

## 2008 Republican National Convention Tennessee Delegate Information

### 55 Delegates and 52 alternates

- A Total of 39 delegates will be elected on February 5, 2008 during the Presidential Preference Primary.
- 27 individuals will be elected as Congressional District delegates, three from each district. 12 positions will be elected on February 5, 2008 as statewide at-large delegates.
- The Tennessee Republican Party State Executive Committee will elect the remaining 13 at-large delegates and all alternate delegates at their March 1, 2008 meeting.
- The remaining three delegate positions belong to the Tennessee Republican Party Chairman, the National Committeeman and the National Committeewoman, with no alternates.

### How Presidential Candidates win delegates

- If a candidate receives 66.6% of the vote statewide **and** 66.6% in each and every congressional district, that candidate receives all delegates from Tennessee.
- If no candidate receives 66.6%, delegates are distributed proportionally. If a candidate receives over half of the votes statewide, they will receive seven delegates. The remaining five will be proportioned out among the other candidates receiving more than 20% of the vote.
- If no candidate receives 66.6% of the vote in a congressional district, delegates are distributed as follows:
  - The plurality winner is entitled to two (2) delegates.
  - The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes receives one (1) delegate.

*Example: Candidate A earns two delegates from a Congressional district. Candidate B earns one delegate. The top two delegates committed to Candidate A win delegate positions for the district. Only the delegate that receives the highest number of votes committed to Candidate B wins a delegate position.*

Delegate races are “races within the race.”

A delegate candidate only goes to the convention if his or her candidate earns delegates, based upon the results of the February 5<sup>th</sup> primary.