

NATIONAL COMMITTEE POWER

Opinion Holds No Authority to Change Basis of Representation.

MAY CALL SPECIAL CONVENTION

Also May Alter Manner of Choosing Delegates to Conform with Laws of the Various States.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 5.—The republican national committee has no authority to change the basis of representation and voting in national conventions.

The national committee has authority to change the manner and method of choosing delegates to future national conventions so as to provide that delegates be chosen in such manner as the laws of the several states from time to time may provide.

The national committee has the authority to call a special national convention of the party, the legal form of which call is provided by the legal committee.

Warren Writes Opinion. These conclusions are reached in an opinion made public here today by Charles R. Warren of Detroit, chairman of the legal committee, appointed by the executive committee of the republican national committee.

The executive committee in Washington, May 24, last, adopted a resolution requesting the chairman to call a meeting of the national committee, to be held within sixty days after the expiration of the special session of congress, convened in March, 1912. The national committee will consider among other things proposed plans for party reorganization. The legal committee was named to make a detailed examination of the questions that would arise.

Precedents stated. In reaching his conclusion, Mr. Warren quotes extensively from national conventions of the party from that of 1856 to 1912.

The first question considered was: "Has the national committee authority under its present powers to change the present basis of representation and voting in national conventions now, aside from representation from the territories, territorial possessions and the District of Columbia, being a number of delegates from each state equal to double the number of senators and representatives in congress from that state, each entitled to one vote?"

"To answer this question," says the opinion, "it is necessary to ascertain the source and extent of the powers of the national committee, and to determine whether the various national conventions have determined and fixed the basis of representation and voting in national conventions to be changed only by a national convention."

"There is no federal law providing for the election of a national committee. While it is true that in a limited number of states a method is provided by statute for the naming or nominating of a member of the national committee, it is nevertheless true that the members of the national committee have invariably been elected by the national convention of the party.

"The nomination of members of the national committee has uniformly been made in national conventions by the delegations from the several states and territories, but the election of such a committee has invariably been by the national convention."

"The national committee is then the creature of the national convention. It possesses no authority derived from any other source whatever. It obtains all its powers from the national convention, and derives no authority whatever from any federal or state law."

"After examining the proceedings of past national conventions, this conclusion is announced:

"It is the opinion of your committee, therefore, that the national conventions of 1856 and 1860, as did former conventions, beginning with that of 1856, prescribe the present basis of representation and voting in national conventions of the party, that is, that the number of delegates from each state should be double the number of senators and representatives in congress from the states, each entitled to one vote and that any change therein must be made by a national convention or with the authority of a national convention."

Committee's Authority. The second question considered is: "Has the national committee authority to change delegates to future national conventions so as to provide (a) that delegates both from the states at large and from congressional districts may be chosen in such manner as the laws of the several states may from time to time provide, and so to provide (b) that all delegates from any state may be chosen from the state at large, or part from the state at large and part from congressional districts, in conformity with the laws of the state in which the election occurs?"

In considering subdivision "A" of the question, rule 12, adopted by the conventions of 1908 and 1912, is quoted as follows:

Such committee shall issue the call for the meeting of the national convention within sixty days, at least, before the time fixed for said meeting, and delegates to the national convention shall be chosen in such manner as the national committee shall provide."

Upon this point the committee says it is its opinion "that it is at the present time within the power of the national committee to prescribe, as did the call issued by the committee for the convention of 1912, the manner of choosing both delegates-at-large and district delegates to the future national conventions; and that the national committee may provide, in calls issued for future conventions, that delegates-at-large, and from

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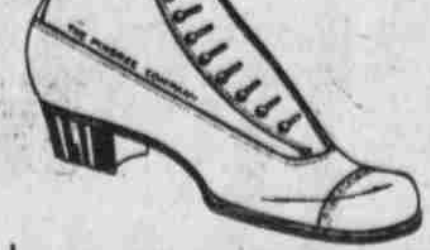
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congressional districts, may be chosen in conformity with the laws of the state in which the election occurs, and may alter the manner of choosing such delegates as occasion may require, so as to conform with such laws as the several states may adopt from time to time."

each state, two delegates from each congressional district, six delegates each from Hawaii and Alaska, two delegates each from the District of Columbia, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands; that for each delegate chosen an alternate delegate shall be chosen, in the same manner and at the same time to act in the absence of the delegates. That delegates-at-large and congressional district delegates shall be chosen in each in such manner as the republican state committee of the state in which the election occurs shall direct; provided, however,

that it in any state which has provided by law for the election of all delegates to a national convention from the state at large, all delegates shall be elected in accordance with such law, or shall be chosen from the state at large, the national committee will place the names of such delegates on the temporary roll of the convention.

"3. A method for the election of delegates from the District of Columbia, the territories and the territorial possessions.

"4. The time within which all delegates shall be chosen and credentials forwarded to the secretary of the national committee.

"5. That all notices of contests shall be submitted in writing, accompanied by a printed statement setting forth the ground of contest, filed within a time stated with the secretary of the national committee."

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