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VOTE NO ON THE ARTICLE XII SECTION 2C AMENDMENT!

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Impact to Your Precinct if Constitutional Amendment Passes

County parties will be allowed to designate as few as one delegate for most precincts. The assignment of the remainder of each county's delegate allotment is ambiguous. Under the proposed method, your precinct will lose its guarantee of delegate positions based on its proportional Republican strength.

Summary of the Amendment

The proposed amendment establishes a new method to designate delegates that is "...based on registered affiliated Republican voters...". While there is nothing inherently wrong with such a method, the particular language of *this* amendment is flawed. In contrast to the long-standing allocation method based on Republican voting strength, *the new method does not require delegates to be assigned proportionally* based on each precinct's relative strength as compared to other precincts.

Another Version of Last Year's Amendment

In 2006 an amendment was proposed that would have explicitly authorized county parties to take some or all delegate positions away from your precinct. That amendment was rejected at the Convention by a significant margin. Those delegates who opposed last year's amendment should be concerned about this year's amendment that also could adversely affect your precinct's proper allocation of delegates.

What About New, Redrawn, and Growing Precincts and Precincts With Few Voters?

The concerns regarding these precinct issues are legitimate and should be effectively addressed. However, they should not be used as justification to fundamentally alter the requirement for proportionally balanced precinct representation. The drafters of the amendment could have retained the requirement for proportional representation, but did not do so. The amendment should be defeated and returned to the C&B Committee for correction of this flaw.

The Proposed Amendment Could Deprive Your Precinct of Delegates

The current Republican voting strength method requires *all* delegates to be assigned to precincts based on their relative voting strength. The proposed method is "based upon" registered and affiliated Republican voters, but *omits* explicit proportional allocation requirements, and specifically allows as few as one delegate per precinct because of the language "warrant <u>a</u> delegate elected in <u>a</u> precinct". There is no formula for the allocation of the remaining delegates. The result is that your precinct can lose its proportional delegate allocation and representation.

Bottom Line

Protect your precinct representation guarantee! VOTE NO ON THE AMENDMENT!





Vote **NO** on Article XII Section 2C Constitutional Amendment

Proposed Amendment: The County Party shall designate the number of delegates to be elected in each individual caucus meeting, based upon:

the relative Republican strength of each precinct; <u>OR</u>
 registered affiliated Republican voters in each precinct as of a date between 60 and 120 days prior to the precinct caucuses.

The County Party may determine the minimum number, not to exceed 50, of registered Republicans to warrant a delegate elected in a precinct. Those precincts, under the limit, would be represented by delegates elected at a combined precinct meeting at the legislative district or county level.

Reasons to Vote **NO** on the Amendment Include:

- ✓ Ensure all delegate positions are allocated to precincts
- ✓ Keep control at the most local level your precinct
- ✓ Ensure that your precinct receives the delegates to which it is entitled based on its Republican strength
- ✓ Legitimate concerns with new, growing, and redrawn precincts and precincts with few voters are not adequately addressed by the amendment

Grassroots Control of the Republican Party is Too Precious to Lose!

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