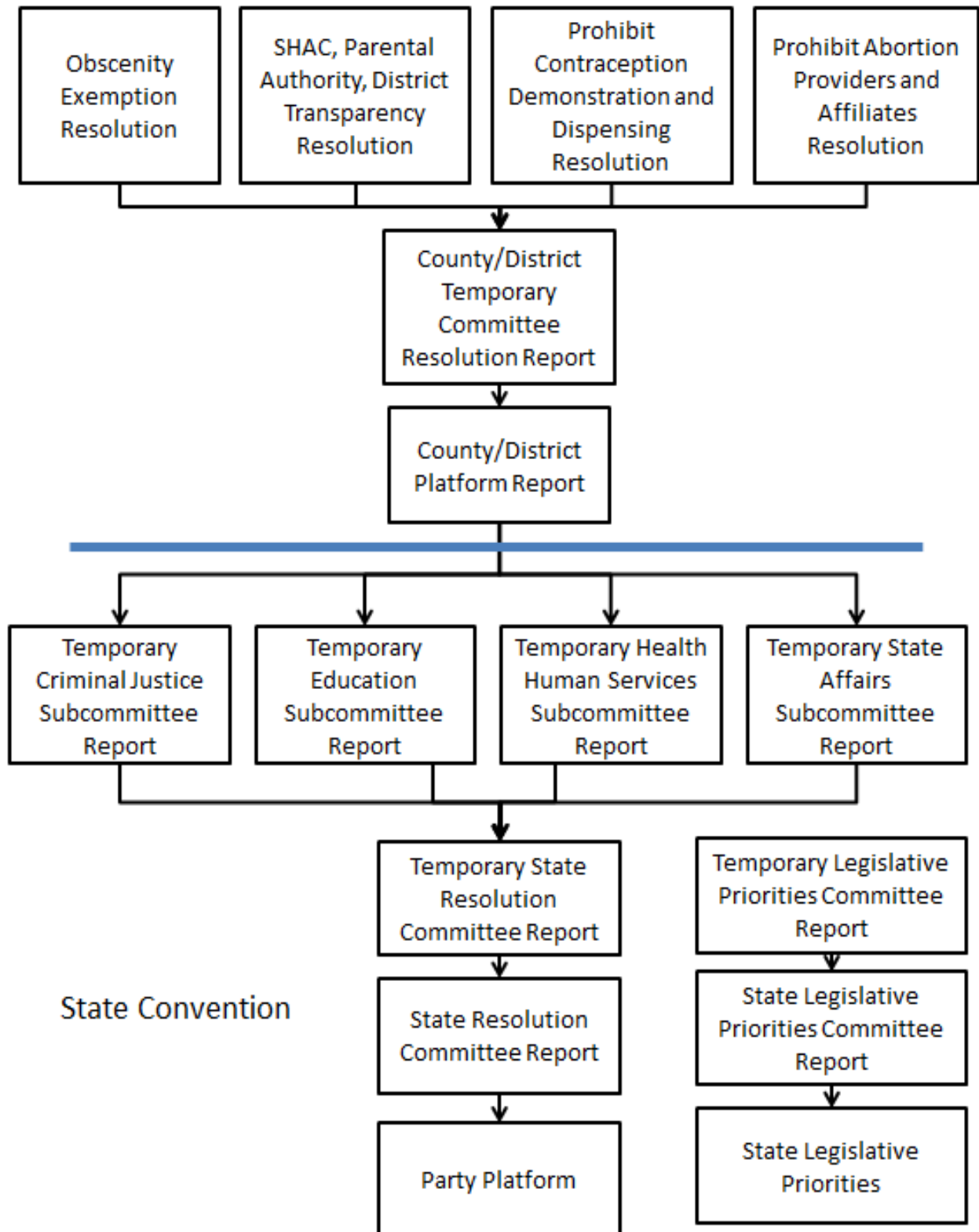


Party Platform Process – an Example

Precinct Conventions



State Convention

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Write Resolutions and Distribute Across the State. Identify the problem, the current law, and the solution for each issue. Write “Talking Points” for the Resolutions. Attach the following paragraph to the end of each resolution.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the ____ (1) _____ Senate District/County Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct # __ (2) ___ of the ____ (3) _____ County ____ (4) _____ Party, with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the ____ (5) _____ Party of ____ (6) _____.

- (1) If your voting precinct is in a county with multiple State Senate Districts then you will attend the Senate District Convention representing your State Senator.
If your voting precinct is in a county with a single State Senate District, then you will attend a County Convention.
- (2) Your Precinct number can be found on your Voter Registration card. On Election Day that is where you will vote if you have not voted early and that is the site of your Precinct meeting.
- (3) Name of your County
- (4) Either Democratic or Republican
- (5) Either Democratic or Republican
- (6) State

Vote in your Primary. Get your voter card stamped for the party to become a registered and card carrying member. Find out precinct meeting information.

Attend Precinct Meeting. Attend your Precinct meeting on the evening of election or possibly that next Saturday at the site of your precinct election and bring your stamped voter card. Three copies of each resolution are required to be presented. (It is usually an effective practice to take as many copies of your resolution as anticipated people attending the precinct meeting for clarity of presentation.)

The meeting is called to order upon the closing of the polls there, usually 7:00 p.m.

Precinct Meeting agenda may include:

1. Selection of a temporary chairman for the meeting. This is usually the permanent precinct chairman. An envelope of instructions and forms should be provided by the Election personnel.
2. Nominations of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Senate/County Convention are elected based on the number allotted for the precinct. **Run for delegate.**
3. Vote on proposed Resolution planks for the Party platform. They are introduced by those attending the meeting who have voted in that Party’s Primary election. Each resolution is voted on separately and only those with affirmative votes are sent to the Senate or County Resolutions Committee.

Participate in County/Senate District Temporary Platform/Resolution Committee process. Contact Party office for your county and/or Senate district. Sign up for emails. Find out the temporary platform/resolution committee process. Attend at least one Resolution Committee meeting to present and defend the resolutions.

Attend County/Senate District Convention preferably as a Delegate. Present and/or defend resolutions. **Apply and interview to be a State Delegate.**

Register and Attend Convention. Contact the State Party to find out the Party Platform Resolution process. Plan to attend and testify at Temporary Resolution Committee and Subcommittee meetings before the Convention and “Permanent” Resolution Committee meetings during the convention. Find out if there will be a Legislative Priorities Temporary and Permanent Committees. Contact Committee chairs and members regarding Resolutions. Be prepared to testify multiple times for multiple committees. It is best to have a team to cover all of the subcommittees and committees. Establish relationships with key members of the committees as a subject expert and available to answer any questions. Be specific and concise in changes requested to the Party Platform.