

**STANDING RULES ADOPTED BY THE ALABAMA REPUBLICAN PARTY
AUGUST 13, 2011**

Switching Parties: This procedure shall be followed when a statewide, congressional, or state school board elected official of another political party desires to become a Republican. The elected official shall contact the Chairman or Executive Director of the Alabama Republican Party, and request a meeting before the Steering Committee. Upon learning of a request, the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party shall schedule such meeting before the Steering Committee within 30 days. At the meeting, the elected official shall present his/her reasons for wanting to switch parties and should be prepared to answer questions by Steering Committee members. The Steering Committee shall then deliberate on the request in a closed session. After due deliberation, the Steering Committee shall vote on whether or not to recognize the elected official as a Republican. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and voting shall be required for recognition. The Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party shall verbally notify the official as soon as practical and the Secretary of the Alabama Republican Party shall do so in writing within ten calendar days. A news release and other appropriate publicity shall be at the discretion of the Steering Committee.

This procedure shall be followed when an elected official of another political party other than statewide, congressional, or state school board desires to become a Republican. The elected official shall contact the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of his/her county of residence, and request a meeting before the county Republican Executive Committee. Upon learning of a request, the Chairman of the county Republican Executive Committee shall schedule such meeting at a regular or special meeting of the county Committee, within 30 days. At the meeting, the elected official shall present his/her reasons for wanting to switch parties and should be prepared to answer questions by county Committee members. The county Republican Executive Committee shall then deliberate on the request in a closed session. After due deliberation, the county Republican Executive Committee shall vote on whether or not to recognize the elected official as a Republican. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and voting shall be required for recognition. The Republican County Chairman shall verbally notify the official and the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party of the vote as soon as practical and the county Executive Committee secretary shall do so in writing within ten calendar days. A news release and other appropriate publicity shall be at the discretion of the county Republican Executive Committee and/or the Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party. With the prior approval of the County Republican Executive Committee, the County Chairman may use either the county Republican Executive Committee or the county Steering Committee for the meeting. If a county Republican Executive Committee is so inactive that a meeting is not likely to take place within 30 days, the Steering Committee of the Alabama Republican Party shall assume the responsibility for acting on the request to switch parties.