

**AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM**

**MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES  
RNC 2008 STATE CHAIRMEN'S MEETING  
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.**

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Proposed language:

(1) No primary, caucus or convention to elect, select or allocate delegates to the national convention shall occur prior to the first week of February in the year in which a national convention is held. For the purposes of delegate election, selection or allocation through presidential primaries, caucuses or conventions, all other states and territories shall be grouped as follows:

**Small States and Territories:** Alaska, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Northern Mariana Islands

**Rotating Pod X:** Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Wisconsin, Utah, and Washington

**Rotating Pod Y:** Arizona, California, Connecticut, Indiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia

**Rotating Pod Z:** Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania

(2) A lottery shall determine in which order the Rotating Pods X, Y, and Z will hold their presidential primaries, caucuses or conventions for the 2012 Presidential year. In the next Presidential election year, the former first pod shall become the last pod, and the other pods shall move forward in the scheduled order of position. Each Rotating pod shall be first once every three Presidential election years.

(3) Iowa and New Hampshire may begin their process at any time during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February in a year in which a national convention is held. South Carolina and Nevada may begin their process at any time after New Hampshire conducts its process. The Small States and Territories pod shall hold its primaries, caucuses or conventions beginning no earlier than the Monday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February. The first Rotating

pod shall hold its primaries, caucuses or conventions beginning no earlier than the Monday of the 1<sup>st</sup> full week of March. The second Rotating pod shall hold its primaries, caucuses or conventions beginning no earlier than the Monday of the 4th full week of March. The third Rotating pod shall hold its primaries, caucuses or conventions beginning no earlier than the Monday of the 3rd full week of April.

(4) Any state or territory may choose to opt out of their respective pod and hold its primary, caucus or convention later in the cycle. That decision must be made no later than July 1st of the odd numbered year preceding a Presidential election year.

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*Submitted by:*

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Bennett".

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