**There Can Be NO Oath Required to be a Delegate/Alternate/Officer of Precinct or BPOU**

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**MNGOP Constitution ARTICLE V**

## **Conventions and Endorsements - General Provisions**

## **SECTION 5: Election and Terms of Delegates.**

1. In compliance with the rules of the Republican National Convention, no Delegate or Alternate may be an automatic Delegate or Alternate. Each Delegate or Alternate must be elected by their respective convention. Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention may be bound to cast their vote for a particular candidate. **The State executive committee will have the authority to create binding rules for the state and congressional districts.** The rules will be in accordance with rules promulgated by the Republican National Committee.

## ***(If a BPOU Constitution or Bylaw includes a rule that binds BPOU members to cast their vote for a particular candidate violates the MNGOP Constitution. State exec has the sole constitutional authority to bind ONLY state and congressional districts to vote for a particular candidate. Roberts Rules only apply when the Constitution is SILENT- the MNGOP Constitution is NOT silent- it is very specific.)***

# **MN State Law 200.02 DEFINITIONS.**

## **Subd. 7. Major political party.**

1. "Major political party" means a political party that maintains a party organization in the state; has complied with the party's constitution and rules; is in compliance with the requirements of sections [202A.12](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/202A.12) and [202A.13](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/202A.13); **files with the secretary of state** no later than December 1 of each odd-numbered year **a certification that the party has met the foregoing requirements**, including a list of the dates and locations of each convention held; and meets all other qualification requirements of this subdivision.

(e) A major political party that does not submit the certification required by this subdivision **loses major party status on December 31 of the year in which the party did not file the certification.**

## ***The certification requirement was new in 2023. Not filing a certification or filing a certification that is found to be false results in loss of major party status.***

***If a BPOU violates the Constitution in a manner that influences the election of delegates/alternates/officers, it could create an argument that those elections were fraudulent and that caucus attendees were placed under duress= voter intimidation.***