

Republican Party of Texas – Temporary and Permanent Rules Committee Supplemental Committee Rules 2024

Rules for Committee Members

The General Rules shall be reviewed in the following order:

1. Proposed-by-the-SREC Amendment 46 dealing with Closed Primary Elections.
2. Rule 44 revisions.
3. Rule 8 revisions.
4. Other Rules shall be taken up in reverse-sequential order, except that by majority vote, other rules may be taken up out of reverse-sequential order.
5. Rules, once reviewed and approved by the Committee, may only be revisited with a majority vote of the Committee present and voting.

General Requirements

6. All motions must be presented to the Chair and then be seconded before discussion begins.
7. The member making the motion shall have the first opportunity to speak to his or her motion.
8. “Friendly Amendments” are permitted.
9. The Chair may determine what type of vote is required, ranging from “without objection” or “unanimous acclimation” to “roll call” and all others. All roll call votes on main motions shall be posted on back wall and may be posted on RPT website. SD number and yes, no, or abstain vote shall be included.
10. A Previous Question Motion shall be allowed for both the Temporary and the Permanent Committee business after reasonable debate.
11. The Temporary and Permanent committees may enter into formal work sessions to perfect its work. During this time the committee will remain open to the public, but no testimony or debate will be allowed for delegates or alternates.
12. The committee editing committee, and the Chair or his designee shall have the authority to make non-substantive changes to the Committee report related to grammar, spelling, punctuation, and formatting. These shall be disclosed to the Committee.
13. Committee members shall disclose their status in writing or electronic means as is available, as
 - a. purely volunteer,
 - b. as being reimbursed by one or more entities for expenses,
 - c. as being employed by one or more entities involved in lobbying or lobbying groups, and
 - d. as being employed by one or more agencies of the State of Texas or any of its political subdivisions.

If not 13.a. above, the source(s) of the reimbursement(s) or employer(s) shall be disclosed.

14. These standing rules for the committee may be revised or suspended by majority vote of the committee.
15. Nothing in these standing rules shall be construed to be unduly restraining open debate on any issue.

Rules for Delegates/Alternates

1. Testimony by a delegate or alternate on an amendment shall be in person and limited to three (3) minutes in the Temporary Committee and two (2) minutes in the Permanent Committee, unless extended at the discretion of the Chair or majority vote by the Committee.
2. No testifier will testify more than once until all delegates wishing to testify during a public testimony period have been accommodated.
3. The testifier shall state his or her name, SD#, county, and Delegate or Alternate status for the record.
4. Any language offered by consideration of the committee should be submitted via a typewritten or clearly legible handwritten paper copy, or an online form as may be available.