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ARTICLE I Alaska Republican Assembly

SECTION 1.01. Name. The name of the organization shall be the Alaska Republican Assembly (the AKRA).

SECTION 1.02. Jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of the Alaska Republican Assembly shall be within the state of Alaska.

ARTICLE II Powers

SECTION 2.01. The powers of the Alaska Republican Assembly shall be:

- (a) To be a Chapter of the National Federation of Republican Assemblies with all the powers thereof.
- (b) To direct, manage, supervise and control its business, property and funds, and to carry out its objectives.

ARTICLE III Objectives

SECTION 3.01. The objectives of the Alaska Republican Assembly are:

- (a) To advance true conservatism and elect true conservatives at all levels of the Republican Party and all levels of government throughout the state of Alaska;
- (b) To provide through this organization a practical program for the betterment of the Republican Party within the state of Alaska and of the various political subdivisions of the state of Alaska;
- (c) To advance the Principles, Beliefs and Objectives of the National Federation of Republican Assemblies, and
- (d) To provide a legal umbrella for members of the state's various tax-exempt conservative groups who cannot adequately express themselves politically within their existing structures.
- (e) To initiate and/or participate in the ballot initiatives that promote Republican values.

ARTICLE IV Composition

SECTION 4.01. The Alaska Republican Assembly shall consist of at-large members of the statewide Republican Assembly.

SECTION 4.02. State Membership. Any person who is a registered republican in Alaska may apply to join the ALASKA Republican Assembly. The AKRA Executive Committee or a Membership Committee, if so formed, shall directly act on such membership applications.

ARTICLE V Officers

SECTION 5.01. Elective Officers. The elective officers of the Alaska Republican Assembly shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Vice Secretary, and Treasurer, Vice Treasurer; as well as two National Directors who, along with the President, shall represent the AKRA on the NFRA's National Board of Directors.

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SECTION 5.02. Additional Officers. The President may appoint a Legal Counsel, a Chaplain, a Parliamentarian and a Sergeant-at-Arms, an Executive Director, and other specialized officers and representatives of the AKRA at his discretion as need arise. If the President should determine that there is a need for paid staff, the Executive Committee shall have power to authorize and determine said compensation. All appointed positions shall be subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 5.03. Qualifications.

(a) Officers of the Alaska Republican Assembly must be members in good standing of the AKRA, and Republicans by voter registration.

(b) The office of any officer or director of the Alaska Republican Assembly who misses two consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee between Annual Conventions shall automatically terminate, unless such non-attendance is excused by a vote of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 5.04. Election of Officers. The elective officers shall be elected at the Annual Convention in each odd numbered year in accordance with these Bylaws and shall serve for the period of two (2) years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SECTION 5.05. Outgoing Officers. At the conclusion of each Annual Convention, outgoing officers shall be empowered to continue to perform their duties only on matters which were initiated and approved prior to the close of the Convention and which matters shall be completed within a fifteen (15) day period following the close of the Convention. Outgoing officers shall turn over all documents, bank accounts, or other property of the Alaska Republican Assembly to their successors immediately, but in no case more than fifteen (15) days following the close of the Convention at which their successors are elected.

SECTION 5.06. Liability of Officers. No officer or director shall be held personally liable for any debts or obligations of the Alaska Republican Assembly except those personally guaranteed by that officer or director, and the Alaska Republican Assembly shall indemnify each officer or director against claims made against them arising from their legitimate and proper service to the AKRA.

ARTICLE VI Executive Committee

SECTION 6.01. Purpose. There shall be an Executive Committee, also known as the Board of Directors, which shall exercise the delegated authority to govern the AKRA.

SECTION 6.02. Composition. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elective officers of the AKRA. The Legal Counsel shall serve as a non-voting member; and other appointive officers may serve as non-voting members at the discretion of the President, or as voting members by consent of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 6.03. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall hold regular meetings. With the unanimous consent of all members, it may choose to vote in appropriate situations by telephone conference call, FAX machine, electronic mail or other means of telecommunications.

SECTION 6.04. Quorum. A quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall consist of a majority of its filled voting positions.

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SECTION 6.05. Powers.

(a) The Executive Committee shall have the control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the ALASKA Republican Assembly, and shall have full power to introduce, approve and implement all actions and activities necessary and proper for the functioning of the AKRA, subject to the authority of these Bylaws.

(b) The Executive Committee may, for good cause and after a hearing, remove any officer or director by a two-thirds vote of the entire Executive Committee; provided such officer shall have been sent by the Secretary of the AKRA, by certified mail, a notice containing a copy of the charges against him at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing thereon, said notice specifying the time and place of the meeting, and that the officer shall be provided the opportunity to present a full defense.

(c) The Executive Committee may pass resolutions concerning legislation and policies, except those excluded in this article, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting.

SECTION 6.06. Appeal. Any action taken by the Executive Committee may be appealed to a Convention of the Alaska Republican Assembly.

SECTION 6.07. Republican Party Issues. Endorsement of Republican Party officers, and official positions on Republican Party policy, rules, or platform shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII Conventions

SECTION 7.01. Time and Place. A Convention of the Alaska Republican Assembly shall be held annually at a location and a time determined by the President of the AKRA. If the President has not set the time and location for a Convention by ten (10) months after the previous year's Convention, the AKRA Executive Committee shall have power to do so in his place; and the Executive Committee shall have power to require that the location of annual Conventions rotate around the state.

SECTION 7.02. Special Conventions. In case of an emergency, special Conventions may be called by the President or by one-third (1/3) of the members of the Executive Committee. The call for a special Convention shall specify the subjects to be considered, and no subjects shall be considered that are not so specified.

SECTION 7.03. Call. The Secretary of the AKRA shall email said call to every Alaska Republican Assembly member for whom an email address has been submitted.

SECTION 7.04. Officers. The officers of each Convention shall be the officers of the AKRA. At or prior to any Convention the President may appoint a Recording Secretary of the Convention to assist the President and the Secretary.

SECTION 7.05. Convention Committees. At each duly called Convention, or prior thereto, the President shall appoint a Committee on Credentials with power to enforce this Article, and may appoint a Committee on Resolutions, a Committee on Bylaws, a Committee on Nominations and such other committees as he may deem proper.

SECTION 7.06. Delegates. All members in good standing of AKRA at least 30 days prior to the Convention should be eligible to be delegates at the Convention.

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SECTION 7.07. Registration Fee. The Executive Committee shall establish the registration fee to be paid to the AKRA by all members attending any state Convention. No Delegate shall be entitled to vote in a Convention unless and until his registration fee is paid.

SECTION 7.08. Voting.

- (a) In all voting, a majority shall rule, unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws.
- (b) In all Conventions of the Alaska Republican Assembly, each accredited Delegate shall be entitled to cast one vote.
- (c) There shall be no voting by proxy at any meeting of a convention.
- (d) A quorum shall consist of one-third (1/3) of Delegates attending the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII

Nomination and Election of Officers

SECTION 8.01. Eligibility. Any active member in good standing of the Alaska Republican Assembly shall be eligible to any elective office, provided that the person is qualified under Section 5.03; but no person shall be submitted as a candidate for any office without his consent.

SECTION 8.02. Accredited Voters. Before the opening of polls, the Secretary shall provide a list of the Delegates as shown by the report of the Committee on Credentials. No Delegate shall be allowed to vote unless his name appears on the list.

SECTION 8.03. Ballots. Voting on endorsements or for officers of the AKRA shall be by ballot only, unless there is in the opinion of the convention Chairman a motion to hold the vote by standing agreed to by two thirds of the voting Delegates or if the election is unopposed.

SECTION 8.04. Election of National Convention Delegates and Alternates. Any active member in good standing of the ALASKA Republican Assembly shall be eligible to be elected a Delegate or Alternate to the NFRA National Convention, provided that the person is qualified under Section 5.03; but no person shall be submitted as a candidate without his consent.

ARTICLE IX

Endorsements

SECTION 9.01. Two-thirds Vote of an Endorsing Convention. Endorsements of local candidates for public office may be made by a two-thirds vote of the general membership at a physical meeting where endorsement(s) are an agenda item. Endorsements for candidates for non-local public office, for or against recall, judges, initiative or referendum shall be conducted by mailed or emailed ballots or other electronic means to the general membership. An endorsement shall be approved by a 2/3 vote of the ballots received by the given date.

SECTION 9.02 Limitations on Endorsing.

- (a) Neither the AKRA nor any local Republican Assembly shall endorse any candidate for any public office, whether partisan or non-partisan, unless such candidate is clearly affiliated with the Republican Party.
- (b) The AKRA President, upon being notified prior to an election, or between elections, of any alleged infraction of the Bylaws concerning endorsements shall immediately conduct an investigation of the alleged infraction and take whatever action is deemed necessary to protect the endorsement privilege and good name of the AKRA.

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ARTICLE X

Vacancies in Office Between Conventions

SECTION 10.01. President. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President occurring between annual Conventions, the Vice President shall become President for the remainder of his predecessor's term. However, if for any reason the vacancy should persist for 60 days, the President of the NFRA may appoint a replacement from among the membership of the AKRA or any member of the NFRA Executive Committee to serve until a qualified successor may be chosen by a state Convention.

SECTION 10.02. Other Officers. In the event of a vacancy in one or more of the other elected offices of the AKRA occurring between annual Conventions, the Executive Committee shall elect a qualified member to fill the office until the next annual Convention, at which time the Convention shall fill the remaining term of office. Should the majority of known officers become unable or unwilling to fulfill their roles as officers of the AKRA, the President of the NFRA is authorized to appoint temporary officers and to call a Convention for the selection of permanent officers and for the general reorganization of the AKRA.

ARTICLE XI

Termination of Individual Members

SECTION 11.01. Termination of Individual Members.

- (a) Any individual member of the Alaska Republican Assembly may have his membership terminated, or may otherwise be disciplined, after a hearing, by two-thirds (2/3) vote at a meeting of the Executive Committee where a quorum is present, provided that at least thirty (30) days before such action, notice of such intended action shall have been duly sent by certified mail by the Secretary of the AKRA to said member, whenever the Executive Committee has determined that the named member has:
- (1) publicly supported or registered as a member of a political party other than the Republican Party;
 - (2) used his name and title as a member of the AKRA or any local Republican Assembly in publicly advocating that the electorate should not vote for the Republican nominee for any elected political office;
 - (3) used his name and title as a member of the AKRA to give support to or encourage the election of a candidate of another party to an elected public office where said candidate is opposed by a duly-nominated Republican candidate;
 - (4) used his name and title as a member of the AKRA to prematurely endorse (prior to a proper act of endorsement by the RA) candidates running for office in the Alaska Republican Party;
 - (5) opposed all or part of the Principles of the National Federation of Republican Assemblies; or
 - (6) otherwise brought discredit or disrepute upon the AKRA or the NFRA.
- (b) If the Executive Committee shall terminate membership or shall otherwise discipline any such member, the Secretary of the AKRA shall send notice of such action within (15) days by certified mail to said member. The said member, within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing such notice, and not less than ten (10) days before the date of the first session of the next Convention of the AKRA, may file with the Secretary of the AKRA written notice of appeal. This appeal shall be considered at the next Convention of the AKRA, unless filed less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the first session thereof; in the latter instance said appeal shall be considered and decided by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the

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Executive Committee following that Convention.

- (c) Any individual member so terminated from membership in the AKRA shall immediately upon such termination cease to claim membership in, or holding of any office in or official relationship with the AKRA or any local Republican Assembly, and shall also immediately surrender to the Secretary of the AKRA or his designated representative any and all documents, records, emblems, insignia, funds, or other devices or properties of any nature whatsoever belonging to the AKRA or any local Republican Assembly. Said terminated member shall not thereafter use the name, emblem, or insignia of “Republican Assembly”, “Republican Wing of the Republican Party”, “AKRA” or “Alaska Republican Assembly” in any manner whatsoever.

ARTICLE XII Parliamentary Authority

SECTION 12.01. The latest edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order* shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically addressed in the Bylaws of the Alaska Republican Assembly or of the NFRA.

ARTICLE XIII Amendments to Bylaws

SECTION 13.01. Place and Vote Needed. Amendments to these Bylaws shall be made only at a regular or special Convention of the Alaska Republican Assembly by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates present and voting.

SECTION 13.02. Provisional Use. During any period wherein the AKRA’s charter has not yet been granted or has been suspended or revoked; or during any reorganization under Section 12.02; the AKRA shall operate under the Alaska State Bylaws adopted by the NFRA Board of Directors, until and unless it has formally adopted bylaws which are certified as consistent with the Bylaws of the NFRA by the NFRA President. During such provisional period, an organizing Convention of the AKRA shall have power to adopt or amend such bylaws without reference to the normal procedure contemplated in this article.

SECTION 13.03. Severability. If any part, article, section or subsection of these Bylaws shall be held invalid, contrary to state or federal laws, contrary to the Bylaws of the National Federation of Republican Assemblies, or contrary to the rules of the state or national Republican Party for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to impair or invalidate the remainder of said Bylaws, notwithstanding such holding.

SECTION 13.04. Publication. At the conclusion of each Convention where any amendments are made to the Bylaws, the Bylaws Committee shall cause and supervise the printing of the Bylaws as in effect at the end of that Convention. Such amended Bylaws shall be submitted to the Secretary of the NFRA within fifteen (15) days of the Convention amending and thereafter made available to Alaska Republican Assembly membership.