

B102\_2018\_3.0 Candidate Certification-Disclosure  
PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

8.0 CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE

A. Candidates who wish to obtain the nomination of the Utah Republican Party to run as a Republican for any federal, statewide, state legislative, or state school board, office shall sign and submit (1) a completed Candidate Certification Agreement declaring that they will (1) will comply with the rules and processes set forth in the Utah Republican Party Constitution and these Bylaws, and (2) disclose their acceptance of the State Party platform with itemized exceptions. The Candidate Certification Agreement shall be submitted to State Party Headquarters within two business days following the last day for filing candidate registration filings with any elections official within the State of Utah. The Candidate Certification Agreement and the Candidate Disclosure Statement forms shall be available on the state party website.

The Candidate Certification Agreement shall include the following language: "I have read the Utah Republican Party Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws. I support that Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws except for any provisions I explicitly outline below, and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated. I certify that I am not a candidate, officer, delegate or position holder in any Party other than the Republican Party. I agree not to attempt to access the primary ballot through any methods or processes not explicitly outlined in and sanctioned by the Utah Republican Party Constitution and Bylaws, and that doing so will result in the forfeiture of my Party membership. I also agree not to allow myself to be identified by the 'Republican' moniker on any ballot unless nominated by the Party through these same methods or processes." No other statement in the Candidate Certification Agreement shall weaken or modify the provisions or requirements specifically mentioned in these Bylaws.

B. Signed Candidate Certification Agreements shall be posted in a prominent link on the home page of the Utah Republican Party Internet site within 3 days after candidate submission, but at least 72 hours in advance of the Utah Republican Party neighborhood caucus.

C. All Party candidates who fail to sign a Candidate Certification Agreement, or who attempt to qualify for the primary ballot through any method not explicitly defined in the Utah Republican Party Constitution and these Bylaws will automatically forfeit their Party membership two days following the State designated candidate filing-period deadline. Any candidate who attempts to seek nomination shall have his or her membership forfeited (1) immediately by failing to sign and submit the Candidate Certification Agreement, or (2) one week following the State Convention by signing the Candidate Certification Agreement but breaching the provision which forbids use of unsanctioned candidate-nomination methodologies. The candidate may avoid membership forfeiture by withdrawing his or her candidacy voluntarily in writing to both Utah State and Utah Republican Party. When membership is forfeited, the candidate may reapply for membership no sooner than one day following the general election.

D. The Party Secretary, or any other Officer, shall file objections with the State to all candidacies subject to membership forfeiture defined in paragraph 8C, and shall do so in a timely manner as set forth in Utah Code 20A-9-202(5).

D. Membership forfeiture shall be brought to the attention of the appropriate State election officer within 48 hours by the Party Secretary. Wherever possible, the Party Secretary shall submit objections in the manner designated in Utah Code 20A-9-202(5).

E. The Executive Committee, any Officer, and Committee tasked to oversee election law litigation, or any quorum representing 25% of the current members of the State Central Committee (at the time of litigation filing) shall bring legal action in the name of the Party to ensure the State's denial of valid candidate objections are challenged in the Courts. The committee, officers, and quorum defined herein are given agency, authorization, and standing to bring legal action in the name of the Party for this purpose.

E. Penalties associated with violations of candidate certification and disclosure may be excused on a case-by-case basis by unanimous vote by the State Executive Committee no later than one week following the State Convention in any given election cycle.

With the proviso that, in 2018, these provisions shall only apply to candidates for the first and second U.S. Congressional House Districts.