION OF SENATE DISTRICT 38 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

## ARTICLE I NAME AND JURISDICTION

### Section 1: *Name*

The name of this organization shall be Senate District 38 Republican Committee, hereinafter called the "Committee."

### Section 2: *Jurisdiction*

The jurisdiction of the Committee shall be limited to the geographic area within the boundaries of Senate District 38, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

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## ARTICLE II PURPOSES

### Section 1: *Purposes*

The purposes and duties of the Committee shall include those imposed by the laws of the United States of America and the State of Minnesota, by the Constitution of the Third and Fifth Congressional District, the Constitution of the State Republican Party of Minnesota and by the Committee's own Constitution and Bylaws as set forth herein. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the aforementioned documents.

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## ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

### Section 1: *Full Committee Composition*

The Senate District 38 Full Committee shall be composed of the following voting members:

- A. Currently elected Senate District Officers.
- B. The Chair and Vice-Chair of each Precinct in Senate District 38.
- C. Delegates and Alternates elected at the most recent Republican Senate District 38 precinct caucus.
- D. Any elected Republican official who resides within the boundaries of Senate District 38 shall be considered ex-officio, non-voting members.
- E. The Chair or other official representative of any local Republican-affiliated group shall be considered an ex-officio, non-voting member.

### Section 2: *Executive Committee Composition*

- A. There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the two Co-Chairs, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and up to seven Vice-Chairs.
- B. Election of Officers shall take place at the duly convened Senate District 38 Convention in odd numbered years, or any year after redistricting. Officers shall be Delegates or Alternates who reside within Senate District 38 and who were duly elected at the most recent Republican Party

of Minnesota precinct caucus or have previously been elected members of the SD38 Executive Committee and receive more than 60% of the votes cast for said position at the current Convention.

- C. Members shall not hold a position of Chair, Treasurer, Campaign Manager or Finance Chair on any candidate's campaign committee without first obtaining the consent of two-thirds of the Executive Committee.

### **Section 3: *Quorum***

- A. The quorum required to transact business at Senate District 38 Full Committee meetings shall be one-third of the total current membership of the Full Committee. Ex-officio members do not count towards the determination of quorum. Once a quorum has been established, there shall be no further question as to the quorum.
- B. The quorum required to transact official business at Senate District Executive Committee meetings shall be 51% of the total current membership of the Executive Committee. Once a quorum has been established, there shall be no further question as to the quorum.

### **Section 4: *Termination of Executive or Full Committee Membership***

Membership on the Executive or Full Committee shall terminate:

- A. Without further action when a member:
  - 1. Submits a written resignation,
  - 2. No longer resides in Senate District 38,
  - 3. Accepts endorsement from any non-Republican political party,
  - 4. Or misses three (3) consecutive Executive Committee meetings.
- B. After the official removal process is followed as outlined below: Charges are brought against a member by any four Full Committee members. The following charges may be brought against a member:
  - i. Failure to cooperate in carrying out the assigned duties of their office.
  - ii. Obstructing the carrying out of the Party's business or functions.
  - iii. Actions that may disparage the good name of the Committee.
  - iv. Declaring membership or association in a political party other than the Republican Party.
- 1. Charges shall be filed with the Senate District Secretary, who shall distribute those charges to the accused and to the Executive Committee within three (3) days of receipt. The Executive Committee shall consider the charges no later than the next regular meeting, but in no case earlier than five (5) business days from the date the charges are distributed by the Secretary. Upon approval by a majority of the Executive Committee, those charges shall be forwarded to the Full Committee for consideration no later than the next regular meeting of the Full Committee.
- 2. The Executive Committee shall give notice of every proposal for removal of an Executive or Full Committee member in the written or emailed notice of the Full Committee meeting. The individual concerned shall be provided with a statement of the allegations

- not less than seven days prior to such meeting and shall be entitled to be heard in his/her defense at the meeting considering removal.
3. A member may be removed only by a 2/3 vote at a Full Committee meeting where their removal is being considered.
  4. A member retains their vote until they have been removed by vote.
- C. This provision shall not apply to convention delegates and alternates duly elected at the most recent local caucus.

**Section 5: *Conflicts of Interest***

- A. To prevent conflicts of interest, a Senate District Committee member must take a leave of absence from their Senate District 38 office upon announcing their intention to seek Republican endorsement for House District 38A or 38B or Senate District 38, Constitutional Office or Federal Office and must resign upon receiving endorsement. If the Officer is not endorsed, the leave of absence will terminate upon completion of the endorsing convention or primary.

**Section 6: *Vacancies***

- A. In the event that a Senate District Officer, Vice-Chair or Precinct Chair resigns, ceases to reside in the Senate District, or otherwise vacates their position, the Executive Committee may appoint a replacement by a majority vote at an Executive Committee meeting contingent upon approval of the Full Committee at the next regular or special Full Committee meeting. The Executive Committee shall attempt to recruit volunteers to fill all vacancies on the Full Committee.
- B. The Executive Committee must appoint a temporary replacement for the office of Treasurer by a majority vote at an Executive Committee meeting in order to conduct the financial business of the Senate District as required by law.

**Section 7: *Email Communication & Meeting Notice***

- A. The primary means of communication to the Executive and Full Committee members will be by email.
- B. Written notice of regular meetings of the Executive and Full Committees shall be emailed at least five days prior to each meeting.
- C. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by three members of the Executive Committee with three days' notice by telephone or email.

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**ARTICLE IV  
CONVENTIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Section 1: *Annual Convention***

- A. A Senate District convention shall be held annually within a time frame determined by either a relevant Congressional District Executive Committee or the State Executive Committee.

**Section 2: *Convention Eligibility***

- A. The Senate District Convention shall be composed of the Delegates or their Alternates who reside within Senate District 38 and who were duly elected at the most recent Republican Party of Minnesota precinct caucus.

**Section 3: *Convention Committees***

- A. Prior to each convention, the Senate District Executive Committee shall establish rules, resolutions, credentials, registration and such other committees as may be deemed necessary, composed of delegates or alternates to the Senate District Convention.
- B. Committees shall include, at minimum, a committee Chair and may include at least one person from each House District. The membership, including the Chair, shall not exceed (9) nine.

**Section 4: *Convention Business***

- A. The Convention shall transact such business as is specified by the laws of Minnesota and in the call of the Convention and may transact such other business as may properly be brought before the convention.
- B. In even-numbered years, the Convention shall consider endorsement of candidates for the state legislature, consider resolutions on party and governmental matters, and elect delegates and alternates to the relevant Congressional District and State Conventions.
- C. In odd-numbered years, or after redistricting, the Convention shall elect Senate District officers.
- D. In odd-numbered years or after redistricting the Convention shall elect State Central Committee Delegates and Alternates.

**Section 5: *Special Conventions***

Special conventions may be held at such time and for such purposes as the Senate District Executive Committee may determine.

**Section 6: *Endorsement***

- A. The endorsement of a candidate for public office must receive at least sixty percent affirmative vote of the ballots cast.
- B. In the event that an Endorsed Senate District Candidate, Pursuant to Article IV, Section 6 A, is defeated in a primary, the Executive Committee is granted the ability to endorse the winning candidate by the current seated majority vote of the Executive Committee as written in the Bylaws.



**ARTICLE V  
AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1: *Amendment Process***

- A. The adoption of a Constitution at the first convention following redistricting shall not be considered an amendment to the Constitution.
- B. This Constitution may be amended by a majority of the seated Delegates and Alternates present at any Senate District 38 Convention. With the exception of amendments that are the product of a duly appointed Constitution Committee, any proposal for amendment shall be presented to the Executive Committee at least 25 days prior to the convention where the amendments are to be considered, except that motions from the convention floor to amend a duly filed constitutional amendment may be considered to the extent that they are germane to the amendment.
- C. Upon receiving a proposed amendment, the Executive Committee shall refer the matter to a Constitution Committee comprised of at least a Chair and a person from each House District. The Constitution Committee shall issue a majority, and if necessary, a minority report, along with the proposed language of the amendment. Said report(s) and the language shall be posted on the Senate District Website at least seven (7) days prior to the convention.



## **ARTICLE VI**

### **EFFECTIVE ADOPTION**

#### **Section 1:** *Adoption*

This Constitution became effective upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates and alternates present at the 2024 Senate District 38 Convention.