

Delegate Committee #3: The Committee to Evaluate the Need for an at-Large State Vice President Position

1. How many times in the past 15 years has an Area not had a State Officer Candidate?

2006
2013
2020

2. How many times in the past 15 years has there been one State Officer Candidate from an Area?

2005
2006
2007
2008
2009
2010
2011
2012
2014
2015
2019

3. How do other states in the Southern Region handle vacancies in State Officer Candidate positions?

Alabama

- **The state has three districts, and each one can send four candidates to state interviews. Their constitution states that each of the three districts is ensured one representative on the six person team.**
- **This year, the south district only had two candidates so they are beginning to see issues with a lack of candidates especially due to COVID.**

Arkansas

- **The state has three districts and all three are to be represented.**
- **If a district is not represented by a candidate, then the nominating committee can slate a candidate from another district to fill the position. That is the only way a candidate from another district can be considered.**
- **This has happened many times in Arkansas FFA, including this year. They have an Eastern District Candidate who was slated and elected as the Northwest District Vice President.**

Florida

- **The state elects a president and secretary at-large and six vice presidents, one from each area.**
- **There is no process in place to fill vacancies if they occur.**

Georgia

- **The state officer team is comprised of 8 students. The president and secretary can come from any of the state's three regions, then each region gets two vice presidents. According to their state constitution, once all candidates apply, the purpose of the nominating committee is to interview candidates and narrow each region to the top four. Those students are then voted on by the delegates at the State Convention.**
- **To date, there has never been a situation in which a region did not have at least four students to send forward through the nominating committee process. If that happened, the region in question would simply have few candidates and risk not having full representation on the team.**

Mississippi

- **The state was having the problem of filling empty positions, so several years ago, their constitution was changed.**
- **All officers are now elected at-large.**

North Carolina

- **The state does not elect officers based on region or area.**

Tennessee

- **The state has three regional vice presidents.**
- **There is no procedure for filling a vacancy.**

South Carolina

- **The nominating committee takes the top six scores. The president and secretary are at-large and has one vice president for each of its four regions.**
- **If a region does not submit a candidate, a candidate in the top six from another region fills the position.**

4. **What would happen on the national level if a region did not submit a National Officer Candidate?**

According to National FFA staff, there is no protocol or procedure for this.