

Instructions for Becoming a Delegate to the 2008 Republican National Convention

Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention will be elected at the Louisiana Republican Convention on February 16, 2008 at the Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge. Three delegates and three alternates will be selected from each congressional district.

The selection of delegates and alternates will be made by state convention delegates. The state convention delegates from each congressional district will elect three delegates and three alternates for their respective congressional district.

On the evening of January 22, the Republican Party of Louisiana will hold a caucus in each congressional district to elect the delegates to the state convention. Fifteen delegates and fifteen alternates will be elected at the caucus by all registered Republicans in attendance at the caucus. In order to participate in the caucus, you must be a registered Republican voter as of November 30, 2007. You must present a drivers license or valid photo I.D.

To run for delegate or alternate delegate to the state convention, you must fill out the application form and submit it to the Republican Party of Louisiana by 5 pm on Thursday, January 10.

You do not need to be a delegate to the state convention to run for delegate to the national convention. To serve as a District Delegate or district Alternate Delegate, the only requirement is that you must be a registered Republican and you must be nominated by a state convention delegate from your congressional district. To be nominated for delegate or alternate delegate, a delegate from your congressional district must nominate you by filling out the nomination form and returning it to the Republican Party of Louisiana by February 11, 2008.

Congressional District delegates are “uncommitted,” meaning that they may vote for any candidate for President regardless of the results of the Presidential Preference Primary. They are not “allocated to” a presidential candidate.

After the election of the district delegates, all of the state convention delegates will vote to elect twenty at-large delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention, nominated in the same fashion as district delegates and alternate as set forth above. After this election, the remainder of the at large delegates and alternate delegates will be elected, nominated by the executive committee of the Louisiana Republican State Central Committee.

At-large Delegates are “allocated to” the presidential candidate who receives a majority of the statewide votes cast on Feb. 9 in the Presidential preference Primary. If no presidential candidate receives a majority in the Primary, all At-large delegates are “uncommitted,” or not “allocated to” a presidential candidate.