



Memorandum

Date: August 25, 2011

To: Dave Nichols, Office of the West Virginia Secretary of State

From: Chad Holland, West Virginia Republican Party

RE: WVGOP Presidential Primary Rules

As a follow up to our meeting at your office on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, this memo will detail the information that has been requested by the office of the West Virginia Secretary of State.

District Delegates

There are 9 total District Delegates. The delegates shall be elected 3 per Congressional District. The candidates for District Delegates must be registered Republicans and reside in the Congressional District wherein they are running. There is no gender requirement for the District Delegates.

At-Large Delegates

There are 18 total At-Large Delegates. The candidates for At-Large Delegates must be registered Republicans and shall be elected statewide. There is no gender requirement for the At-Large Delegates.

Mandatory Delegates

There are 3 mandatory delegates that are unelected. Those delegates are the State Chairman, National Committeeman and the National Committeewoman.

Binding of Delegates

All 30 delegates shall be allocated and bound to the candidate that receives the most votes in the Republican Presidential Primary in West Virginia. Since the delegates are bound the winner of Republican Primary, there is no requirement that any of the delegates commit to a Presidential candidate.

Ballot Position

Current state law requires that all delegates be listed alphabetically. If state law changes in time for the 2012 Presidential to allow for delegates names to be listed in random order on the ballot, then the West Virginia Republican Party delegate candidates shall be listed in random order (e.g. random drawing of names as was done for the 2011 Gubernatorial Special Election Primary).

Alternates

Every delegate is entitled to an alternate. Each elected delegate shall choose his or her alternate. The alternate delegates are not elected.