



Plan of Organization Committee

Interpretive Opinion 2025-101

Question from: Jack Simms, on behalf of the 5th District Republican Party

Questions presented:

1. Can a Republican Public Office Holder be charged with Party Disloyalty only by the County or District executive committee where the Office Holder resides?
2. Can any 50 State Executive Committee members petition to charge a NC State Senator with Party Disloyalty under the State Plan of Organization?
3. When is an automatically resigned committee member eligible for reinstatement according to the State Plan of Organization?

Answered by: The full NCGOP Plan of Organization Committee

Plan of Organization References:

Article IX.A.6.a states, “Any member of a Committee organized under this Plan may be removed either: i. By a 2/3's vote of the respective Committee after being furnished with notice of the charges against him, signed by the lesser of (i) 50 members or (ii) one-third of the members of the respective Committee. Any Republican against whom charges are brought shall be furnished with 15 days’ notice of said charges and be given an opportunity to present a defense. Removal by a vote of the respective Committee shall be confined to gross inefficiency, Party Disloyalty (as defined herein) or failure to comply with the County, District, or State Party Plans of Organization.”

Article IX.E.2 states, in relevant part, that any registered Republican... “may be declared ineligible to hold office under the State Plan of Organization at the State, District, County and Precinct level for Party Disloyalty by 2/3 vote of the State Executive Committee. Charges of Party Disloyalty may be brought by petition of 50 members of the State Executive Committee, or by resolution of a County or District Republican Executive Committee.”

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Article IX.E.3 states, in relevant part, “Any Committee member or officer of a County, District or State Republican Executive Committee campaigning in person, on social media, or in any other manner for a candidate, in any race, who is not a member of the Republican Party and is running in opposition to a member of the Republican Party, shall have been deemed to have automatically resigned from the Committee and any position.”

Answer:

1. No. Any registered Republican, including a Republican office holder, can be charged with Party Disloyalty under Article IX.E.2 by resolution of any County or District Executive Committee.

2. Yes. In addition to charges of Party disloyalty brought by resolution of a County or District Executive Committee, both Article IX.A.6.a.i and Article IX.E.2 permit charges of disloyalty to be brought also by a notice or petition signed by at least 50 members of the State Executive Committee. The Plan does not place any restrictions on who those 50 members must be. Accordingly, any 50 members of the State Executive Committee can institute proceedings based on alleged Party Disloyalty.

3. The NCGOP Plan of Organization does not provide a timeline for an individual's eligibility for reinstatement following automatic resignation.

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