

ARTICLE VII – Rules Review

Section 1 – Request for Review

- A. Members of a County or District Committee may file a “Request for Review” with the State Chairman if there is evidence of a failure, within the County or District Committee, to observe these rules and/or local rules of the County or District Committee. A “Request for Review” may be filed if signed by not less than one-fifth (1/5) of the active membership of the County or District Committee, provided that in no instance shall a “Request for Review” be filed by less than five (5) members.
- B. The “Request for Review” shall be filed, in writing, with the State Party Chairman by U.S. Mail or email. The State Party Chairman shall appoint a Review Committee within 15 days of receipt of the “Request for Review” to include the following:
1. The District Chairman for the district in which the County from which the request was received is located. The District Chairman shall serve as Chairman of the Review Committee. If the request comes from a District Committee, the State Chairman shall appoint another District Chairman to serve in this capacity.
 2. The District Representative to the State Executive Committee representing the district in which the County from which the request was received is located. If the request comes from a District Committee, the State Chairman shall appoint another District Representative to serve in this capacity.
 3. At least one other member of the State Executive Committee.
 4. Chairman of the State Party Rules Committee
 5. One County Chairman from a County outside the District from which the request was received appointed by the State Chairman.
 6. A Republican Party of Arkansas staff member as appointed by the State Chairman shall serve as the non-voting secretary of the Review Committee.
- C. The Review Committee shall investigate the matter referred, review appropriate documents, receive and review written representations from the parties involved in the dispute. The Review Committee shall hold hearings with members of the County or District Committee, if it deems necessary, within thirty (30) days of the appointment of the Review Committee. Any hearing should be held at the regular meeting place of the County Committee or at a convenient meeting place within the county at a time that would permit interested parties to attend. For a request from a District Committee the hearing should be held at the State Party headquarters.
- D. The Review Committee shall make a written report to members of the State Executive Committee, with findings and recommendations, within twenty (20) days after the date of

the hearing with members of the County or District Committee or within forty-five (45) days after the date of the appointment of the Review Committee if no hearing is held.

- E. At the next meeting of the State Executive Committee, following receipt of the Review Committee Report, and with no less than ten (10) days notice being provided to the interested parties, the Chairman of the Review Committee shall make a verbal report to the State Executive Committee. A representative from each side of the issue(s) considered by the Review Committee will be permitted to make a five (5) minute presentation to the State Executive Committee. Representatives may provide a written summary prior to the convening of the State Executive Committee Meeting.
- F. The State Executive Committee shall consider all reports and presentations and take appropriate action upon a majority vote. The decision of the State Executive Committee may include, but is not limited to, the removal of a County or District Chairman, the removal of a County Committee Member, the loss of County Committee votes on the District or State Committee or at the State Convention, or the declared vacancy of a County Committee.

Section 2 –State Prerogative

- A. If the State Chairman becomes aware that any portion of these Rules are not being followed by a County Committee, District Committee, or any member, and appropriate steps are not taken to correct the issue, the State Chairman will perform the following:
 - a. The State Chairman will first contact by phone the applicable member. If a committee is the applicable party the State Chairman will contact that committee's chairman. The State Chairman will identify the issue, make clear the Rules of the Republican Party of Arkansas, and request that the rules be followed.
 - b. If within 30 days the issue has not been resolved to the satisfaction of the State Chairman the State Chairman will issue a written warning to the person, or the chairman for a committee, being accused. The letter will identify rules that have been broken, the steps to resolve the issue, and the process as outlined in Article VII Section 1.
 - c. If within 30 days of the written warning the issue has not been resolved to the satisfaction of the State Chairman, the State Chairman or the State Executive Committee will move forward with a Rules Review as laid out in Article VII, Section 1.