

**WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY RULES FOR PRECINCT
CAUCUSES AND FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE STATE
CONVENTION AND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS OF 2016**

RULE 1 -- Inventory of Precincts

No earlier than December 1, 2015 nor later than December 14, 2015 the chairman of each county central committee shall submit a list of all precinct committee officers, all non-resident precinct "chairmen", and all vacant precincts. In counties with three (3) or more legislative districts the list shall be organized by legislative district; in counties with less than three (3) legislative districts the list shall be organized in logical fashion.

The list shall be coded in such a manner as to show (a) precinct committee officers, (b) non-resident precinct chairmen, and, (c) vacant precincts. Information must also include name, ballot mailing address, voter registration address (if different), primary phone and email address. Such list shall be made available for inspection by anyone requesting the same from the county chairman or WSRP on behalf of the County Chair without charge or copies made available at cost within seven (7) days of such request. Such list shall be forwarded to the Washington State Republican Party, 11811 NE 1st Street, Suite A306, Bellevue, WA 98005, or email kaitlinvintertun@wsrp.org, postmarked or electronically submitted no later than December 14, 2015.

RULE 2 -- County Convention Delegate Allocation Formula

Each county shall conform to the spirit and letter of the "one-person-one-vote" concept with reference to county convention/legislative district caucus delegate allocation to each precinct caucus. Each county shall determine for its convention the minimum number of potential delegates, provided that each county shall allocate among the precincts a number of potential delegates to be elected which is at least two (2) times the number of precincts in its county.

On the basis of such determination, it shall allocate those delegates to the various precincts in that county on a uniform basis on either registered voter information or the 2012 Republican vote. Registered voter information shall be based on the latest information available at the county elections department.

Republican vote shall be determined by adding the Republican vote in each precinct in the 2012 general election for the offices of President, Governor, and Secretary of State. Every delegate from a multi-delegate precinct shall represent substantially the same number of voters as each other delegate. "Substantially the same" shall mean a disparity no greater than fifty percent (50%) of the established voter value of a single delegate. In the case of precincts which have been created, or whose boundaries have been materially altered since the 2012 election, each county shall allocate delegates on the basis, which in the county party's judgment best reflects the principles of this rule. Any precinct, however, which has less than a fifty percent (50%) voter value, shall be

entitled to a single delegate to the county convention. In the special case where a precinct has zero voters registered therein, no delegates need be allocated.

EXAMPLE: A county has 100 precincts and wishes to allocate for 200 potential delegates to the county convention based on Republican vote. In 2012 the Republican vote in the county was: 2012 for President 30,000, Governor 19,000, and Secretary of State 16,000, for a county-wide total of 65,000. The average precinct ~~at~~ 650 Republican votes [total of all positions]. A precinct which cast 487 Republican votes or less is entitled to one delegate; (3/4 of 650); a precinct which cast 488 total but not more than 812 Republican votes is entitled to two delegates; a precinct which cast 813, but not more than 1138 Republican votes is entitled to three delegates.

Automatic delegates under Rule 14 shall be in addition to the number of delegates allowed for election under this rule.

RULE 3 -- Allocation Validity

Each county chairman shall cause to be submitted to the state chairman, postmarked or electronically submitted no later than December 31, 2015 a statement showing the allocation of delegates to the county convention/legislative district caucus among the various precincts. Should the state chairman raise questions of validity, the county chairman shall be notified by January 15, 2016 and the State Executive Board shall handle final disposition of any differences by January 22, 2016.

RULE 4 -- Precinct Committee Officers Shall Determine Caucus Location

By December 1, 2015 each county central committee must determine whether precincts shall caucus under Rule 4 or Rule 12 and inform Precinct Committee Officers of the choice.

If under Rule 4, each precinct committee officer shall be responsible for obtaining a location and making necessary arrangements for a precinct caucus and so advising the county chairman by December 15, 2015. The location shall be within a reasonable distance to the precinct, and of reasonable public access. "Reasonable" shall mean that any Republican wishing to attend shall not be hindered as a matter of purpose. Precinct committee officers may choose to hold caucuses at a joint location with others where communities in the same area will serve to create better attendance. In the event that there are two (2) or more incumbent precinct committee officers as the result of merged precincts or realignment of precinct boundaries, the county chairman shall determine the caucus location and temporary presiding officers.

RULE 5 -- County Chairman Shall Determine Vacant Precinct Caucus Location

The county chairman shall be responsible for obtaining a location and making necessary arrangements for a precinct caucus in all precincts listed as vacant. The county chairman shall determine who will act as the caucus temporary chairman.

RULE 6 -- Precinct Committee Officer's Failure to Comply

Any precinct committee officer who has been informed of his or her Rule 4 responsibilities, neglects or refuses to establish a precinct caucus location by December 15, 2015 shall forfeit such right to the county chairman, who shall then establish such precinct caucus under the guidelines of Rule 5.

RULE 7 -- List of Precinct Caucus Locations

Each county chairman shall cause to be compiled a list of caucus locations within the county. Such list shall be compiled and forwarded to the State Headquarters postmarked or electronically submitted no later than January 15, 2016. Such list shall be organized in such a manner as required by Rule 1. Such list shall be made available for inspection by anyone requesting the same from the county chairman without charge, and copies shall be made available at cost.

RULE 8 -- Publishing of Caucus Locations

Each county chairman shall make every reasonable effort to publish in a newspaper of general circulation or electronic media the complete compiled list of caucus locations (display advertising may be used) before January 22, 2016. "General circulation" shall mean any newspaper circulated within the county or portions of the county in question, which may include dailies, weeklies, and other community newspapers. "Electronic media" shall mean any website appropriate to such county, including county and state party websites. Such list shall be placed on file with the election department at the county courthouse by January 22, 2016.

RULE 9 -- Precinct Caucus Date

The precinct caucus shall be held on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

RULE 10 -- Who May Participate in the Precinct Caucus

Any registered voter of the precinct in which the caucus is being conducted who is willing to state by signing a Registration form and List of Participants at Precinct Caucus form that he/she considers him/herself to be a Republican and has not participated and will not participate in the 2016 caucus or convention system of any other party shall be eligible to participate in the caucus. Said form shall be in triplicate, one copy to be retained by the caucus chairman and the remaining two (2) to be forwarded to the county chairman by March 10, 2016. The county chairman shall forward one (1) of the two (2) copies to the state chairman seven (7) days prior to a Legislative District Caucus, or no later than March 17, 2012.

RULE 11 -- Caucus Agenda

No earlier than 10:00AM, February 20, 2016 the precinct committee officer, or in the case of vacant precincts the temporary caucus chairman designated by the county chairman, shall cause the caucus to be called to order. The precinct committee officer elected or

appointed shall be the permanent chairman of the caucus. In vacant precincts, those that have been appointed by the county chairman to act as temporary chairmen of the caucus shall do so until the election of a permanent chairman. No caucus shall be recessed or moved to another location except where necessary for the holding of the caucus and after reasonable efforts under the circumstances to provide notice. The agenda shall be as follows:

Call to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Appointment of temporary secretary
Election of permanent caucus chairman, if necessary
Election of permanent caucus secretary, if necessary
Resolutions, platform discussion
Nomination and election of delegate(s)
Nomination and election of alternate(s)
Such other business as may be appropriate for the caucus
Adjournment

RULE 12 -- Pooled Caucuses and "Town Meetings"

The county central committee may elect to convene precinct caucuses under a "pooled" or "town meeting" configuration consisting of all precincts in a legislative district, partial legislative district, county district, region, town or section of the county. If a county so elects, the county chairman shall notify the PCOs not later than December 15, 2015 and the county chairman shall be responsible for obtaining locations and making necessary arrangements for said caucuses. The location shall be within a reasonable distance of the precincts served and of reasonable public access.

The county chairman shall designate a temporary chairman for the pooled caucus who shall convene the caucus. The caucus agenda shall be as follows:

Call to order.
Pledge of Allegiance
Appointment of temporary secretary.
Election of permanent caucus chairman.
Election of permanent caucus secretary.
Resolutions and platform discussion.
Such other business as may be appropriate for the caucus.
Adjournment to individual precinct caucuses.

The precinct committee officer, if any, shall preside over the caucus of his or her precinct. The agenda of the caucus shall be:

Call to order.
Appointment of temporary secretary.
Election of permanent caucus chairman if necessary.
Election of permanent caucus secretary.
Nomination and election of delegate(s).

Nomination and election of alternate(s).
Adjournment.

RULE 13 -- When Balloting Shall Commence

Nomination and balloting for delegates shall not commence earlier than 10:30 AM nor commence later than 11:30 AM February, 20, 2016.

RULE 14 -- Automatic Delegates

All precinct committee officers duly elected or appointed no later than December 14, 2015, and who remain precinct committee officers and residents of their precinct through the date of the county convention shall automatically serve as delegates to the county convention in addition to delegates allocated to the precinct. Any precinct committee officer who neglects or refuses to carry out the duties as established in Rule 4, Rule 11, and Rule 17 shall forfeit eligibility to serve as an automatic delegate to the county convention. If a precinct caucus is scheduled to be held pursuant to Rule 12, the precinct committee officer shall forfeit eligibility to serve as an automatic delegate to the county convention if he neglects or refuses to preside, or fails to make arrangements for someone to preside at his individual precinct caucus. In addition, in order to encourage participation by all Republican elected officials, the county central committee may seat as automatic delegates in the county and district in which they reside, all Republicans holding elected partisan county, legislature, state-wide or federal office. The county chairman shall certify to the Credentials Committee of the county convention the list of individuals eligible to serve as automatic delegates no later than March 10, 2016.

RULE 15 -- Election of Delegates to the County Convention

To be eligible for election as a delegate to the county convention, an individual must be a registered voter in the precinct from which elected. Nomination for delegates, other than the precinct committee officer, to the county convention shall be made from the floor of the caucus. Nominations shall remain open until the caucus chairman shall have called for further nominations three (3) times with no response. Each nominee shall be given a reasonable period of time to express the nominee's views concerning the nominee's candidacy. Nominees shall indicate Presidential preference or declare themselves uncommitted.

If the number of nominees exceeds the number of delegate positions, the chairman shall appoint an election teller to supervise the election. There shall be no cumulative voting. Those nominees receiving a majority vote (greater than 50%) shall be deemed elected with succeeding ballots conducted until all delegate positions are filled by majority vote. If more candidates receive a majority vote than there are delegate positions, those candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Following the second ballot, the nominee receiving the least votes shall be removed from consideration. In the event of ties for election or elimination, the winner shall be decided by lot. Each delegate to the county convention, other than the precinct committee officer, must be elected from a precinct caucus but need not have been in attendance at the caucus for election.

RULE 16 -- Election of Alternates to the County Convention

Alternates shall be elected by precinct position number with separate nominations and elections for each position. In each alternate election the candidate receiving the most votes shall be deemed elected. In the absence of a delegate at the county convention, alternates shall be seated in the order of their position number.

RULE 17 -- Custodian Reports

The precinct committee officer or the elected permanent chairman of each caucus shall become the custodian of the permanent records of the caucus and shall be responsible for forwarding caucus reports to the county organization as may be required in these rules.

RULE 18 -- Caucus Results

The precinct committee officer or the elected permanent chairman of each caucus or "pooled" caucus shall cause to be postmarked or delivered to the place designated for return no later than February 27, 2016 the following results:

Registration Form and List of Participants at Precinct Caucus;

Report of Precinct Caucus, showing the elected delegates and alternates to the county convention, and insuring that full voter name, voter registration address, ballot mailing address (if different), e-mail and primary phone number are clearly readable.)

Should the precinct committee officer or caucus chairman fail to file the report of the precinct caucus, any participant in the caucus may cause it to be filed by February 27, 2016. Caucus results filed after the deadline shall not be invalidated unless the late filing in fact prevents the credentials committee from investigating and evaluating them. If the caucus results are not filed in a timely manner, but are received in time for the credentials committee to investigate and evaluate them, the credentials committee shall consider the report in the same manner as a timely filing.

The county chairman shall forward copies of the registration forms, list of participants and report of precinct caucus showing the elected delegates and alternates to the county convention to the State Chairman no later than March 7, 2016.

RULE 19 -- Time of County Convention/Legislative District Caucus

Each county convention at which delegates to the State Convention are to be elected shall be held not earlier than March 12, 2016 and not later than April 16, 2016. The state chairman shall receive notice of such convention.

In case a County has more than seven (7) Legislative Districts and elects delegates to the State Convention at each legislative district caucus, said legislative caucus shall be held not earlier than March 12, 2016 and not later than April 21, 2016. The state chairman shall receive notice of such caucuses.

RULE 20 -- Counties Containing Three or More Whole Legislative Districts

In counties which have solely contained within their borders more than three (3) state legislative districts, each legislative district's proportionate share of the county delegates to the state convention shall be apportioned to the legislative district, and shall be elected at a caucus of the precincts within that legislative district. (This rule currently applies to the following counties: Clark, King, Pierce, Snohomish and Spokane.) Any partial legislative district too small to be entitled to at least one (1) delegate at the state convention shall be combined with an adjacent district as determined by the county central committee for the purpose of electing delegates.

RULE 21 -- Counties Which Contain More than One but not more than Two Whole Legislative Districts

Counties which contain one (1) or two (2) whole legislative districts may elect delegates to the state convention based on legislative district, county commissioner or county council districts, whichever the county central committee provides in its bylaws or in its call for the convention or, if the central committee fails to specify, then as determined by the county convention. (This rule applies to the following counties: Benton, Kitsap, Thurston, Whatcom, and Yakima.) Any partial legislative district too small to be entitled to at least one (1) delegate at the state convention shall be combined with an adjacent district as determined by the county central committee for the purpose of electing delegates.

RULE 22 -- Other Counties

Counties not governed by Rule 20 or Rule 21 may elect delegates to the state convention at large or by county commissioner or county council districts as the county central committee provides in its bylaws or in its call for the convention; or, if the central committee fails to specify them as determined by the county convention.

RULE 23 -- County Convention/District Caucuses Notice

Notice of the time and place of the county convention/district caucus shall be postmarked or electronically time stamped by the county central committee no later than ten (10) days prior to the county convention/legislative district caucus to every delegate and alternate ~~etc~~ at the precinct caucus. Nothing herein shall prevent counties from convening district caucuses on a date other than the date on which the county convention is held.

RULE 24 -- County Convention Committee

The county chairman shall cause to be appointed such convention committees as deemed appropriate, which shall include a committee on rules and a committee on credentials.

RULE 25 -- Automatic Delegates to State Convention

Voting members of the State Committee and of the Executive Board, Elected officers of

the State Committee, and County Chairmen, who are in office on the opening date of the State Convention, shall automatically serve as delegates to the State Convention in addition to the elected delegates. No alternates shall be designated for Automatic Delegates. Any county failing to hold a county convention and elect delegates shall forfeit its automatic delegates. The State Chairman shall certify to the credentials committee no later than May 1, 2016, the list of individuals then eligible to serve as automatic delegates.

RULE 26 -- Declaration of Candidacy for Delegate to the State Convention

In a county which is required to or elects to have a printed ballot under Rule 27, ~~then~~ any Republican who is a registered voter within the County/District he seeks to represent, wishing to be considered for the position of delegate to the state convention and wishing to have his/her name appear on an alphabetized printed ballot for such post shall notify the county chairman or the chairman's designated representative in writing at least 72 hours prior to the opening gavel of the county convention/legislative district caucus. Notice of this procedure shall be contained in the convention/caucus call.

RULE 27 -- State Delegate Ballot

In the case of any district election or any at-large county election in which five (5) or more delegate positions are to be elected, the county chairman shall produce a ballot listing each declared candidate for delegate to the state convention in alphabetical order. Said ballot shall be used in the first ballot only for delegates to the state convention. Said ballot shall contain blank spaces equal to the number of delegates allotted for the purpose of write-in candidates or those nominated from the floor. In any case, the produced ballot, whether paper or electronic must assure secrecy, auditability and visual verification of the results.

RULE 28 -- Nominations from the Floor to Be Allowed

Unless otherwise provided by county rule, nominations from the floor for delegates to the state convention shall be in order and remain open until the chair has called for further nominations three (3) times without response. The county organization shall not be responsible for publishing, posting or alphabetizing nominations from the floor on the first ballot.

RULE 29 -- Majority Vote Required for State Convention Delegates

Where there are more nominees than positions to be elected, all voting shall be by secret written or electronic ballot. In any case, the produced ballot, whether paper or electronic must assure secrecy, auditability and visual verification of the results. Each delegate may vote for as many candidates as there shall be positions to be voted for on that ballot. There shall be no cumulative voting. Those candidates for delegate to the state convention who receive a majority of the votes cast (over fifty percent [50%] of the amount of delegates voting, EXAMPLE: fifty [50] voting delegates, twenty-six [26] votes represents a majority) shall be deemed elected with succeeding ballots being conducted until all delegate positions have been elected by a majority of the votes cast except as

provided in subsection 3 below.

The following rules of elimination shall be used:

- A. On the second ballot, each candidate who received less than 10% of the total vote on the first ballot shall be eliminated.
- B. On the third ballot, each candidate who received less than 20% of the total vote on the previous ballot shall be eliminated.
- C. On the fourth ballot, sufficient candidates receiving the lowest number of votes on the previous ballot shall be eliminated so that the ballot includes twice the number of unfilled positions to be voted on. These candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected without regard to whether they have a majority of the votes cast.

However, regardless of the foregoing rules for elimination, every ballot shall include a number of candidates not less than twice the number of unfilled positions to be voted on if sufficient candidates have been nominated. When this requirement conflicts with the above rules, the candidate receiving the highest votes on the previous ballot who was eliminated shall be included until the number of candidates remaining is twice the number of unfilled positions.

In the event of ties for election or elimination, the result shall be determined by lot.

Delegates must complete registration and payment for the convention within ten (10) business days of their election. If registration and payment is not submitted, an additional five (5) business days will be given, but a late payment penalty will be enforced of at least 50% more than registration cost. Should any elected delegate fail to complete registration and payment within said time, their position is forfeited, and delegate status awarded to the first alternate. Said elected delegate will be moved to the last alternate position slot available. The State Party Chairman will notify the county chair and alternate within 24 hours. Said newly designated delegate shall complete registration and payment within five (5) business days, and shall forfeit their delegate position if they do not. The newly designated delegate shall receive a credit towards delegate registration any amount paid for alternate registration.

If the first ranked alternate declines the delegate position, the next ranked alternate shall be the designated delegate and notified in the same manner as above (see Rule 29 section 6); provided that all registration fees and forms shall be paid and completed for the newly designated delegate(s) not later than May 10, 2016.

State Headquarters shall make Delegate/Alternate Registration Packets available to all counties prior to their county or legislative district conventions.

For purposes of this Rule and Rule 30, "business day" shall mean any day excluding Saturday, Sunday, or holiday recognized by the State of Washington.

RULE 30 -- Election of State Convention Alternates

Alternate delegates shall be allocated in the same manner as delegates under Rules 20, 21, and 22. Nominations for Alternates to the state convention shall be made from the floor of the same caucus that elected its Delegates. There shall be two ballots, if necessary, for the position of alternate delegate. On the first ballot all candidates receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be elected to position numbers in accordance to the highest vote-getter following in a diminishing order. The second ballot shall fill the remaining vacant alternate delegate positions by a plurality vote, also in diminishing order. If fewer candidates are nominated than the number of positions allocated, a single ballot shall suffice. Alternates shall complete and pay registration fees to be received by the state headquarters by May 10, 2016.

RULE 31 -- Custodian of Convention/Legislative District Caucus Records

The county chairman of each county shall be the custodian of the permanent records of the county convention/legislative district caucus and shall be responsible for forwarding required reports and certifications to the state organization.

RULE 32 -- Proxies; Unit Rule; Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised

At the county convention/district caucus, the unit rule shall not be permitted nor shall any County convention or District caucus adopt a resolution binding its delegates to vote as a unit at the State Convention. Proxies shall not be accepted. All business shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and the county bylaws or rules, except where either is inconsistent with these rules.

RULE 33 -- Certification of Delegates and Alternates

The county chairman of each county shall cause to be postmarked no later than May 10, 2016 a Certification of Delegates and Alternates form to the State Headquarters. Such form shall contain the Legal name, voting address, zip code, telephone number and e-mail address, and congressional and legislative district designations of each delegate and alternate elected. It shall contain the position number of each alternate elected to the state convention. Attached shall be the minutes of the county/district caucus attested to by the permanent chairman and secretary of such convention or district caucus. The minutes shall include the report of the rules committee and credentials committee.

RULE 34 -- State Convention Committees

Each county shall select a chairman of its delegation and one person to serve on the State Convention Platform Committee, one person to serve on the State Convention Rules and Order of Business Committee, and one person to serve on the State Convention Credentials Committee. The chairman of the delegation and members of the above committees shall be chosen in such a manner as the county convention rules provide or, in the absence of a rule, as the county convention determines. Each county may choose a vice chairman of the delegation and alternate members of the above committees in such a manner as the county convention rules provide, or in the absence

of a rule, as the county convention determines. The last day to elect or appoint members to the State Convention Committees is April 16, 2016. The names of those selected to the above committees and the chairman of the delegation shall be forwarded with the Certification of 2016 Delegates and Alternates form, postmarked or electronically timestamped no later than May 10, 2016 to the State Headquarters. The chairmen of the State Convention Platform Committee, Rules and Order of Business Committee and Credentials Committee shall be designated by the State Chairman and affirmed by the Central Committee not later than its January 2016 meeting.

RULE 35 -- Credentials Challenges

Any Republican within a county, commissioner district or legislative district (the original electing unit) that wishes to challenge the certifications of delegates and alternate delegates elected to the state convention or elected to be a member of a state convention committee shall cause to be postmarked or delivered to the State Headquarters a Notice of Challenge no later than ten (10) days following the election in question. Upon receipt of a Notice of Challenge, the State Headquarters shall promptly notify the Chairman of the County of the challenged delegates. Not later than twenty (20) days after the election in question, or ten (10) days prior to the commencing of the state convention, (whichever shall occur first), the person filing the challenge shall file with State Headquarters all documents and statements (which may be in the form of affidavits) supporting the challenge and setting forth the facts upon which the challenge is made accompanied by a statement of position giving fair notice to all of the nature and grounds of challenge. Documents and written statements in response (which may be in the form of affidavits) shall be filed with State Headquarters not later than five (5) days prior to the meeting of the Credentials Committee. A non-resident of the county, commissioner's district or legislative district may not initiate challenges in question. The state convention credentials committee shall consider each challenge in the order that it was received.

RULE 36 -- Delegate Allocation Formula

There shall be 1500 elected delegates and 1500 alternates to the state convention in addition to the automatic delegates. The elected delegates shall be apportioned to the respective counties and districts on the basis of the Republican vote therein. Republican vote shall be determined by adding the Republican vote in each county in the 2012 general election for the offices of President, Governor, and Secretary of State. The 2012 results of precincts which now fall in two separate legislative or commissioner/councilman districts shall be apportioned equally between the two districts.

RULE 37 -- Allocation of Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention

A. Eleven (11) At-Large delegates (and alternates) shall be elected to represent the State of Washington at the 2016 Republican National Convention by majority vote from the floor at the State Convention. The At-Large delegates' first Presidential vote at the 2016 Republican National Convention shall be allocated among the respective Presidential candidates in the same proportion (subject to the rounding of numbers) as each

candidate's share of the Republican vote in the Washington State Presidential Preference Primary, provided that any candidate receiving less than 20% of the votes shall not be entitled to any allocation hereunder.

- B. Three delegates (and three alternates) from each Congressional District Caucus shall be elected by majority vote to represent Washington State at the 2016 Republican National Convention. -The first Presidential vote for these delegates shall be allocated among the respective Presidential candidates in the same proportion as each candidate's share of the Republican vote in the 2016 Washington State Presidential Preference Primary in that Congressional District, according to the following allocation schedule:
1. If a candidate receives a majority of the votes in the congressional district, they will receive all 3 delegates, otherwise:
 2. If there is no candidate who receives at least 20% of the primary votes in the congressional district, then the top three vote getters in that congressional district shall each be allocated 1 delegate.
 3. If there is only one candidate who receives at least 20% of the primary votes in the congressional district, then that candidate shall be allocated all three of the delegates for that congressional district.
 4. If there are two candidates who receive at least 20% of the primary votes in the congressional district, then the top vote getter will be allocated two delegates and the other candidate shall be allocated one delegate for that congressional district.
 5. If there are three candidates who receive at least 20% of the primary votes in the congressional district, then each of the candidates shall be allocated one delegate for that congressional district.
 6. If there are four candidates who receive at least 20% of the primary votes in the congressional district, then the top three vote getters shall be allocated one delegate each for that congressional district.
- C. The "Republican vote" shall mean the votes cast by voters who, as part of their participation in the Presidential Preference Primary sign a specific political party declaration which states substantially as follows:

I declare that I am a Republican and I have not participated nor will I participate in the 2016 precinct caucus or convention system of any other party.

RULE 38 - Candidate Qualification and Nomination

Any convention or caucus nominating or qualifying a candidate for the ballot shall follow the rules for nomination of Republican candidates as adopted by the state committee.

WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY
2016 Caucus and Convention Calendar

December 1, 2015.....First day for County Chairman to compile PCO list and date by which the County Central Committee shall determine if they will conduct precinct caucuses under Rule 4 or Rule 12.

December 14, 2015.....Last day to appoint PCO to qualify as automatic delegate to county convention

December 14, 2015.....Last day for County Chairman to file PCO list with State Party (complete list of PCO's must be forwarded to the State Party)

December 15, 2015.....Deadline for PCO's to notify County Chairman of caucus location.

December 15, 2015.....County Chairman assumes responsibility for caucus locations

December 31, 2015.....Deadline for filing delegate allocation plan with State Party

January 4, 2016.....Last day for County Chairmen to notify PCO's of places for pooled caucuses

January 15, 2016.....Deadline for State Chairman to notify counties of problems with delegate allocation plan

January 15, 2016.....County Chairman sends caucus locations to state headquarters (and files with county courthouse, if necessary).

January 22, 2016.....Deadline for advertising caucus locations.

January 22, 2016.....Last day for State Executive Board to handle any differences in delegate allocation plans,

February 20, 2016.....2016 Republican Precinct Caucuses.

February 26, 2016.....PCO's mail results of caucus to County Chairman and County Chairman certifies list of automatic delegates.

March 3, 2016.....County Chairman sends copy of Registration Forms and List of Participants at Precinct Caucus to State Chairman.

March 12, 2016.....First day to hold county conventions or legislative district caucuses and to elect delegates to State Convention and elect State Convention Committee Members.

April 16, 2016.....Last day to hold county conventions or legislative district caucuses and to elect delegates to State Convention and elect State Convention Committee Members.

April 23, 2016.....Last day for County Chairs to submit Certification of 2016 Delegates and Alternates to State Headquarters.

May 1, 2016.....State Chairman certifies list of automatic delegates to the state convention.

May 19-21, 2016.....State Convention and Congressional District Caucuses, Pasco, WA

July 18-21, 2016.....Republican National Convention, Cleveland, Ohio.

County	2012 Republican Votes for			Earned Delegates	Automatic Delegates		Total Delegates
	President	Governor	SecState				
Adams	3171	3320	3235	3	3		6
Asotin	5654	5677	5560	6	3		9
Benton	49461	50757	50318	53	3		56
Chelan	18402	20291	19282	20	4	NCW	24
Clallam	18437	20021	19699	21	3		24
Clark	92951	98131	98251	102	3		105
Columbia	1568	1565	1536	2	3		5
Cowlitz	20746	22612	21886	23	3		26
Douglas	9425	10139	9655	10	3		13
Ferry	1995	2121	2023	2	3		5
Franklin	13748	14232	14275	15	3		18
Garfield	913	920	866	1	3		4
Grant	17852	18742	18064	19	3		22
Grays Harbor	11914	13978	13665	14	3		17
Island	19605	22082	21376	22	3		25
Jefferson	6405	7370	7507	8	3		11
King	275700	356713	345268	346	8	Chr, EB	354
Kitsap	52846	61261	59488	61	3		64
Kittitas	9782	10752	10183	11	3		14
Klickitat	5316	5638	5477	6	3		9
Lewis	20452	22002	21520	23	3		26
Lincoln	4063	4088	4054	4	3		7
Mason	12761	14708	14623	15	3		18
Okanogan	9221	9909	9611	10	3		13
Pacific	4499	5020	4734	5	3		8
Pend Oreille	3952	4148	4050	4	3		7
Pierce	148467	174078	168773	174	3		177
San Juan	3111	3671	3689	4	3		7
Skagit	25071	28803	27815	29	3		32
Skamania	2687	2867	2731	3	3		6
Snohomish	133016	158440	153513	157	3		160
Spokane	115285	123894	121352	127	3		130
Stevens	13691	14554	14200	15	3		18
Thurston	49287	57948	70374	63	3		66
Wahkiakum	1119	1287	1185	1	3		4
Walla Walla	14648	15238	15092	16	3		19
Whatcom	42703	47340	46491	48	4	NCM	52
Whitman	8507	9421	9122	10	3		13
Yakima	42239	44507	44198	46	3		49
Totals	1290670	1488245	1464741	1500	124		1624