



Bylaws and Rules of the Berks County Republican Committee

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**ARTICLE 1:
NAME AND PURPOSE**

This organization, to be known as the Berks County Republican Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Organization” or “Committee,” shall officially represent, conduct business for, and be the governing body of the Republican Party in Berks County, Pennsylvania. The mission of the Berks County Republican Party is to provide overall organizational support to Republican candidates for office and to provide Berks County Republican voters with effective interfacing capabilities to convey Republican candidate information to them in a timely manner which increases the chances for Republican victories in elections.

ARTICLE 2: MEMBERS

§ 2.01. Members.

(a) Members of the organization shall be:

(1) Berks County Republican Committeemen and Berks County Committeewomen elected as hereinafter provided;

(2) Berks County Bonus Committee Persons elected as hereinafter provided;

(3) Berks County Committeemen, Berks County Committeewomen and Berks County Bonus Committee Persons appointed as per Section 2.02 as hereinafter provided.

(b) Phone numbers and emails of the membership shall be kept confidential. Information may be released at the discretion of the Chair or Region Chair to candidates.

§ 2.02. Elections and Appointments.

One (1) Committeeman and one (1) Committeewoman shall be elected from each precinct in Berks County by the registered Republican voters of such precinct during the primary election in even numbered calendar years commencing with the primary election of 2006 and every four (4) years thereafter. Write-in candidates can be elected with a minimum of one (1) vote. In the event of a tie, the Executive Committee shall determine the winner of the election. The winner shall be determined by lottery at the Executive Committee Meeting immediately following the election. In addition, one (1) Bonus Committee Person shall be elected in the same manner from each precinct for every five hundred (500) registered Republican voters in such precinct. All appointments to fill a vacant committee member position must first be recommended and approved by the appropriate Region. The recommendation is then passed to the Executive Committee for approval by a majority present, in person or by proxy, at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

HISTORY.

Amended by Bylaws Amendment 2022-02 (Oct. 8. 2022).

§ 2.03. Duties, Responsibilities and Commitment.

(a) Duties and Responsibilities of the Members shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Registering Republican voters and encouraging them to vote;
- (2) Assisting Republican voters by providing information, absentee ballot applications and other services;
- (3) Assisting the Republican Party in finding, nominating, and electing well-qualified Republican candidates for office;
- (4) Assisting candidates who are registered Republicans in election campaigns;
- (5) Protecting the interests of the Republican Party and of candidates who are registered Republicans at the polls;
- (6) Provision of up-to-date personal contact information. Members are solely responsible to provide the Recording Secretary of the Committee with their current regular mail address and electronic mail address for the purpose of all notifications provided for under these By-laws;
- (7) Members, by providing their current contact information to the Committee, grant the Committee and Region permission to contact them using regular mail, electronic mail, text or telephone;
- (8) Otherwise advancing the interests of the Republican Party in Berks County;
- (9) Deliver the maximum number of Republican votes from their precinct by encouraging voter participation in the election;
- (10) Motivating voters to go to the polls and vote for Republican candidates;
- (11) Participating in meetings and special events sponsored by the Committee and/or candidates;

(12) Foster a good working relationship with other Committee members by not engaging in activities that create unnecessary friction;

(13) Distributing campaign literature through door-to-door efforts in your precinct and develop personal interface and dialogue with constituents in order to inform them of their candidates and the key issues;

(14) Assisting candidates with mailings, phone calls and other campaign activities as needed;

(15) Help recruit GOP volunteers to work at a precinct to place and then remove campaign signs and campaign for candidates Election Day;

(16) Volunteer to work at a polling place on Election Day, if available;

(17) Provide signs and literature at polling locations on Election Day;

(18) Recruit additional committee members;

(19) Promoting the placement of candidate campaign signs on Committee Member's property.

(b) "Commitment" shall be defined as the support of our Republican mission, platform and candidates. Members must add value via "commitment" to our Republican Committee. Committee members commitment includes, but is not limited to:

(1) Committee Members actively attend all meetings, in person or by proxy, half or more of all free events, and no fundraising events per year.

(2) Committee Members who attend all meetings, in person or by proxy, but do not attend most events. They do however, sponsor members by "paying the way" for multiple members (at least two (2)) to attend two (2) or more candidate sponsored and/or Committee sponsored fundraising events per year.

(3) Committee Members who attend all meetings, three-quarters (3/4) or more in person, the rest by proxy. They attend less than one-half (1/2) of all free events. They are not required to attend any candidate sponsored and/or Committee sponsored fundraising events per year.

(4) Committee Members who are elected local, county, state or federal officials who were also elected or appointed to the Berks County Republican Committee. They must attend all meetings either in person or by proxy. There are no attendance or participation requirements at events.

(5) Committee Members who attend all meetings, either in person or by proxy, and contribute multiple hours every month during election season, making phone calls, working polls, and/or door to door work for our Republican Candidates.

(6) Committee Members who miss a meeting, either in person or by proxy, shall provide their Region Chair with an explanation.

(c) The Code of Conduct for members is contained in the Operating Policies of the Berks County Republican Committee.

§ 2.04. Removal; Ineligibility to be Seated.

(a) Leave of Absence. Members who are unable to meet their commitment due to health, family issues and/or work assignments are required to submit to their Region Chair and the County Chair, via electronic mail or regular mail, announcing their inactivity for up to six (6) months. Such members shall not be subject for removal during their leave of absence. The Executive Committee will reassess the members' participation, with the member, after the leave of absence.

(b) Members may be removed and candidates for membership, whether by election or appointment, may be refused to be seated as ineligible, including on any of the following grounds:

(1) Not remaining a Republican.

(2) Not maintaining official residence within the represented precinct (or, for At-Large Members who are not Committee Persons, within Berks County).

(3) Consistent neglect of the duties mentioned in Article II, Section 2.03 for a period of ninety (90) days.

(4) Medically certified mental incapacity, until such time as medical documents prove otherwise.

(5) Conviction of a serious criminal offense.

(6) Recommendation of the Conduct Subcommittee or Credentials Subcommittee, including any refusal to cooperate in good faith with either subcommittee.

(7) Except as provided in Section 7.03, all members of the organization, regardless of their position, cannot work against our Republican Candidates chosen by Primary Election or by nomination certificate under the Election Code, including by way of campaigning for third-party or write-in candidate efforts.

(8) Association with any activist or political organization determined by the Executive Committee to be not aligned with the Berks County Republican Committee. A finding of such association is made by simple majority of the quorum of the Executive Committee, but removal is otherwise in accordance with Subsection (c).

(c) Charges for removal of a Member shall be directed to a member of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall determine, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, if removal proceedings shall be initiated. Notifications of removal shall be sent by electronic mail and certified mail. The Executive Committee shall give the Member five (5) days' notice of the charges for removal and an opportunity to be heard by the Executive Committee. Removal requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum of the Executive Committee.

(d) Charges of ineligibility of a candidate for membership, whether by election or appointment, are determined by a simple majority of the quorum of the Executive Committee. If charges are sustained, then such candidate must receive reasonably prompt notice of that determination from the Executive Committee. Such notice may also prescribe the manner for petitioning for reconsideration or for a waiver of the ineligibility determination. Within 15 days of receiving notice of an ineligibility determination, a candidate for membership may petition for reconsideration of a question of fact, or for a waiver of the ineligibility determination, and has a right to be heard before the Executive Committee in accordance with this Section. Reconsideration of a question of fact of ineligibility may be sustained, and waiver of ineligibility may be granted, by a simple majority of the quorum of the Executive Committee. Without a timely request for reconsideration or waiver submitted in accordance with this Section, the candidate for membership is deemed ineligible.

(e) Proceedings for removal, or for reconsideration or waiver of an ineligibility determination, are informal and not adversarial. For any proceeding under this

Section, a member or candidate for membership who is unable to appear may be represented only by a member, whether or not a licensed attorney. By simple majority, the Executive Committee determines any supplementary procedures under this Section.

(f) If any person exercises any right under this Section, or under Section 2.05, and if that person, directly or indirectly, discloses to the public any aspect of the proceeding or the findings and conclusions by the Executive Committee, then that person is deemed to have consented to any and all public disclosures of such proceeding and such findings and conclusions by the Executive Committee, whether or not that person agrees with the truth of the matter asserted.

HISTORY.

Amended by Bylaws Amendment 2022-01 (Apr. 23, 2023).

§ 2.05. Review by Credentials Subcommittee.

(a) The Executive Committee appoints the voting members and Chair of the Credentials Subcommittee, and the name of the Chair, and means of contacting the Chair, must be provided on the Web site of the BCRC. The Chair of the Credentials Subcommittee may appoint non-voting members to such subcommittee.

(b) The Credentials Subcommittee may review the eligibility of any candidate for membership under these Bylaws, whether of members-elect under an election in Section 2.02. or requests for appointment. The Credentials Subcommittee may request particular information from a candidate for membership. It is the responsibility of such candidates to remit their responses to requests by the Credentials Subcommittee and, without those responses, a candidate may not be seated or a proceeding for reconsideration or waiver will be postponed.

(c) Within 30 days of certification of the election results under Section 2.02 by the Berks County Board of Election, the Credentials Subcommittee reports its findings and recommendations on members-elect, including those by write-in votes, to the Executive Committee as follows:

(1) Members-elect determined eligible or ineligible to be seated.

(2) Members-elect determined eligible to be seated but tied for the same party office, requiring the Executive Committee's intervention under Section 2.02.

(3) Members-elect where seating is postponed due to the failure to respond to requests for information.

(4) Write-in candidates who did not request to be seated.

(d) Within 15 days of receiving a report on the findings and recommendations of the Credentials Subcommittee of the election results under Section 2.02, the Executive Committee must, by simple majority of a quorum, sustain or overrule the report in whole or in part and, if necessary, schedule a hearing for tie-breaking of eligible candidates under Section 2.02. Not more than once and not exceeding 30 days, the Executive Committee may recommit, with instructions, any matter to the Credentials Committee for additional investigation and fact-finding. Persons determined ineligible by the Executive Committee are not seated unless a reconsideration or waiver of the ineligibility determination is obtained under Section 2.04.

(e) If a nomination petition was filed and if not determined ineligible by the Executive Committee, a member-elect's term of party office begins as of right 45 days after certification of the election results under Section 2.02 by the Berks County Board of Election.

(f) Write-in candidates for election under Section 2.02 must submit a request to be seated to the Credentials Subcommittee. Otherwise, the Credentials Subcommittee may choose to submit a letter to a write-in candidate, enclosing a questionnaire and notifying the individual of the rights under this Section if desiring to be seated, including the intervention of the Executive Committee in the event of a tie among eligible candidates who submit a completed questionnaire. The Credentials Subcommittee may cumulate reasonable misspellings of write-in ballots if no petition to cumulate or identify write-in votes is submitted or determined by the Berks County Board of Election or if the Credentials Subcommittee disagrees with a determination on such petition by the Berks County Board of Election. The reasons for such disagreement with the Berks County Board of Election must be disclosed in the report to the Executive Committee under this Section.

(g) Unless the Executive Committee determines otherwise, the form and contents of requests for information under this Section are drafted by the Credentials Subcommittee. But neither the Credentials Subcommittee nor the Executive Committee may inquire of any person, directly or indirectly, into any liability risk for unprosecuted criminal conduct.

(h) For purposes of criminal background checks, the Credentials Subcommittee may not surcharge any candidate for membership without approval by resolution of the Executive Committee. The amount of the surcharge, if any, must be reasonably related to the cost of a criminal background check.

HISTORY.

Amended by Bylaws Amendment 2022-01 (Apr. 23, 2023).

§ 2.06. Arbitration.

(a) Binding arbitration, subject to confidentiality, is applicable as follows:

(1) Arbitration is at the election of the Executive Committee (or its designee).

(2) Whether commenced by or against the Organization or, whether or not the Organization is joined as a party, by or against the Organization's current or former managers or current or former members, or by or against applicants for appointment as members, arbitrable matters are any of the following:

(A) arising out of or relating to these Bylaws (including any dispute concerning the construction, validity, interpretation, enforceability, or breach of these Bylaws).

(B) arising out of or relating to any act or omission of the Organization or, if liable within their capacity as party officer or member, any act or omission of the Organization's current or former managers or its current or former members.

(C) arising out of or relating to any allegedly tortious communication (written, oral, or electronic), whether or not liable within the capacity as party officer or member, if involving channels of communication available through the Organization (such as the Organization's e-mail listservs or any social media associated with the Organization), or aided or facilitated by information from the Organization (including contact information for managers and members), or occurring within any of the meetings or events of the Organization or within any setting having a reasonable relationship to the Organization or to campaigning for Republican candidates.

(D) whether or not a dispute, controversy, or claim is arbitrable.

(b) The complaining party must give written notice of a demand for arbitration to the other party by certified U.S. mail, including a copy of such notice addressed to the County Chair and Secretary and delivered to the headquarters of the Organization and on the registered agent of the Organization (if registered with the Pennsylvania Secretary of State). The demand for arbitration must describe the material facts giving rise to the dispute, controversy, or claim. If not made a party, then the Organization has a right to intervene. Within 30 days of receiving such notice, the Executive Committee (or its designee) must appoint, as Arbitrator, a registered Republican who is a current or retired attorney or retired judge, and the arbitration must be conducted in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Ordinarily, the demand for arbitration by the complaining party must be made within a reasonable time after the dispute, controversy, or claim has arisen. But if the complaining party's dispute, controversy, or claim relates to the removal of that party from the Organization, then that party must commence a demand for arbitration within 30 days after receiving actual or constructive notice of removal by the Executive Committee. In no event may a demand for arbitration be made within two years from when the complaining party knew or should have known of the dispute, controversy, or claim.

(c) Binding arbitration under these Bylaws is specifically enforceable.

(d) Unless otherwise required by law or within an action or proceeding before a court of competent jurisdiction or upon authorization by a majority vote of the Executive Committee (or its designee), no party (or that party's representation) may publicly disclose the existence, contents, or results of any arbitration under this Section. The Executive Committee (or its designee) may request the Arbitrator to sign a confidentiality agreement.

(e) In the absence of written consent of all parties, the parties are not entitled to discovery in the arbitration, except the Arbitrator may permit the deposition of a witness upon a credible showing that such witness is likely to be unavailable to testify at the hearing.

(f) Unless the parties agree otherwise or upon good cause as determined by the Arbitrator, the hearing in arbitration must be held within 120 days from the date of the Arbitrator's appointment. Within 30 days prior to the hearing date, the parties must disclose their witnesses with a summary of each person's expected testimony, and exchange copies of all exhibits. The procedures of the arbitration are, to the extent not inconsistent with this Section, supplemented by the Employment Arbitration Rules and Mediation Procedures of the American Arbitration Association.

(g) The Arbitrator has no authority to award punitive, special, or consequential damages against the Organization or, if liable within their capacity as party officer or member, the Organization's current or former managers or current or former members. The Arbitrator shall be entitled to issue injunctive and other equitable relief. In respect of a complaining party who was removed from the Organization, the Arbitrator is permitted to award judgment of reinstatement of that complaining party's position and an ouster of any person who was subsequently appointed to that position. If the prevailing party is the Organization or, if indemnified or defended by the Executive Committee (or its designee), the Organization's current or former officer or current or former member, then the Arbitrator must also award to the Organization only a recovery of reasonable attorneys' fees and litigation expenses, as well as the costs of the arbitration (including the Arbitrator's fees) and such relief may be requested before or during the hearing or within 30 days after judgment.

ARTICLE 3: MANAGEMENT

§ 3.01. Managers.

(a) The managers shall be: Chair, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be members of the opposite sex.

(b) At the completion of their term, the managers of the Committee shall meet with the incoming managers within fourteen (14) days to ensure a smooth transition between leadership. All materials, including books, records, electronic files, website access, financial records, passwords and property belonging to the Committee shall be transferred to the incoming managers. Computers will be in working order and passwords will be provided to the new administration. Any materials, including databases, files, written materials and artwork produced for use by the Committee shall be considered the intellectual property of the Committee. If the above is not achieved within fourteen (14) days, without approved extension by the Chair, the member(s) in violation will forfeit their membership immediately.

§ 3.02. Qualifications for Managers and Members.

(a) In addition to qualifications provided elsewhere under the Bylaws, and adhering to the rules and conduct under the Bylaws and by the Executive Committee, no person is eligible for election or appointment if, within five years immediately prior to election or appointment, that person was removed from the BCRC or resigned membership without leave of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may, by simple majority, remove such ineligibility if, prior to elections described in Section 2.02, the person makes application for that purpose before the first day to circulate nomination petitions under the Election Code.

(b) At the time of assuming office, the County Chair and Vice Chair must be Berks County Republican Committee Members as per Article II, Section 2.01, or per Article VI, Section 6.02(b), and must have at least five years of cumulative service in any capacity in the BCRC.

§ 3.03. Election Term.

(a) The managers shall be elected (by secret ballot) at a reorganization meeting of the General Session, which shall be held within thirty (30) days of the certification of election results of the Spring Primary of each odd-numbered calendar year, commencing with the primary election in 2023 and every (2) two years thereafter.

The managers (as of the date of the approval of this amendment in 2021) shall hold office until the conclusion of the next reorganization meeting in 2023, unless the officer resigns, is removed, or is otherwise unable to serve. All materials such as attendance sheets, proxies, ballots and electronic files used to conduct the meeting shall be given to the incoming Secretary at the conclusion of the organizational meeting.

(b) On the day of the Election, the current managers shall provide to the Committee's solicitor, all information required in Article III, Section 3.01(b) by electronic methods and/or by hard copy. Prior to the election, the solicitor shall verify receipt of the materials.

(c) In the event of any tie vote for any officer election (including an officer election for a region committee) and if hopelessly deadlocked or lacking an agreed-upon means of breaking the tie, then the Executive Committee must, by simple majority of votes in person or by proxy, break the tie or otherwise determine the means of breaking the tie.

§ 3.04. Chair.

The Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the Committee. The Chair is an *ex-officio* member of all committees. The Chair shall preside over all meetings of the Committee and the Executive Committee. The Chair shall ensure an annual budget for the Committee is prepared, either directly or by designee.

§ 3.05. Vice Chair.

The Vice Chair shall preside over all meetings of the Committee and the Executive Committee in the absence of the Chair.

§ 3.06. Recording Secretary.

The secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Committee and the Executive Committee and shall maintain the minute books of the Committee.

§ 3.07. Treasurer.

(a) The Treasurer (or County Treasurer) must receive and disburse all moneys of the BCRC and maintain cash receipts and cash disbursements journals, and file all reports under the Campaign Finance Reporting Law.

- (b) The Treasurer must establish and maintain consolidated banking and bookkeeping, but include segregated books and records for each Region, where each Region may fundraise its own contributions and generally control its own expenditures.
- (c) The Treasurer must cooperate with any auditor designated by the Executive Committee or audit conducted in accordance with law or court order.
- (d) At Executive or General meetings, the Treasurer may be called upon to give a report.
- (e) The Chair and Treasurer must agree upon a bank for the BCRC and, if unable to agree, then the Executive Committee must decide.
- (f) The Chair and Treasurer must be signatories for all bank accounts of the BCRC and are responsible for monitoring bank account activity.
- (g) Ordinarily, the Treasurer does not approve expenditures. Where transacting an expenditure, the Treasurer is entitled to accept the veracity of an Officer, or Region Officer, whether any given expenditure is approved. By Operating Policy, the Executive Committee may determine if certain requests for expenditures must be in writing and signed by appropriate persons.
- (h) For each expenditure, the Treasurer may request such information that is necessary to comply with the Campaign Finance Reporting Law, such as the recipient, the recipient's address, and a description of the expenditure.
- (i) Regions must approve any expenditure which exceeds \$200.00 per recipient for each reporting period under the Campaign Finance Reporting Law. The Executive Committee must approve any expenditure, which is not a Region expenditure, that exceeds \$1,500.00 per recipient for each reporting period under the Campaign Finance Reporting Law.
- (j) Expenditures, which are not Region expenditures, that are \$1,500.00 or less must be approved by not less than two managers. Region expenditures that are \$200.00 or less must be approved by the Region Chair and Vice Chair.
- (k) In addition to any responsibilities imposed by Operating Policy, the Budget Subcommittee monitors all accounts and spending activity of the BCRC, reconciles Region account balances, and assists the Treasurer and the County Chair in

preparing annual budgets. All books and records maintained by the Treasurer must be permitted for inspection by this subcommittee.

(l) Unless a different person is appointed by the Executive Committee, the Treasurer is, by virtue of the office, the Chair of the Budget Subcommittee.

(m) By virtue of the office, each Region Treasurer is deemed a member of this Subcommittee.

(n) All other members of this Subcommittee must be confirmed by the Executive Committee.

(o) This Subcommittee may meet as frequently as its Chair may determine, including by way of virtual meetings, but not less than quarterly each year.

§ 3.08. Vacancies.

The Chair, or the Vice Chair, if the Chair becomes vacant, shall schedule a special meeting of the Committee, if no other General Session meeting is scheduled, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, for the purpose of electing a new officer to fill a vacancy. An electronic email must be sent to the membership announcing the vacancy when it occurs. If a sudden vacancy occurs within seven (7) days prior to a scheduled General Meeting, the election to fill the office may be held at the scheduled General Meeting.

§ 3.09. Removal.

Managers are subject to removal under Section 2.04 hereof. Managers may be removed (recalled) from their office by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the quorum, as specified in Article V, Section 5.03, at a scheduled Special Meeting, following the requirements specified in Article V, Section 5.02. Managers can not be removed at a General Session Meeting (except at a Reorganization Meeting as described in Article III, Section 3.03) or Executive Meeting.

§ 3.10. Charter Subcommittees.

All Charter Subcommittee Chairs are on the Executive Committee. They shall report at least quarterly to the Executive Committee. They shall have a vote in the Executive Committee and at the General Session meetings, but may not vote at the Region Meetings. The Region Chairs will get Charter Subcommittee Reports from

the Executive Committee Meeting and shall then report such activity to their respective regions.

**ARTICLE 4:
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

§ 4.01. Members.

(a) Executive Committee members are as follows:

(1) The managers.

(2) The Region Chairs.

(3) The Berks County members of the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania.

(4) At-large Members appointed by the Chair and who serve at the pleasure of the Chair, if not exceeding one-third of the Executive Committee.

(b) Executive Committee members additionally include one representative nominated by each of the following groups or organizations, such representative being a member of the same, and whose nomination is accepted by the Executive Committee:

(1) The Republican members of the Berks County Row Officers.

(2) The Republican members of the Berks County delegation in the General Assembly.

(3) The Berks Republican Women.

(4) The Berks County Young Republicans.

(c) Representatives under Subsection (b) are had for the purpose of keeping the Executive Committee appraised of the business of that group or organization.

(d) Representatives under Subsection (b) may be represented by proxy only by another representative of the same group or organization and, if having more than two unexcused absences from Executive meetings, then the Executive Committee may revoke an appointment. The Chair may excuse absences upon written request for good cause shown. For Republican members of the Berks County delegation in

the General Assembly, good cause is shown if an Executive meeting coincides with any in-session dates of the General Assembly.

(e) The term of At-large members under this Section automatically expires upon the election of a new Chair.

(f) Unless individually confirmed by a majority vote of members at a General Meeting, a member of the Berks County delegation in the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania is neither seated on the Executive Committee nor, by virtue of the office, a member of the Berks County Republican Committee. If such person is not confirmed, then no one else is substituted. A member-elect of the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania is eligible for confirmation to the Executive Committee if a member, including a Region At-Large member, of the Berks County Republican Committee. Confirmation under this provision occurs after the Executive Committee has seated members-elect to the Berks County Republican Committee.

HISTORY.

Amended by Bylaws Amendment 2022-01 (Apr. 23, 2023).

§ 4.02. Term.

The term of the members described in subparagraphs 1, 2, and 3 of Article IV, Section 4.01 hereof shall be the duration of the term of the position that qualified them for membership on the Executive Committee. At-large members serve at the discretion of the Chair; however, their terms expire when the Chair's term expires, or when the Chair resigns, is removed, or is otherwise unable to serve.

§ 4.03. Purpose.

The Executive Committee shall conduct the business of the Committee between meetings of the General Session, and shall meet at least six (6) times per year.

§ 4.04. Quorum Rules.

Two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be used to determine procedure of all meetings of the Executive Committee.

§ 4.05. Subcommittees.

(a) The following shall be standing subcommittees: Publicity, Budget, Finance and Special Events, Voter Registration, By-laws Conduct, We Are Berks GOP, ESP (Election Strategic Planning) and Election Day. The County Chair may establish *ad hoc* subcommittees as needed. The County Chair appoints all standing subcommittee and *ad hoc* subcommittee chairs. All standing subcommittee chairs and *ad hoc* subcommittee chairs must be selected from the Executive Committee.

(b) Conduct Subcommittee:

(1) Members.

(A) The Conduct Subcommittee members shall be the Region Chairs, the County Chair and the Solicitor. The Region Chairs shall serve on the subcommittee during their term as Chair of the Region.

(B) The Chair of the subcommittee shall be a Region Chair who serves on a rotating basis, serving a term of six (6) months. The rotation of the subcommittee chair shall be by Region, alphabetically, by Region name. If the acting Chair is a party named in the grievance, they will relinquish the chair of the Conduct Subcommittee. The next Region Chair in the rotation will assume the chair of the subcommittee for that grievance only.

(2) Procedure for Conduct Review by the Subcommittee.

(A) Any unresolved conflicts between Committee Members, Committee Members and office holders or Committee Members and candidates can be brought for review to the Conduct Subcommittee Chair.

(B) The Committee Member who has a grievance against another member shall make the request for a Conduct Subcommittee review by the preferred method of communication listed in these bylaws, including all relevant information.

(C) Upon receipt of the written grievance, the Conduct Subcommittee Chair will phone the relevant parties in an attempt to resolve the issue. The determination of whether or not to convene a meeting is at the discretion of the Conduct Subcommittee Chair. If one of the relevant parties does not accept the recommendation of the subcommittee chair, they can, in

writing, call to convene a meeting. They cannot rescind the request to convene a Conduct Subcommittee meeting. All parties shall receive notification of the meeting date and time, with the meeting convening within fourteen (14) days of the initial contact with the Conduct Subcommittee Chair. Notification will be by the preferred method of communication listed in these bylaws. If the Conduct Subcommittee Chair is unavailable for the required meeting, the next Region Chair in the rotation will assume the subcommittee chair to call the meeting.

(3) Meetings.

(A) All relevant parties are required to cooperate with the requests of the Conduct Subcommittee Chair. Refusal to cooperate with the subcommittee chair will result in initiating the removal process as outlined in Article II, Section 2.04.

(B) A quorum shall be three (3) standing Conduct Subcommittee members with no proxies accepted.

(C) No minutes of the Conduct Subcommittee Meeting shall be kept.

(D) All recommendations of the Conduct Subcommittee shall be determined by a simple majority vote. In the event of a tie vote, the County Chair will break the tie.

(E) Within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the Conduct Subcommittee meeting, the Conduct Subcommittee Chairman will prepare a summary of the findings and recommendations of the Conduct Subcommittee. The summary shall be given to the County Chair and Vice-Chair. A copy of the summary shall be filed with the County Committee Secretary. The summary will include only the name of the member(s) that were the subject of the grievance, the member(s) who brought the grievance and the findings and recommendation(s) of the Conduct Subcommittee. It shall not contain grievance details and specifics. The summary of the Conduct Subcommittee meeting may be reviewed by members of the General Committee, upon written request made to the County Chair and the County Secretary by the preferred method of communication listed in these bylaws. The summary of the Conduct Subcommittee findings will not be released if any party of a grievance is no longer a member of the Berks County Republican Committee.

No participant in a Conduct Subcommittee Meeting shall discuss any information or details revealed in the Meeting.

(F) Upon receipt of the summary, the County Chair shall announce the summary findings to the Executive Committee and, if recommended, begin removal proceedings as defined under Article II, Section 2.04.

ARTICLE 5: THE GENERAL SESSION

§ 5.01. In General.

(a) The General Session consists of the precinct members and is the determinative voice of the County Committee. Under parliamentary authority, the General Session is the committee of the whole. The General Session is held by Regular or Special Meetings under this Article.

(b) Other than quorum, the General Session may suspend any rule under this Article. If, despite notice, a quorum is not satisfied, then adjournment can be made for upwards of 14 days until a quorum is had and without additional formal notice.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§ 5.02. Meetings

There shall be at least six (6) meetings of the General Session annually. The organizational meeting described in Article III, Section 3.03 hereof shall be one (1) such meeting. The annual convention described in Article VII hereof shall be another such meeting. All other meetings shall be called by the Chair upon electronic email notice to the General Session. The preferred method of notice of all meetings shall be by electronic email at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Anyone without an electronic email will receive meeting notifications by regular mail.

§ 5.03. Special Meetings.

By written petition signed by at least three-fourths (3/4) of the membership, if the membership is under one hundred ten (110) members or two-thirds (2/3) of the membership, if the membership is over one hundred ten (110) members, the Chair may be requested to call a meeting of the General Session. The Chair must call said meeting within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such petition, giving notice by electronic email or if no email available, by regular mail of the purpose for which such meeting is called, said purpose being the only business topic to be discussed at such meeting.

§ 5.04. Quorum.

A quorum shall be one-third (1/3) of the General Session present in person or by proxy. A quorum for the Special Meeting shall be three-fourths (3/4) of the

membership, if the membership is under one hundred ten (110) members or two-thirds (2/3) of the membership, if the membership is over one hundred ten (110) members, in person or by proxy.

§ 5.05. Proxy.

A member may appoint a proxy as that Member's representative at a meeting of the Committee. Such person need not be a Member of the committee, but must be a registered Republican residing in the Member's Region. Such person may not be appointed proxy by more than two Members at any given meeting. Executive Committee meeting proxies must be carried by members of the Executive Committee. The form of proxy shall be posted on the Committee's website and may be used for the Executive Committee and General Session meetings.

§ 5.06. Rules.

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be used to determine procedure at all meetings of the Organization.

ARTICLE 6: REGIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

§ 6.01. In General.

(a) Party officers of the County Committee hold meetings by Region, having all parliamentary authority in the nature of caucuses. Regions are constituents of the County Committee and are not subordinate committees. Regions are expected to raise funds for the County Committee, to provide a means of exchanging relevant information of public and Party interest for the benefit of more than one school district or municipality, and to serve as a forum for Republicans, whether a nomination petition is filed or not, who are exploring whether to become a candidate for public office. Candidates for countywide and legislative offices are expected to “ride the circuit” of the Regions. Regions thereby complement and add to the strength of the Party organization.

(b) In addition to receiving reports from party officers on the public business of school districts and municipalities, Regions are expected to delegate among themselves the work of monitoring the public business of officeholders in the Pennsylvania General Assembly in and for that Region, and to inform the General Session of any facts of significance.

(c) Party officers of the County Committee hold meetings by subcommittees according to the political subdivisions of the County, including wards and precincts, and are assisted by their Regions. Political subdivision subcommittees are expected to raise funds for down-ballot elections in their jurisdictions, to bring residents into the Party, to build a volunteer base that ensures coverage for the polling stations, to increase get out of the vote efforts, and to increase our effectiveness at monitoring the public business of school districts and municipalities, including planning commissions, zoning hearing boards, and municipal authorities. Political subdivision subcommittees are responsible for making all arrangements for their school district and municipal endorsement conventions. Political subdivision subcommittees complement and add to the strength of the Party organization.

(d) Regions and political subdivision subcommittees may not do any of the following: Adopt bylaws; file political committee registration statements; open bank accounts, incur indebtedness, or lend money; or commence litigation.

HISTORY.

Amended by Bylaws Amendment 2022-02 (Oct. 8, 2022).

§ 6.02. How Selected.

- (a) Precinct members and at-large members are, by virtue of their party office, members of the Region where their precincts are situated.
- (b) In January of every odd-numbered year, each Region must elect officers who hold their positions until successors are chosen. By unanimous consent obtained during a meeting in January, a Region may postpone an officers' election to the month of February.

HISTORY.

Amended by Bylaws Amendment 2022-02 (Oct. 8, 2022).

§ 6.03. Region Officers.

- (a) The Region officers are the chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer. Ordinarily, there is no requirement for the chair and vice chair of a Region to be members of the opposite sex.
- (b) The responsibilities of the Region officers can be supplemented by Operating Policy. In addition to any customary authority:
 - (1) The Region chair assists all political subdivision subcommittees within the Region. The Region chair is, by virtue of that office, the moderator of the Region. In his absence, then the vice chair is the moderator. If both are absent, then the members of such Region may appoint one of their own as moderator for that meeting.
 - (2) The Region vice chair assists the chair and, in the event of his vacancy or suspension, assumes all responsibilities of the chair on a temporary basis. The Executive Committee has discretion whether to seat a temporary Region chair on the Executive Committee.
 - (3) The Region secretary must keep meeting minutes of formal business and ensure seasonal updates of the membership roster of the Region to the Executive Committee.
 - (4) The Region treasurer must monitor the account of the Region, approve any check requests for the Region, and take care that the Region does not overspend its account, if any.

(c) Upon vacating office, Region officers must surrender to the County Chair or his designee any records and property belonging to the County Committee, such as office and mailbox keys. Their liability for failure to return property is the same as a former County Chair.

HISTORY.

Amended by Bylaws Amendment 2022-02 (Oct. 8, 2022).

§ 6.04. Meetings.

(a) Regions may hold Regular and Special Meetings under the same requirements as the General Session, except that the call is noticed to their Region members. Joint Meetings of more than one Region are in the nature of a Special Meeting and a quorum must be independently satisfied for each. Notices of Special Meetings must also be given to the Regions Coordinator. At Joint Meetings, if the Region chairs cannot otherwise decide among themselves, then the Regions Coordinator serves as moderator and the secretary from the Region with greater members will prepare the meeting minutes of such.

(b) One-third of Region members constitutes a quorum.

(c) For public advertising purposes, Regular Meetings must be held on the same day of the month and at the same time. To accommodate candidates for public or party office, as a way of riding the circuit, Regions may not hold Regular Meetings on the same day as any other.

(d) Ordinarily, Region officers have authority to give notice of the call of any meeting of a Region.

HISTORY.

Amended by Bylaws Amendment 2022-02 (Oct. 8, 2022).

§ 6.05. Subcommittees of Political Subdivisions.

(a) Unless the Executive Committee determines otherwise and for cause shown, all precinct members are deemed to sit as subcommittees within their respective political subdivisions, that is, by school districts, municipalities, wards, and precincts. In cities, these subcommittees are additionally held by City Council District.

(b) Ordinarily, these subcommittees may appoint non-voting members if enrolled Republicans, residents of the same political subdivision, and not ineligible by reason of prior discipline or removal by the Executive Committee. But in multi-county school districts assigned to the Berks County Intermediate Unit, non-voting members may include enrolled Republicans who are not residents of the County but otherwise residents of the school district. In multi-county school districts assigned to the Berks County Intermediate Unit, voting members may include party officers in another Republican county committee in such school district, and an overture can be made to the other Republican county committee to request the subcommittee membership of their party officers of the school district.

(c) These subcommittees may appoint a chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer if an enrolled Republican, resident in the same political subdivision, and not ineligible by reason of prior discipline or removal by the Executive Committee. Subcommittee officers must have the same eligibility as precinct members and for their appointment to be confirmed by the Executive Committee after presentation is endorsed by the Credentials Subcommittee. The responsibilities of the subcommittee officers can be supplemented by Operating Policy.

(d) These subcommittees hold meetings as needed and may hold joint meetings with each other. For such meetings, all matters are determined by majority of votes cast. Meetings are presumed to be informal unless notice adequately describes, with reasonable particularity, a formal business agenda. Members of such subcommittees are entitled to notice of any meeting. Precinct members may, by resolution, adopt a regular schedule for formal meetings of their subcommittees. With consent of a Region chair, these subcommittees are encouraged to meet prior to, or contemporaneously with, their Region meetings and to report any official business in the meeting minutes of their Region. Otherwise, these subcommittees must keep meeting minutes as to formal business.

(e) Any precinct member has authority, without anyone's permission, to notice the call of an informal meeting of their subcommittees, so long as notice is adequate. Otherwise, the subcommittee chair may notice the call of a formal meeting.

(f) One-fourth of precinct members constitutes a quorum of a subcommittee. But no business may be transacted at any meeting if one party officer attends, unless the only member of such. If notice is inadequate, then an appeal may be taken to the Executive Committee if there is a reasonable likelihood the outcome of the meeting would have been different.

HISTORY.

Amended by Bylaws Amendment 2022-02 (Oct. 8, 2022).

§ 6.06. Formal and Informal Business.

- (a) At-large members may not vote in Region officers' elections or for the nomination of precinct members.
- (b) Formal business of the Regions and their subcommittees is anything which requires a vote and includes the following:
 - (1) Resolutions.
 - (2) Communications and overtures. The latter is a means of proposing resolutions, ballot questions, censures, pardons, petitions, remonstrances, addresses, reports, and publications.
 - (3) Proposing, supporting, or opposing ballot questions as separately provided for under these Bylaws.
 - (4) In advance of an endorsement convention, the conduct of straw polls on candidates for public office and questions appearing on the ballot.
- (c) Informal business of the Regions and their subcommittees include distribution of voter registration lists, yard signs, and campaign literature, the organization of voter registration drives and canvassing efforts, the recruitment and organization of polling station volunteers for Primary or Election Day, and the organization or promotion of house parties to meet with candidates. Speeches from candidates for public office also qualify as informal business.
- (d) Ordinarily, all matters of formal business of the Regions and their subcommittees are determined by majority of votes cast. If there is no formal business before a meeting, or if a Region or its subcommittee desires to hold an informal discussion, then a motion can be entertained to suspend parliamentary authority for an informal discussion for a certain amount of minutes. If the motion carries, then no one obtains the floor for such duration of time.
- (e) Ordinarily, the Regions and their subcommittees may not pass binding instructions on their party officers.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2022-02 (Oct. 8, 2022).

§ 6.07. Region Plans.

(a) Region Plans can be modified as often as the General Session finds practical. A Region Plan under this Article must be in writing and set forth the following:

- (1) The names and number of Regions.
- (2) A description of the political subdivisions assigned to each Region.
- (3) The Republican voter registration statistics for each precinct.
- (4) The date and source of the voter registration statistics.

(b) Ordinarily, the number and boundaries of Regions are determined in the Region Plan. But the following are mandatory requirements:

- (1) Regions must be contiguous.
- (2) Ordinarily, school districts may not be divided to the extent situated in the County. But exceptions are made for any municipality having precincts in more than one school district. By way of illustration, to the extent Wyomissing Precinct 2 remains part of the Wilson School District instead of the Wyomissing Area School District.
- (3) Regions cannot include any portions of a municipality outside of the County.

(c) A drawing of the County, showing the Regions under the Plan, is encouraged but not required.

(d) There is no requirement for Regions to be proportional in terms of square acres, registered voters, or enrolled Republicans. If, after computing the statistical mean of enrolled Republicans by the Regions, the number of enrolled Republicans within a Region is more than one standard deviation above the mean, then such Region is entitled to one additional executive member. If this provision is met, then the Region may submit a communication to the Executive Committee, appointing one of the other Region officers as an executive member.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2022-02 (Oct. 8, 2022).

§ 6.08. Proposed by Whom.

- (a) Region Plans can be proposed as follows:
 - (1) By the County Chair.
 - (2) By overture of a Region.
 - (3) By petition endorsed by at least 30 precinct members.
- (b) A proposed Region Plan is submitted to the Executive Committee which, after reviewing the same, submits it to the General Session with a recommendation for or against its adoption. The General Session may instruct for the discharge of a proposed Region Plan to the floor by a date certain.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2022-02 (Oct. 8, 2022).

§ 6.09. How Approved.

- (a) A proposed Region Plan must be noticed to the General Session at least 10 days in advance of a meeting, together with an electronic copy.
- (b) Ordinarily, a proposed Region Plan is adopted by at least 55% of votes cast at a meeting of the General Session. But if the Parliamentarian determines that a proposed Region Plan fails to conform to the mandatory requirements under this Article, then it is adopted by at least two-thirds of votes cast.
- (c) The Region Plan adopted under this Section must be attached to these Bylaws as Exhibit B, reciting the date of adoption by the General Session and the effective date. A Region Plan is presumed to be effective immediately unless an effective date is specified. The Executive Committee may approve any drawing or text revisions to Exhibit B, which do not alter the names and the number and boundaries of Regions or the effective date of the Region Plan.
- (d) After a Region Plan takes effect, any Region that was created or altered in any degree is regarded as a new Region and must proceed to an officers' election for that Region at the earliest meeting.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2022-02 (Oct. 8, 2022).

§ 6.10. Oversight and Coordination.

A Regions Coordinator is authorized to do the following in respect of Regions, a School Districts Coordinator is authorized to do the following in respect of any subcommittee of a school district, a Municipalities Coordinator is authorized to do the following in respect of any subcommittee of a municipality, and a Wards and Precincts Coordinator is authorized to do the following in respect of any subcommittee of a ward or precinct:

- (1) Privately and informally mediate any differences or disputes.
- (2) In the event of vacancy, serve as a temporary officer until a new one is selected.
- (3) Serve as temporary moderator until one is selected.
- (4) Unless himself a candidate, serve as moderator over meetings for the election of officers.
- (5) In consultation with the Region chairs, publish a schedule of the Regular Meetings of the Regions so that each occurs on a different day of the month.
- (6) Inspect Region and subcommittee records.
- (7) Give notice of the call of and conduct a meeting, at the request of a petition signed by at least 10 members of the Region or subcommittee, if officers unjustifiably cancel or refuse to schedule a meeting.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2022-02 (Oct. 8, 2022).

**ARTICLE 7:
(RESERVED)**

HISTORY.

Deleted by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

ARTICLE 8:
BALLOT AND STATE COMMITTEE VACANCIES

§ 8.01. Ballot Vacancies.

(a) If a vacancy occurs on the Republican ballot for a state legislative, county, or judicial (including magisterial district judge) office, the Chair shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee within three days after the deadline for the withdrawal of nominees, to vote for a replacement candidate. If the Executive Committee cannot fill the vacancy within three days after being convened for that purpose, the managers shall promptly meet to select a replacement candidate.

(b) If the Republican ballot vacancy involves a multi-county district office (i.e.: Congress, State Legislator, Delegate or Alternate Delegate), then the vacancy shall be filled by a convention of delegates from the impacted counties as prescribed by the Bylaws of the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania.

(c) If the Republican ballot vacancy is for a local municipal (i.e.: township, borough or school director) office, then the Committee Members of the applicable region residing in the office boundaries pertaining to the vacancy, along with the officers of the Region, shall, at a meeting called and presided over by the regional chair within three days after the deadline for withdrawal of nominees, choose a candidate and report the same to the Chairman of the Organization. If this meeting fails to produce a nominee within three days after being convened for that purpose, then the managers of the County Committee and the Chair of the Region shall promptly meet to select a replacement candidate.

(d) If the vacancy on the ballot is for a local municipal office involving more than one Region, then both Regions must agree on the choice, at a meeting called as specified above and presided over by the Regional Chair with the greatest number of committee people effected. If they are unable to agree to a candidate within three days of being convened for that purpose, then the managers of the County Committee and the Chairs of the Regions impacted shall promptly meet to select a replacement candidate.

(e) When the ballot vacancy occurs in the City of Reading for a mayoral, city council, or school director candidate, then the Reading Republican City Committee shall, at a meeting called and presided over by the Chair of the Reading Republican City Committee within three days after the deadline for withdrawal of nominees, choose a candidate and report the same to the Chairman of the Organization. If the

City Committee is unable to fill the vacancy within three days of being convened for that purpose, then the managers of the County Committee and the Chair of the Reading Republican City Committee shall promptly meet to select a replacement candidate.

(f) The Chairman of the Organization shall be an *ex officio* member of any body convened for the purpose of filling a ballot vacancy when the vacancy is to be filled by a Region or the Reading Republican City Committee, and shall preside at any meeting convened for the purpose of filling a vacancy whenever a replacement candidate is to be chosen by the managers of the County Committee and other officials as enumerated above.

§ 8.02. State Committee Vacancies.

The Chair shall fill any vacancy in the office of State Committee Member from Berks County by appointing a Republican elector who meets the requirements for election to that office, that appointee to complete the term.

**ARTICLE 9:
MISCELLANEOUS**

§ 9.01. Adoption.

These rules shall be adopted by a majority vote of a quorum of Members of the Committee. These rules shall be effective immediately upon their adoption.

§ 9.02. Amendment.

(a) Any proposed Amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee for review. The proposed Amendment, along with Executive Committee comment, will then be sent via electronic email or regular mail if no email is available to all Committee People at least ten (10) days prior to the next scheduled Committee Meeting.

(b) These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Session present in person or by proxy at a meeting of the Organization.

**ARTICLE 10:
(RESERVED)**

ARTICLE 11: ENDORSEMENTS

§ 11.01. In General.

(a) We find that the timing of primaries creates challenges for electors to become reasonably informed on the character, experience, philosophy, platform, and financial viability of candidates, particularly for down-ballot elections and for delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention. In the absence of special legislation or a court-ordered suspension of the election calendar, the period of time between the filing deadline for nomination petitions and the Primary is generally 10 weeks.¹ While enrolled Republicans in our County retain the power over Primary nominations, they still benefit from the voice of the County Committee through endorsement conventions.

(b) Candidates who receive an endorsement for public or party office under this Article are privileged to so inform the public and, if compliant with these Bylaws, conditionally privileged to solicit party officers for their campaign through the appointment of a Coordinator, to have their name included in the County Committee's poll cards, and to use the name and likeness of the County Committee in political advertising only for the duration of that election cycle where the endorsement was obtained. As provided for elsewhere under these Bylaws, endorsed candidates may qualify for financial assistance from the County Committee prior to the nomination.

(c) Candidates who receive a recommendation for public or party office under this Article are privileged to so inform the public but are not privileged to solicit party officers through the appointment of a Coordinator or to use the name and likeness of the County Committee in any political advertising. As provided for elsewhere in these Bylaws, recommended candidates may have their name, and the fact of their recommendation, included in the County Committee's poll cards prior to the nomination or election.

(d) No candidate, previously endorsed or recommended, is entitled to presume a subsequent endorsement or recommendation. This Section is retroactive.

¹ 25 P.S. § 2868.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§ 11.02. Apportionment of Delegates and Alternates.

Ordinarily, the delegates of any endorsement convention under this Article consist of the precinct delegates. The number of alternates is equal to the number of delegates.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§ 11.03. How Selected.

Precinct members are, by virtue of their office, precinct delegates. At-large members are, by virtue of their office, alternates.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§§ 11.04 to 11.05. (Reserved).

§ 11.06. Voting.

(a) Ordinarily, each delegate is entitled to one vote on endorsements to candidates for each and every public office where a constituent, including motions whether to endorse. But if there are no delegates from a U.S. Congressional District, State Senate or State Representative district, or for any given magisterial district court, then all delegates of the County Endorsement Convention are, each of them, entitled to one vote on endorsements, and motions whether to endorse, as to candidates for such public offices.

(b) All delegates vote on endorsements, and motions whether to endorse, as to candidates for party office, whether constituents or not.

(c) Ordinarily, the moderator has discretion on the method of voting on endorsements. But the delegates may, by majority of votes cast, move for a secret ballot. If a secret ballot is adopted, then the moderator may combine on the same ballot a motion whether to endorse for such office. In tallying the ballots, the moderator must first announce if the motion whether to endorse carried; only if it

carried may the moderator announce the results of the secret ballot for an endorsement.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§ 11.07. Seating of Alternates.

(a) If a delegate is absent for any reason, and for any portion of an endorsement convention, then the roll of alternates is called by ranked choice by the moderator and an alternate is seated, as a delegate in lieu of such absentee, and counted towards quorum. If a delegate leaves the endorsement convention, then an alternate is seated by the moderator even if that delegate is still registered. If arriving late to an endorsement convention, then a delegate is seated in lieu of an alternative by the moderator. Meeting minutes must reflect when alternate delegates are seated or unseated during an endorsement convention.

(b) In School District or Municipal endorsement conventions, an alternate must be a constituent of such school district or municipality in order to be seated.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

TOPIC A. REGULAR ENDORSEMENT CONVENTIONS.

§ 11.08. Call for Next County Endorsement Convention.

(a) Each year, and not more than 90 days in advance, the County Chair must cause notice of the call to be given to delegates and alternates for the next County Endorsement Convention after the Finance and Special Events Subcommittee determines a date for holding the same. If deemed necessary by the Executive Committee, or by the County Chair, notice of the call can be amended and reissued with regards to venue and time prior to the convening of any endorsement conventions, provided such notice is not given less than 10 days in advance.

(b) The County Endorsement Convention must be held at least three weeks before Primary Day. In even-numbered years, the County Endorsement Convention is called for endorsements of candidates for applicable statewide office, federal office, legislative office and party office. In odd-numbered years, the County Endorsement Convention is called for endorsements of candidates for applicable statewide office, judicial office, and county row office.

(d) Notice of the call of the County Endorsement Convention must be given at least 30 days in advance to party officers. By majority of votes cast, any defect in the timeliness of the notice of the call can be waived if, under the circumstances, no delegates appear to be substantially prejudiced and if such notice was given at least 10 days in advance.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§ 11.09. Call for Next School District and Municipal Conventions.

(a) In odd-numbered years, the subcommittee chairs must cause notice of the call to be given to their Region Chair and to delegates and alternates for the next School District and Municipal conventions in respect of their political subdivisions. School District conventions are called for the endorsement of candidates for school director and Municipal conventions are called for the endorsement of candidates for municipal offices, constables, and district election boards.

(b) Such endorsement conventions cannot be held at the same time as the County Endorsement Convention, and Region Chairs must assist the political subdivision subcommittees within their Region in planning such conventions. Subcommittees for wards and precincts may not hold endorsement conventions.

(c) Notice of the call of any School District or Municipal conventions must be given at least 10 days in advance to party officers who are constituents of that school district or municipality. By majority of votes cast, any defect in the timeliness of the notice of the call can be waived if, under the circumstances, no delegates appear to be substantially prejudiced.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§ 11.10. Contents of Notice.

Notice of the call of any endorsement convention must specify the date, venue, and the times where registration begins and where the convention begins, and must reasonably identify the business of the convention, including which public or party offices will be considered there and then.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§ 11.11. Date and Duration of Conventions.

(a) Ordinarily, endorsement conventions are held after the deadline imposed by the Election Code for filing nomination petitions, whether that deadline is suspended by court order or not. But by a vote of at least 55% of votes cast, an endorsement convention may be authorized to be held earlier as to some or all offices which an endorsement convention is otherwise authorized to consider under these Bylaws.

(b) The duration of any endorsement convention may encompass more than one day. If the notice of the first day of the endorsement convention does not specify the next date, venue, and times where the convention will resume, then a new call must be given.

(c) The Finance and Special Events Subcommittee may determine whether the business of the County Endorsement Convention, in whole or in part, will be held in more than one day.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§ 11.12. Call to Order.

At the close of registration, the moderator must call the endorsement convention to order and dismiss all guests. It is customary that candidates seeking endorsement may meet and greet delegates during the time for registration. Alternates have a right to be present during the endorsement convention and are encouraged to volunteer as tellers.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§ 11.13. Order of Business.

Unless instructed otherwise, the endorsement conventions must proceed in the order of business prepared by the moderator. Ordinarily, the moderator calls for motions whether to endorse for an office and then calls for endorsement nominations, and then announces the method of voting. The moderator may prepare and present to the endorsement convention any special rules of order, which the delegates may approve by two-thirds of votes cast.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§ 11.14. Motions Whether to Endorse.

(a) Ordinarily, for each office in question, the moderator must call, “Is there unanimous consent to hold an endorsement vote for (office),” and the delegates entitled to vote for that office must answer, “yea” or “nay.” If hearing a delegate call out, “Nay,” then the moderator must announce, “Division,” and move on to the next office. After determining all offices where unanimous consent is had for an endorsement vote, in cases of division the moderator then calls, “Is there a motion whether to endorse for (office)?” If the motion is made and seconded, then ordinarily a roll call vote is held. But the delegates may adopt a secret ballot by a majority of votes cast.

(b) A motion whether to endorse must carry by a majority of votes cast. Delegates who abstain or vote “present” are counted towards such motion. Thereafter, if the motion carries, then any abstentions, or voting “present,” are not counted.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§ 11.15. Nominations for Endorsement.

Endorsement nominations are presumed (1) for all candidates who submitted candidacy papers, as provided for elsewhere in these Bylaws, and (2) for all candidates for statewide office and U.S. Senator who filed a nomination petition unless stricken from the official ballot by court order or otherwise had withdrawn their candidacy. For all other offices, the moderator summarily calls for endorsement nominations, not more than once, for all offices prior to any voting. Meeting minutes must record that a call for endorsement nominations for each office was made. There is no requirement for endorsement nominations to be seconded. Any delegate may move to reopen endorsement nominations prior to voting if, for any reason, that delegate missed such call.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§ 11.16. Debates, Speeches, and Reports.

(a) Unless the endorsement convention agrees to a special rule of order, no debates by delegates and no further speeches by candidates are permitted. But the moderator may permit speeches by candidates for U.S. President, U.S. Vice President, U.S. Senator, and statewide office.

(b) During each convention, the Executive Committee (or its designee) must report whether a candidate for public or party office is compliant with these Bylaws and, if any, has taken any public pledge under the Platform of the County Committee or any loyalty oath or affirmation. In respect of public office, the Executive Committee may report whether a candidate has probable eligibility for the office sought. The Executive Committee does not recommend any candidate.

(c) The moderator may permit additional reports which, in the moderator's judgment, are relevant for an endorsement convention.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§ 11.17. Sine Qua Non for Endorsement.

(a) If the endorsement convention decides to endorse, and after endorsement nominations are closed, then the endorsement convention proceeds to voting on endorsements for that office. To earn an endorsement by delegates entitled to vote for such office, ordinarily, a candidate for public office must receive at least 60% of votes cast and a candidate for party office must receive at least 50% plus one of votes cast. But if, prior to the endorsement convention, a candidate for public office took a public pledge to support most of a Platform adopted by the General Session applicable to the office sought, then to earn an endorsement that candidate must receive at least 55% of votes cast.

(b) If more than one candidate seeks the same office, then an endorsement convention must conduct multiple balloting until there are not more than two candidates remaining for the same office, which is the final ballot. For each balloting, the candidate receiving the least number of votes is eliminated from the next ballot. If, by the final ballot, no candidate achieves the requisite number of votes cast for an endorsement, then the candidates who received the first- and second-highest votes are deemed to be "recommended," but not endorsed.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§ 11.18. Party Offices.

(a) Ordinarily, at the County Endorsement Convention, the Nominations Subcommittee must present a report, naming and recommending a slate of qualified candidates for delegate and alternate delegate to the Republican National

Convention or for party offices in the State Committee and for party offices in the County Committee. On the motion of a delegate, such report may be amended by adding, striking, or substituting candidates. By majority of votes cast plus one, the delegates may adopt the report as an endorsement of the candidates named therein.

(b) As to party office, the County Endorsement Convention, by a majority of votes cast, may divide the question of voting to endorse, and whether to endorse, for the following categories only: delegate and alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention, party offices in the State Committee, and party office in the County Committee.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

TOPIC B. SPECIAL ENDORSEMENT CONVENTIONS.

§ 11.19. Call for Special Endorsement Conventions.

(a) If a nominee for public office is censured as an improvident nomination as provided for elsewhere in these Bylaws, and if that nominee will not make any withdrawal of candidacy, then a special endorsement convention is authorized to endorse a write-in candidate in lieu of the nominee. Notice of the call of a special endorsement convention must be given to delegates and alternates, who are constituents of the public office in question, at least 10 days in advance. The contents of such notice are the same as calling a regular endorsement convention.

(b) If, before a Primary or other nomination process, an endorsed candidate for public or party office is censured, together with a retraction of endorsement, and if that candidate will not make any withdrawal of candidacy, then a special endorsement convention is authorized to endorse another candidate or a write-in candidate in lieu thereof.

(c) If, before a Primary or other nomination process, an endorsed candidate for public or party office dies or makes a withdrawal of candidacy or a suspension of campaigning, then a special endorsement convention is authorized to endorse another candidate or a write-in candidate in lieu thereof.

(d) Special endorsement conventions are called by the County Chair in respect of federal office, statewide office, legislative office, judicial office, county row office, and party office. Special endorsement conventions are called by the chair of School District subcommittees in respect of school directors. Special endorsement

conventions are called by the chair of Municipal subcommittees in respect of municipal office, constable, and district election board. Notice of the call of School District or Municipal special endorsement conventions must be given to the respective Region Chairs and to the County Chair, in addition to the delegates and alternates.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§ 11.20. Conduct of Business.

The conduct of business of the special endorsement convention, and manner of voting, are the same as a regular endorsement convention. Unless invited by a manager or Subcommittee chair, candidates may not attend a special endorsement convention, even during the registration period.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

§ 11.21. Sine Qua Non for Endorsement.

(a) To earn an endorsement during a special endorsement convention by delegates entitled to vote for such office, ordinarily, a candidate for public office must receive at least 55% of votes cast and a candidate for party office must receive at least 50% plus one of votes cast.

(b) If there are more than one candidate seeking the same office, then a special endorsement convention must conduct multiple balloting until there are not more than two candidates remaining for the same office, which is the final ballot. For each balloting, the candidate receiving the least number of votes is eliminated from the next ballot. If, by the final ballot, no candidate achieves the requisite number of votes cast for an endorsement, then the candidates who received the first- and second-highest votes are deemed to be “recommended,” but not endorsed.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

SCHEDULE OF TEMPORARY RULES

§ 1. Precinct members, at-large members, and subcommittee officers are “party officers” under these Bylaws.

§ 2. At-large members are party officers selected without regard to precincts and having voting rights in their respective Regions and rights of notice of the meetings of the General Session. At-large members are apportioned in the Regions as follows: One for every 1,000 votes for the Republican nominee for President of the United States. At-large members are nominated by a Region and, if endorsed for presentation by the Credentials Subcommittee, confirmed by the Executive Committee.

§ 3. For purposes of apportioning precinct members under this Article, the Borough of Adamstown, including portions of the Borough situated within the County, will be deemed part of the Republican Committee of Lancaster County. But portions of the Borough situated within the County are apportioned one at-large member.

§ 4. At-large members can be disciplined or removed by the Executive Committee on the same grounds as precinct members.

§ 5. In lieu of removal for nonattendance or persistent neglect of duties, the Executive Committee may transfer a precinct member to at-large member status.

§ 6. The apportionment of party offices by the Executive Committee must be appended in Exhibit A to these Bylaws. The Executive Committee may amend Exhibit A for any intervening changes in the number of enrolled Republicans in the precincts, but any diminution in apportionment of committeepersons cannot take effect until the next Gubernatorial Primary.

§ 7. Unless instructed otherwise by the Executive Committee, the County Chair may adopt an Operating Policies Manual and cause it to be published to the party officers. The Manual is a confidential document and, without leave of the County Chair, all party officers are prohibited from scanning, copying, or digitizing the same.

§ 8. Unless instructed otherwise by the Executive Committee, the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer must maintain segregated books and records for each school district and municipality and for supporting or opposing any ballot questions. The

City of Reading will be treated as a consolidated school district and municipality, but the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer must maintain segregated books and records for each City Council District.

§ 9. Coordinators serve during good behavior and are nominated by the County Chair and confirmed by the Executive Committee.

HISTORY.

Added by Bylaws Amendment 2022-02 (Oct. 8, 2022) and amended by Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 (Feb. 11, 2023).

HISTORICAL NOTES.

(a) *In General.* Historical Notes are prepared by the Bylaws Subcommittee and regarded as advisory only.

(b) *The 1993 Revision.* Prior to the 2022—2023 Revision, the Bylaws and Rules of the Berks County Republican Committee were under the 1993 Revision as amended on October 23, 1993, and subsequently amended 13 times. The 1993 Revision was amended on June 18, 1994, February 9, 1995, February 17, 1996, February 26, 1997, March 16, 2002, August 31, 2005, August 17, 2013, February 23, 2019, January 11, 2020, March 25, 2021, September 11, 2021, November 13, 2021, and April 23, 2022.

(c) *The 2022—2023 Revision.* On April 23, 2022, party officers approved Bylaws Amendment 2022-01, which contained preambulatory clauses, inter alia, “A complete redrafting of our Bylaws is desirable but cannot be undertaken at this time and will have to be revisited after the 2022 Primary Election.” On October 8, 2022, party officers approved Bylaws Amendment 2022-02, which likewise contained a preambulatory clause, “With this Amendment, we have now begun the 2022—2023 Revision to the Bylaws.” The preambulatory clauses described additional, necessary amendments to be considered after the 2022 General Election.

Bylaws Amendment 2022-02 amended the entire text, substitute “subcommittee” in lieu of “committee” (other than the Executive Committee). Bylaws Amendment 2023-01 contained stylistic changes: Article 5 was renamed “The General Session,” and the entire text was amended to substitute “General Session” in lieu of “General Membership.” Article 3 was also renamed, “Management,” and the entire text was amended to substitute “managers” in lieu of “officers” (but not “party officers”).

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2023 Region Plan

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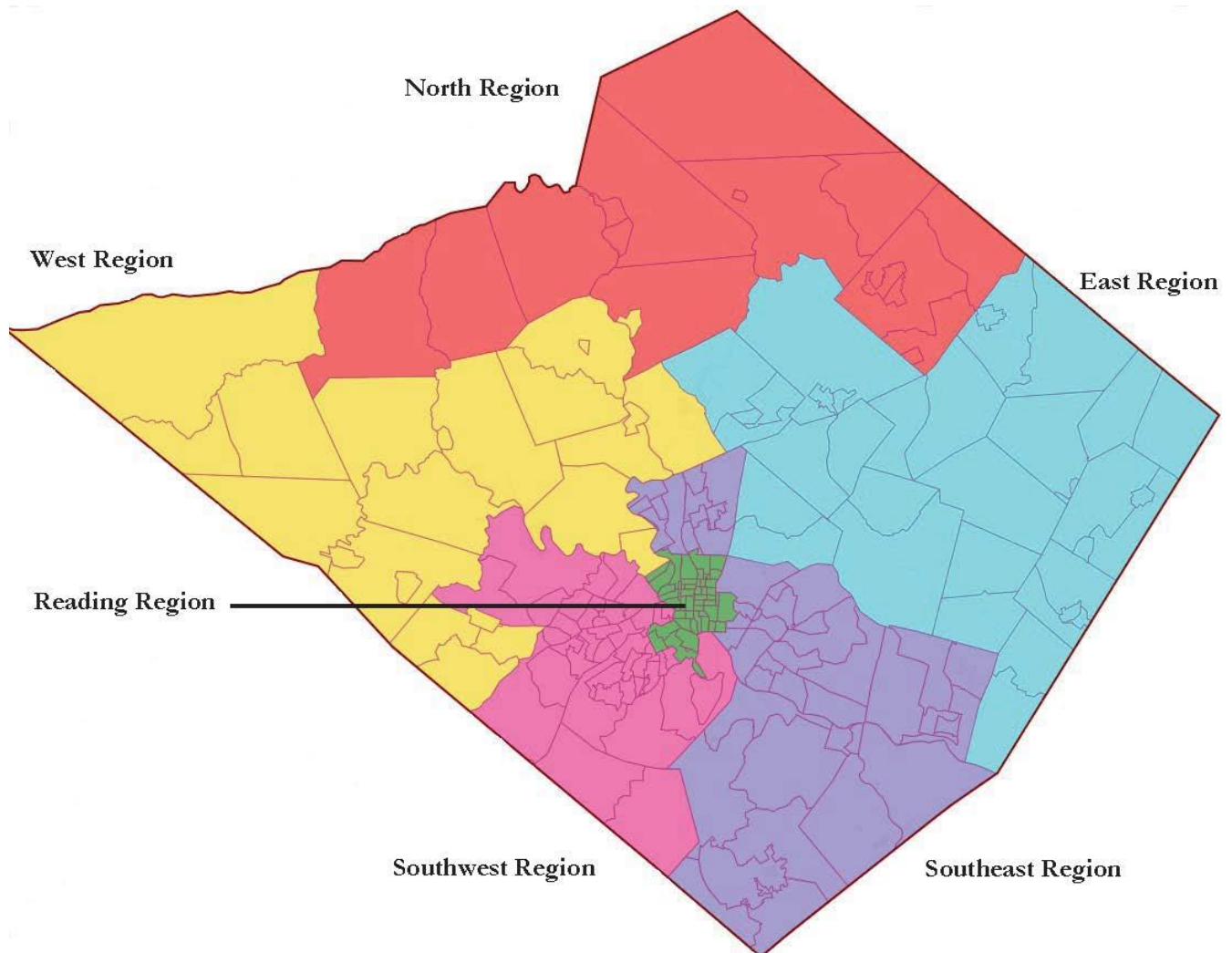
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Drawing of Regions.



Description of Regions.

School Districts.

Reading Region: Reading School District

East	North	Southeast	Southwest	West
Boyertown Area*	Hamburg Area	Antietam	Governor Mifflin	Conrad Weiser
Brandywine Heights	Kutztown Area	Daniel Boone	Wilson	Schuylkill Valley
Fleetwood Area		Exeter	Wyomissing Area	Tulpehocken Area
Oley Valley		Muhlenberg		
Upper Perkiomen*		Twin Valley*		

* To the extent of Berks County only.

Municipalities.

Reading Region: City of Reading

East	North	Southeast	Southwest	West
Alsace	Albany	Amity	Adamstown**	Bethel
Bally	Greenwich	Birdsboro	Brecknock	Bern
Bechtelsville	Hamburg	Caernarvon	Cumru	Bernville
Boyertown	Kutztown	Exeter	Kenhorst	Centerport
Colebrookdale	Lenhartsville	Laureldale	Lower Heidelberg	Centre
District	Lyons	Lower Alsace	Mohnton	Jefferson
Douglass	Maxatawny	Mount Penn	Shillington	Heidelberg
Earl	Perry	Muhlenberg	Sinking Spring	Leesport
Fleetwood	Shoemakersville	New Morgan	Spring	Marion
Hereford	Tilden	Robeson	West Reading	North Heidelberg
Longswamp	Upper Bern	Saint Lawrence		Ontelaunee
Maidencreek	Upper Tulpehocken	Union		Penn
Oley				Robesonia
Pike				South Heidelberg
Richmond				Tulpehocken
Rockland				Wernersville
Topton				
Washington				

** To the extent of Berks County only.

Region Statistics.

	East	North	Reading
Enrolled Republicans:	23,334	10,984	5,901
Percent of Countywide Republicans:	21.57%	10.15%	5.45%
BCRC Precinct Members:	102	50	88
Percent of BCRC:	19.07%	9.35%	16.45%
	Southeast	Southwest	West
Enrolled Republicans:	26,506	25,105	16,403
Percent of Countywide Republicans:	24.49%	23.20%	15.15%
BCRC Precinct Members:	119	109	67
Percent of BCRC:	22.24%	20.37%	12.52%

Data Collection.

Voter registration statistics on Berks County were obtained on December 13, 2021, from the Pennsylvania Secretary of State. The Executive Committee relied on the same data for purposes of apportioning seats by precinct.

Merits of the Plan.

In General.

This Plan unifies each school district within the same Region. The previous Plan divided eight school districts.

This Plan unifies each municipality within the same Region. The previous Plan divided two municipalities.

This Plan increases the number of Regions from five to six.

This Plan creates the Southwest and Southeast Regions as important, strategic considerations to the population centers of our County, where Ontelaunee Township is the geographical center and 70% of enrolled Republicans live south of Ontelaunee and, in fact, 53% of countywide Republicans are concentrated within 26.4% of the County's square acreage.

This Plan successfully concentrates, as much as practicable, legislative districts in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives within the same Region:

	One Region	Two Regions
L.D. 5	80.6% West	96.9% West and Southwest
L.D. 99	100% Southwest	
L.D. 124	100% North	
L.D. 126	61.3% Southeast	100% Southeast and Reading
L.D. 127	77.8% Reading	100% Reading and Southwest
L.D. 128	83.3% Southeast	93.3% Southeast and Southwest
L.D. 129	60.7% Southwest	100% Southwest and Reading
L.D. 130	97.0% East	100% East and North

Significantly, this Plan concentrates within the same region the two multi-county legislative districts: L.D. 99 (Berks and Lancaster) and L.D. 124 (Berks and Schuylkill). This helps the burden on candidates for State Representative in those districts who must visit more than one county. This Plan maintains the City of Reading as a separate Region.

This Plan successfully concentrates, as much as practicable, State Senate districts within one or two Regions:

	One Region	Two Regions	Three Regions
S.D. 11	44.3% Southwest	78.5% Southwest and Southeast	89.9% Southwest, Southeast, and East
S.D. 13	77.8% Southeast	100% Southeast and Southwest	
S.D. 24	78.6% East	100% East and Southeast	
S.D. 44	100% Southeast		
S.D. 48	57.1% West	83.3% West and North	92.9% West, North, and East

Out of 17 magisterial district courts, the number of those divided by Region is marginally increased from five to six, and none are divided among more than two Regions.

This Plan meets the requirement that each Region is contiguous.

School Districts and Municipalities.

No school district or municipality is divided under this Plan. Where Wyomissing Precinct 2 is part of the Wilson School District, instead of the Wyomissing Area School

District, both of those school districts are assigned to the Southwest Region. Before the adoption of this Plan, the Regions had divided eight school districts and two municipalities (Exeter and Spring townships). The previous plan divided school districts as follows:

1. Exeter Township School District:

East Region: Exeter Precincts 1, 3, 6-9.
North Region: Exeter Precinct 2, Saint Lawrence.
South Region: Exeter Precincts 4, 5, 10-11.

2. Fleetwood Area School District:

East Region: Fleetwood and Richmond.
North Region: Maidencreek Township.

3. Hamburg Area School District:

North Region: Hamburg, Perry, Shoemakersville, Tilden, and Windsor.
West Region: Upper Bern and Upper Tulpehocken.

4. Kutztown Area School District:

North Region: Albany, Greenwich, and Lenhartsville.
East Region: Kutztown, Lyons, and Maxatawny.

5. Oley Valley School District:

East Region: Oley, Pike, and Ruscombmanor.
North Region: Alsace.

6. Schuylkill Valley School District:

North Region: Centerport, Centre, Leesport, and Ontelaunee.
West Region: Bern.

7. Tulpehocken Area School District:

North Region: Penn.
West Region: Bernville, Bethel, Jefferson, Tulpehocken.

8. Wilson School District:

South Region: Spring Precincts 4, 11, Wyomissing Precinct 2.
West Region: Lower Heidelberg, Sinking Spring, Spring Precincts 1-3, 5-10, 12-13.

Legislative Districts in the General Assembly.

As a result of legislative reapportionment following the 2020 U.S. Census, this Plan successfully realizes the need of keeping legislative districts in the General Assembly within a single Region as far as practicable. Significantly, the multi-county districts (L.D. 99 and L.D. 124) were kept 100% within a single Region.

TABLE 1 APPORTIONMENT BY REGION OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY		
No.	Primary Region	Precincts
5	80.6% West	West: 25 precincts North: 1 precinct (Perry) Southwest: 6 precincts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Heidelberg • Spring 5, 7, 8
99	100% Southwest	8 precincts
124	100% North	16 precincts
126	61.3% Southeast	Southeast: 19 precincts Reading: 12 precincts
127	77.8% Southeast	Reading: 21 precincts Southwest: 6 precincts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumru 6, 7 • Kenhorst • Shillington
128	83.3% Southeast	Southeast: 25 precincts Southwest: 3 precincts (Cumru 1, 2, 4) East: 2 precincts (Douglass)
129	60.7% Southwest	Southwest: 17 precincts Reading: 11 precincts
130	97% East	East: 32 precincts North: 1 precinct (Lyons)

It should be noted that if the City of Reading combined with the Southwest Region, then L.D. 127 and L.D. 129 would each be 100% concentrated in the same Region.

State Senate and U.S. Congress.

Regions have never been expected to accommodate State Senate or U.S. Congressional districts. Attending countywide meetings is typically less cumbersome for candidates for those offices than Region meetings. However, if candidates were inclined to make use of Region meetings, then, as shown in Tables 2 and 3, this Plan gives some utility for most candidates for State Senate and U.S. Congress.

TABLE 2 APPORTIONMENT BY REGION OF STATE SENATE DISTRICTS		
No.	Primary Region	Precincts
11	44.3% Southwest	Southwest: 35 precincts (89.7%) Southeast: 27 precincts (61.4%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antietam School District • Muhlenberg School District • Exeter Township School District East: 9 precincts (26.5%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleetwood and Richmond • Alsace, Oley, and Ruscombmanor North: 8 precincts (44.4%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kutztown, Lyons, and Maxatawny
13	77.8% Southeast	Southeast: 7 precincts Southwest: 2 precincts (Brecknock)
24	78.6% East	East: 22 precincts (64.7%) Southeast: 6 precincts (Amity)
44	100% Southeast	Southeast: 4 precincts
48	57.1% West	West: 24 precincts (100%) North: 11 precincts (64.7%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albany, Greenwich, Lenhartsville • Hamburg Area School District Southwest: 3 precincts (Lower Heidelberg) East: 4 precincts (Maidencreek)

TABLE 3
APPORTIONMENT BY REGION OF U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

No.	Primary Region	Precincts
4	42.3% East	<p>East: 33 precincts (100%)</p> <p>Southeast: 19 precincts (43.2%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amity • Exeter 10 (45 blocks) • Laureldale • Muhlenberg <p>North: 10 precincts (50%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenwich • Kutztown • Lenhartsville • Lyons • Maxatawny • Perry (81 blocks) <p>West: 5 precincts (21.7%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bern • Leesport • Ontelaunee <p>Southwest: 2 precincts (5.1%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Heidelberg 1, 3
6	41.1% Reading	<p>Reading: 44 precincts (100%)</p> <p>Southwest: 38 precincts (94.9%)</p> <p>Southeast: 26 precincts (59.1%)</p>
9	80.8% East	<p>West: 18 precincts (72%)</p> <p>North: 9 precincts (50%)</p>

The 2022 Legislative Reapportionment for U.S. Congress resulted in two precincts becoming divided: Perry (C.D. 4 and C.D. 9) and Exeter 10 (C.D. 4 and C.D. 6). Perry and Exeter 10 are counted towards both congressional districts.

If the City of Reading was combined into the Southwest Region, then 75.9% of C.D. 6 would be concentrated within a single Region.

Magisterial District Courts.

This Plan does not divide 11 out of 17 magisterial district courts. Of the six districts that are divided among more than one Region, these are still highly concentrated within a Region: 84.6%, 81.8%, 75%, 68.4%, 66.67%, and 66.67%. None of those six districts are divided among more than two Regions, which does not impose an unfair burden on candidates for magisterial district judge.

TABLE 4 APPORTIONMENT BY REGION OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURTS		
No.	Primary Region	Precincts
23-1-01	75% Southwest	Southwest: 18 precincts. West: 6 precincts.
23-1-02	100% Reading	
23-1-03	100% Reading	
23-1-05	100% Reading	
23-1-06	100% Southeast	
23-2-01	100% Reading	
23-2-02	100% Reading	
23-2-03	100% Southeast	
23-2-04	100% Southwest	
23-3-01	84.6% Southeast	Southeast: 11 precincts. Southwest: 2 precincts.
23-3-02	100% East	
23-3-03	68.4% East	East: 13 precincts. Southeast: 6 precincts.
23-3-04	66.67% North	North: 6 precincts. East: 3 precincts.
23-3-05	66.67% West	West: 8 precincts. East: 4 precincts.
23-3-06	100% North	
23-3-07	81.8% West	West: 9 precincts. North: 2 precincts.
23-3-09	100% Reading	

The previous Plan did not divide 12 out of 17 magisterial district courts. The shift resulted from prioritizing the unity of school districts.

The Previous Plan.

The previous Plan used magisterial district courts as a model for organizing Regions, with modifications. It purposefully divided certain of those boundaries for the sake of (1) keeping certain individuals in the North Region from Exeter Precinct 2, Lower Alsace, Mount Penn, Penn, and Saint Lawrence (by dividing M.D.C. Nos. 23-2-03 and 23-3-07); (2) keeping certain individuals in the South Region from Spring 4 and 11 (by dividing M.D.C. No. 23-1-01); (3) keeping certain individuals in Bern Township in the West Region (by dividing M.D.C. No. 23-3-05); and (4) keeping certain individuals in the East Region from Birdsboro and Union (by dividing M.D.C. No. 23-3-01). Without those modifications, the previous Plan would not have divided a single magisterial district court.

The Contiguous Requirement.

Each Region is contiguous under this Plan, including the Southeast Region. With the assistance of the Berks County Geographical Information System, the southeasternmost point of Muhlenberg Township touches Lower Alsace Township by approximately 67 feet at Berks County Parcel ID 66531819528046.

Geographical Features and Population Centers.

For a very long time, the Berks County Republican Committee organized Regions as East, North, South, and West, and for the City of Reading to have “dual status,” where it qualifies as a separate Region and, simultaneously, can be combined with any other. But the geography of our County and its population centers do not easily conform to the cardinal directions. Our County is shaped like a diamond, elongated towards the west. The geographical center is by the northeast corner of Nantucket Drive in Ontelaunee Township. More than 70% of countywide Republicans live south of Ontelaunee, and more than 53% of them are concentrated in the Southeast and Southwest regions. But those same Regions are approximately 26.4% of the County’s square milage. The Berks County Planning Commission describes the urbanized areas of our County as including the City of Reading and the municipalities of Birdsboro, Kenhorst, Laureldale, Leesport, Mohnton, Mount Penn, St. Lawrence, Shillington, Sinking Spring, Wernersville, West Reading, Wyomissing, and “portions or all” of Alsace, Bern, Cumru, Exeter, Lower Alsace, Lower Heidelberg, Maiden creek, Muhlenberg, Ontelaunee, South Heidelberg, Spring, and Union townships.¹

Consequently, this Plan accounts for the reality of high population densities in southern Berks County by creating the Southeast and Southwest Regions based on school districts. The City of Reading continues as an independent Region.

¹ Berks County Comprehensive Plan 2030 Update, at 20 (Jan. 23, 2020).

Proportionality.

Previous plans had divided school districts, and even municipalities, driven by a need for proportionality among the Regions, because each Region is entitled to one Executive Member. But that is not a good trade, if Regions are intended to help down-ballot elections. The principle for solving the issue of proportionality of the Regions is not to divide school districts or municipalities but, rather, to identify a statistical formula where a Region, based on its number of enrolled Republicans, could obtain an additional seat on the Executive Committee.

Our Bylaws had suggested that U.S. Census data be considered in determining Regions. That is burdensome and conceptually unsound because the Berks County Republican Committee does not represent the general population.

Municipalities in More than One County.

The previous Plan had no provision for municipalities in more than one County. There are portions of the Borough of Adamstown situated in Berks County, but less than an entire precinct. Portions of the Borough in our County are assigned to the Southwest Region under this Plan.

Classification of Precincts.

Legend.

M.D.C.	Magisterial District Court.
L.D.	Legislative District in the State House of Representatives, General Assembly.
S.D.	Senate District in the State Senate, General Assembly.
C.D.	Congressional District, U.S. House of Representatives.

East Region.

Grand Totals:

Registered Republicans: 23,344 (21.57%).
 Precincts: 34.
 BCRC precinct members: 102 (19.07%).

Boyertown Area School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Bally	372	2	23-3-02	130	24	4
Bechtelsville	284	2	23-3-02	130	24	4
Boyertown 1	589	3	23-3-02	130	24	4
Boyertown 2	535	3	23-3-02	130	24	4
Colebrookdale 1	1077	4	23-3-02	130	24	4
Colebrookdale 2	616	3	23-3-02	130	24	4
Douglass 1	697	3	23-3-02	128	24	4
Douglass 2	729	3	23-3-02	128	24	4
Earl 1	561	3	23-3-02	130	24	4
Earl 2	632	3	23-3-02	130	24	4
Washington 1	846	3	23-3-02	130	24	4
Washington 2	922	3	23-3-02	130	24	4
Subtotal:	7,860	12				

Brandywine Heights Area School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
District	506	3	23-3-03	130	24	4
Longswamp 1	789	3	23-3-03	130	24	4
Longswamp 2	1009	4	23-3-03	130	24	4
Rockland 1	725	3	23-3-03	130	24	4
Rockland 2	651	3	23-3-03	130	24	4
Topton	575	3	23-3-03	130	24	4
Subtotal:	4,255	19				

Fleetwood Area School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Fleetwood 1	573	3	23-3-04	130	11	4
Fleetwood 2	647	3	23-3-04	130	11	4
Maidencreek 1	1159	4	23-3-05	130	48	4
Maidencreek 2	678	3	23-3-05	130	48	4
Maidencreek 3	651	3	23-3-05	130	48	4
Maidencreek 4	871	3	23-3-05	130	48	4
Richmond	682	3	23-3-04	130	11	4
Subtotal:	4,579	7				

Oley Valley School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Alsace 1	668	3	23-3-03	130	11	4
Alsace 2	620	3	23-3-03	130	11	4
Oley 1	644	3	23-3-03	130	11	4
Oley 2	822	3	23-3-03	130	11	4
Pike	680	3	23-3-03	130	24	4
Ruscombmanor 1	644	3	23-3-03	130	11	4
Ruscombmanor 2	915	3	23-3-03	130	11	4
Subtotal:	4,993	21				

Upper Perkiomen School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Hereford 1	401	2	23-3-02	130	24	4
Hereford 2	574	3	23-3-02	130	24	4
Subtotal:	975	5				

North Region.

Grand Totals:

Registered Republicans: 10,984 (10.15%).

Precincts: 18.

BCRC precinct members: 50 (9.35%).

Hamburg Area School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Hamburg 1	722	3	23-3-06	124	48	9
Hamburg 2	648	3	23-3-06	124	48	9
Perry	969	3	23-3-06	5	48	4 / 9
Shoemakersville	440	2	23-3-06	124	48	9
Tilden	1252	4	23-3-06	124	48	9
Upper Bern	708	3	23-3-07	124	48	9
Upper Tulpehocken	688	3	23-3-07	124	48	9
Windsor	1026	4	23-3-07	124	48	9
Subtotal:	6,453	25				

Note: Perry Township has 81 blocks in C.D. 4 and 44 blocks in C.D. 9.

Kutztown Area School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Albany	735	3	23-3-06	124	48	9
Greenwich 1	615	3	23-3-06	124	48	4
Greenwich 2	743	3	23-3-06	124	48	4
Kutztown 1	686	3	23-3-04	124	48	4
Kutztown 2	319	2	23-3-04	124	48	4
Lenhartsville	65	2	23-3-06	124	48	4
Lyons	120	2	23-3-04	124	48	4
Maxatawny 1	387	2	23-3-04	124	48	4
Maxatawny 2	171	2	23-3-04	124	48	4
Maxatawny 3	690	3	23-3-04	124	48	4
Subtotal:	4,531	25				

Reading Region.

Grand Totals:

Registered Republicans: 5,901 (5.45%).

Precincts: 44.

BCRC precinct members: 88 (16.45%).

Reading School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Reading 1	137	2	23-2-01	127	11	6
Reading 2	75	2	23-1-02	127	11	6
Reading 3-1	162	2	23-1-02	127	11	6
Reading 3-2	142	2	23-1-02	127	11	6
Reading 4	94	2	23-2-01	127	11	6
Reading 5	53	2	23-2-01	127	11	6
Reading 6-1	74	2	23-1-05	129	11	6
Reading 6-3	145	2	23-1-05	129	11	6
Reading 7	195	2	23-1-05	127	11	6
Reading 8	194	2	23-1-03	127	11	6
Reading 9-2	114	2	23-1-03	127	11	6
Reading 9-5	99	2	23-1-03	127	11	6
Reading 10	175	2	23-1-02	127	11	6
Reading 11-2	139	2	23-1-03	127	11	6
Reading 11-3	55	2	23-1-03	127	11	6
Reading 12-1	80	2	23-1-03	127	11	6
Reading 12-3	120	2	23-1-03	127	11	6
Reading 12-5	46	2	23-1-03	126	11	6
Reading 13-1	35	2	23-3-09	126	11	6
Reading 13-2	95	2	23-3-09	126	11	6
Reading 13-5	105	2	23-3-09	126	11	6
Reading 14-1	147	2	23-3-09	129	11	6
Reading 14-4	128	2	23-3-09	129	11	6
Reading 14-5	129	2	23-3-09	129	11	6
Reading 14-6	82	2	23-3-09	126	11	6
Reading 15-1	80	2	23-1-05	129	11	6

Reading 15-2	152	2	23-1-05	129	11	6
Reading 15-6	97	2	23-1-05	129	11	6
Reading 15-7	149	2	23-1-05	129	11	6
Reading 16-1	146	2	23-1-02	127	11	6
Reading 16-2	95	2	23-1-02	127	11	6
Reading 16-4	175	2	23-1-02	127	11	6
Reading 16-5	144	2	23-1-02	126	11	6
Reading 17-1	131	2	23-3-09	126	11	6
Reading 17-2	77	2	23-3-09	126	11	6
Reading 17-5	192	2	23-3-09	126	11	6
Reading 17-7	173	2	23-3-09	126	11	6
Reading 17-8	209	2	23-3-09	126	11	6
Reading 18-1	325	2	23-2-01	127	11	6
Reading 18-2	221	2	23-2-01	127	11	6
Reading 18-3	201	2	23-2-01	127	11	6
Reading 18-4	193	2	23-2-01	127	11	6
Reading 19-1	189	2	23-1-05	129	11	6
Reading 19-2	132	2	23-1-05	129	11	6
Subtotal:	5,901	88				

Southeast Region.

Grand Totals:

Registered Republicans: 26,506 (24.49%).

Precincts: 44.

BCRC precinct members: 119 (22.24%).

Antietam School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Lower Alsace 1	412	2	23-2-03	126	11	6
Lower Alsace 2	695	3	23-2-03	126	11	6
Mount Penn	525	3	23-2-03	126	11	6
Subtotal:	1,632	8				

Daniel Boone Area School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Amity 1	487	2	23-3-03	128	24	4
Amity 2	790	3	23-3-03	128	24	4
Amity 3	670	3	23-3-03	128	24	4
Amity 4	901	3	23-3-03	128	24	4
Amity 5	714	3	23-3-03	128	24	4
Amity 6	773	3	23-3-03	128	24	4
Birdsboro 1	533	3	23-3-01	128	44	6
Birdsboro 2	788	3	23-3-01	128	44	6
Union 1	1050	4	23-3-01	128	44	6
Union 2	338	2	23-3-01	128	44	6
Subtotal:	7,044	29				

Exeter Township School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Exeter 1	523	3	23-2-03	128	11	6
Exeter 2	617	3	23-2-03	128	11	6
Exeter 3	800	3	23-2-03	128	11	6
Exeter 4	870	3	23-2-03	126	11	6
Exeter 5	497	2	23-2-03	126	11	6
Exeter 6	860	3	23-2-03	128	11	6
Exeter 7	614	3	23-2-03	128	11	6
Exeter 8	1100	4	23-2-03	128	11	6
Exeter 9	562	3	23-2-03	128	11	6
Exeter 10	635	3	23-2-03	128	11	4 / 6
Exeter 11	509	3	23-2-03	126	11	6
Saint Lawrence	469	2	23-2-03	126	11	6
Subtotal:	8,056	35				

Note: Exeter 10 has 45 blocks in C.D. 4 and 23 blocks in C.D. 6.

Muhlenberg School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Laureldale 1	389	2	23-1-06	126	11	4
Laureldale 2	320	2	23-1-06	126	11	4
Muhlenberg 1	202	2	23-1-06	126	11	4
Muhlenberg 2	424	2	23-1-06	126	11	4
Muhlenberg 3	534	3	23-1-06	126	11	4
Muhlenberg 4	361	2	23-1-06	126	11	4
Muhlenberg 5	436	2	23-1-06	126	11	4
Muhlenberg 6	416	2	23-1-06	126	11	4
Muhlenberg 7	602	3	23-1-06	126	11	4
Muhlenberg 8	463	2	23-1-06	126	11	4
Muhlenberg 9	516	3	23-1-06	126	11	4
Muhlenberg 10	480	2	23-1-06	126	11	4
Subtotal:	5,143	27				

Twin Valley School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Caernarvon 1	755	3	23-3-01	128	13	6
Caernarvon 2	816	3	23-3-01	128	13	6
New Morgan	14	2	23-3-01	128	13	6
Robeson 1	909	3	23-3-01	128	13	6
Robeson 2	591	3	23-3-01	128	13	6
Robeson 3	855	3	23-3-01	128	13	6
Robeson 4	691	3	23-3-01	128	13	6
Subtotal:	4,631	20				

Southwest Region.

Grand Totals:

Registered Republicans: 25,105 (28.64%).

Precincts: 39.

BCRC precinct members: 109 (20.37%).

Governor Mifflin School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Brecknock 1	821	3	23-3-01	99	13	6
Brecknock 2	1064	4	23-3-01	99	13	6
Cumru 1	829	3	23-2-04	128	11	6
Cumru 2	786	3	23-2-04	128	11	6
Cumru 3	706	3	23-2-04	99	11	6
Cumru 4	729	3	23-2-04	128	11	6
Cumru 5	750	3	23-2-04	99	11	6
Cumru 6	468	2	23-2-04	127	11	6
Cumru 7	437	2	23-2-04	127	11	6
Kenhorst 1	359	2	23-2-04	127	11	6
Kenhorst 2	293	2	23-2-04	127	11	6
Mohnton	893	3	23-2-04	99	11	6
Shillington 1	640	3	23-2-04	127	11	6
Shillington 2	649	3	23-2-04	127	11	6
Subtotal:	9,424	39				

Wilson School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Lower Heidelberg 1	861	3	23-1-01	5	48	9
Lower Heidelberg 2	552	3	23-1-01	5	48	4
Lower Heidelberg 3	912	3	23-1-01	5	48	4
Sinking Spring 1	490	2	23-1-01	129	11	6
Sinking Spring 2	526	3	23-1-01	129	11	6
Spring 1	620	3	23-1-01	129	11	6
Spring 2	549	3	23-1-01	129	11	6
Spring 3	504	3	23-1-01	129	11	6
Spring 4	626	3	23-1-01	129	11	6
Spring 5	756	3	23-1-01	5	11	6
Spring 6	618	3	23-1-01	129	11	6
Spring 7	607	3	23-1-01	5	11	6
Spring 8	653	3	23-1-01	5	11	6
Spring 9	355	2	23-1-01	129	11	6
Spring 10	659	3	23-1-01	129	11	6
Spring 11	669	3	23-1-01	99	11	6
Spring 12	830	3	23-1-01	99	11	6
Spring 13	592	3	23-1-01	129	11	6
Wyomissing 2	498	2	23-2-02	129	11	6
Subtotal:	11,877	20				

Wyomissing Area School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
West Reading 1	828	3	23-2-02	129	11	6
West Reading 3	271	2	23-2-02	129	11	6
Wyomissing 1	373	2	23-2-02	129	11	6
Wyomissing 3	621	3	23-2-02	129	11	6
Wyomissing 4	837	3	23-2-02	129	11	6
Wyomissing 5	874	3	23-2-02	129	11	6
Subtotal:	3,804	16				

West Region.

Grand Totals:

Registered Republicans: 16,403 (15.15%).

Precincts: 23.

BCRC precinct members: 67 (12.52%).

Conrad Weiser Area School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Heidelberg	660	3	23-1-01	5	48	9
Marion	696	3	23-3-07	5	48	9
North Heidelberg	557	3	23-3-07	5	48	9
Robesonia	660	3	23-1-01	5	48	9
South Heidelberg 1	803	3	23-1-01	5	48	9
South Heidelberg 2	1130	4	23-1-01	5	48	9
South Heidelberg 3	682	3	23-1-01	5	48	9
Wernersville	840	3	23-1-01	5	48	9
Womelsdorf	841	3	23-3-07	5	48	9
Subtotal:	6,869	28				

Schuylkill Valley School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Bern 1	978	3	23-3-05	5	48	4
Bern 2	614	3	23-3-05	5	48	4
Bern 3	368	2	23-3-05	5	48	4
Centerport	121	2	23-3-05	5	48	9
Centre 1	858	3	23-3-05	5	48	9
Centre 2	798	3	23-3-05	5	48	9
Leesport	548	3	23-3-05	5	48	4
Ontelaunee	772	3	23-3-05	5	48	4
Jefferson	857	3	23-3-07	5	48	9
Subtotal:	5,914	25				

Tulpehocken Area School District	Registered Republicans	BCRC Precinct Members	M.D.C.	L.D.	S.D.	C.D.
Bernville	244	2	23-3-07	5	48	9
Bethel	1394	4	23-3-07	5	48	9
Penn	901	3	23-3-07	5	48	9
Tulpehocken 1	743	3	23-3-07	5	48	9
Tulpehocken 2	338	2	23-3-07	5	48	9
Subtotal:	3,620	14				