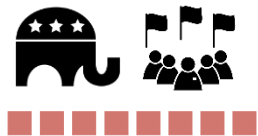


# RNC Rule 40 Will Not Make Any GOP Candidates Ineligible For the GOP Nomination

## Republican National Convention Rule 40



Rule 40: A candidate needs a majority of delegates from at least 8 states to have their name “put into nomination”



### New interpretation:

- The rule was previously thought to mean that a candidate needed to pass the 8 state threshold to be eligible for the nomination.
- However, top RNC strategists have confirmed that delegates can still vote for candidates that have not won eight primary contests.
- Having their name “put into nomination” merely affords candidates advantages like space in the convention hall and nominating speeches, but does not prevent candidates from amassing delegates and winning the nomination.
- The previous interpretation of rule 40 would have likely made it impossible for John Kasich or outside candidates to win the nomination.

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