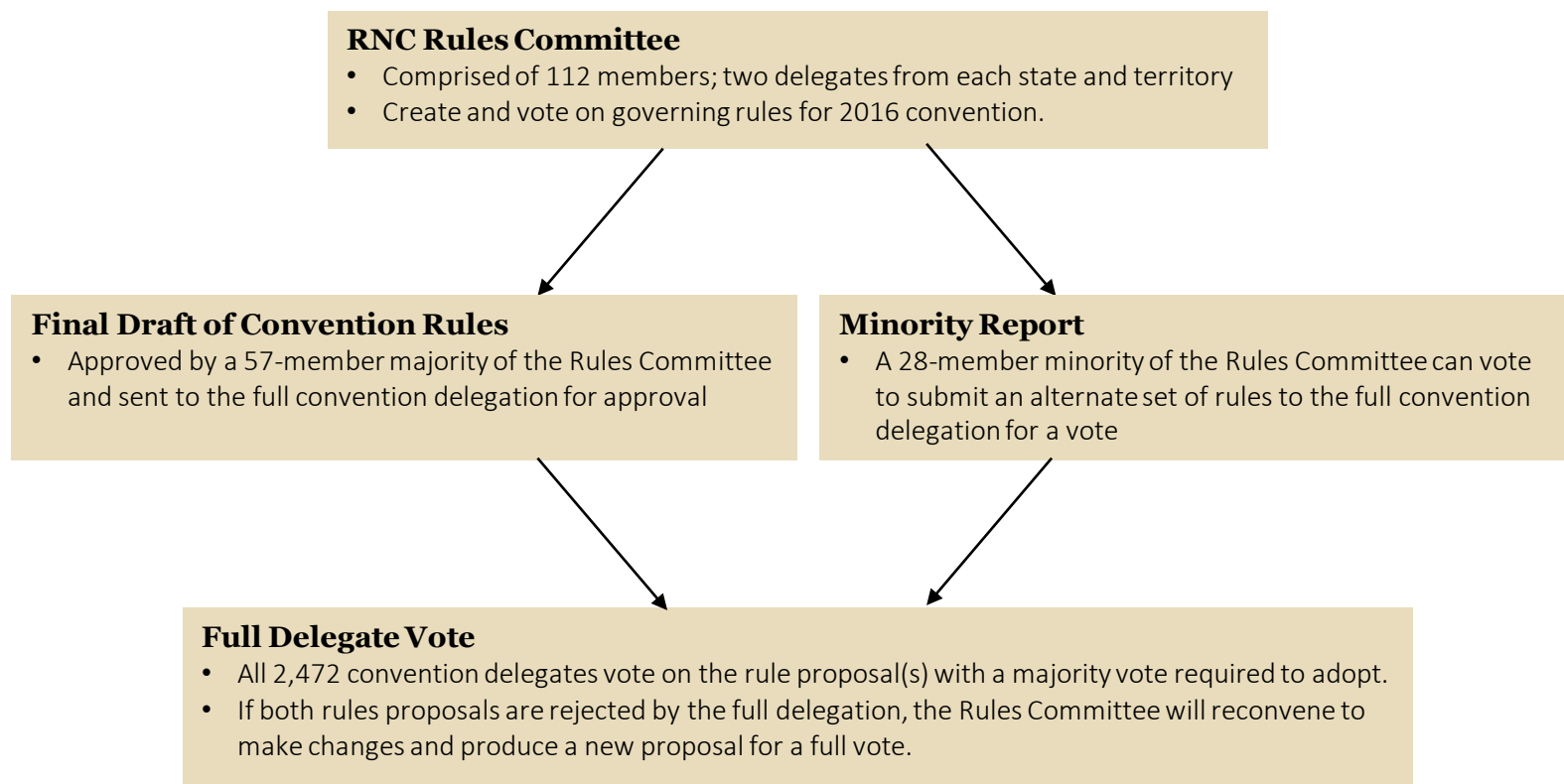


Republican Convention Rules Are Created in Committee, Must Be Approved by Full Delegation

RNC Convention Rule-Making Process



Sources: Editorial Board, "The July Surprise: Could Republicans Really Dump Trump in Cleveland?" *Chicago Tribune*, July 7, 2016; Tal Kopan, "RNC Committee Stocked with Stalwarts," *CNN*, June 24, 2016.

Convention Rules Committee Will Set the Tone, Could Dramatically Influence Nomination

Possible Actions of Rules Committee

Goal	Description
Change/Removal of Rule 40	Rule 40 in its current form states that a candidate must “ demonstrate the support of a majority of the delegates from each of eight (8) or more states , severally, prior to the presentation of the name of that candidate for nomination.” Under this rule, only Donald Trump and Ted Cruz are eligible to compete for the nomination as no other candidates can meet this condition. There has been much talk of removing this rule because of its lack of historical precedent ; the rule was introduced during the last nominating process in 2012 to help Mitt Romney stop an emerging Ron Paul.
New Rule Proposed to Unbind Delegates	The remaining members of the failing #NeverTrump movement have taken a new approach to free all delegates from their pledged commitments and allow them to vote their conscience on the first ballot. The proposal has been met with extreme controversy but has a chance as only 28 members of the rule committee are required to approve to put it to a full vote . While many already believe that the measure could indeed receive the necessary votes, most aren’t quite sure if the majority of delegates would support this radical move.
No Changes in Rules	There has been steps taken to propose a rule that prevents any rule changes from going into effect until after the convention is complete. Text has been drafted by Solomon Yue, a delegate from Oregon, who hopes that such a motion would prevent the 2016 nominating process from being overly politicized and possibly hijacked by a minority faction.

Rule 32 - No Need to Follow the Rules Committee

- Rule 32 specifies that “**a motion to suspend the rules shall always be in order**, but only when called by a majority of delegates from any state and seconded **by a majority of delegates from each of seven (7) or more other states.**”
- While unlikely, if a large minority of states disapproves of the adopted rules, **a group of states can send the convention into further chaos by suspending all rules.**

Source: Republican National Committee, “Rules of the Republican Party – 2012”; Tim Alberta, “New RNC Proposal: No Rules Changes in Cleveland,” National Review, June 28, 2016; Editorial Board, “The July Surprise: Could Republicans Really Dump Trump in Cleveland?” Chicago Tribune, July 7, 2016; Tal Kopan, “RNC Committee Stocked with Stalwarts,” CNN, June 24, 2016.