

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

of the

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

OF

CAMPBELL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

For the purpose of promoting the goals and ideals of the Democratic Party in Campbell County, Tennessee and to provide an opportunity for any person interested in the Democratic Party to actively participate in party affairs, the following Constitution and By-Laws are hereby adopted:

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization is "The Democratic Party of Campbell County, Tennessee."

ARTICLE II

Any citizen of Campbell County, eighteen (18) years of age or older, who supports the goals and purposes of the Democratic Party shall be entitled to membership in the Democratic Party of Campbell County, Tennessee.

ARTICLE III

Organization

Section 1. Conventions - A bi-annual convention of the membership shall be held during the month of April of odd numbered years. The bi-annual convention shall have ultimate and absolute authority and power over all affairs of the Democratic Party of Campbell County.

Section 2. Officers - The officers of the Democratic Party of Campbell County, Tennessee,

shall consist of a Chairman, three (3) Vice-Chairmen, one (1) of which shall be a woman, a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall be elected by the convention and serve until new officers are elected by separate votes to the office of First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, and Third Vice-Chairman.

Section 3. Board of Governors - The Board of Governors shall consist of the officers, the immediate past chairman, a representative from each county court district in Campbell County, the representative from each County Court district shall be elected at the Convention by the resident members of each particular County Court district in a district caucus.

Section 4. The Executive Committee - The Executive Committee shall consist of all Ward and Precinct Chairmen duly elected at Ward and Precinct Meetings.

Section 5. Ward and Precinct Committees - A Ward or Precinct Committee shall be established for each voting ward or precinct in Campbell County and any person permanently residing in said ward or precinct who is entitled to membership in the Democratic Party of Campbell County shall be entitled to be a member of the Ward or Precinct Committee. Ward and Precinct Committees shall elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and such other officers as may be appropriate. The Ward and Precinct Committee shall re-organize during the week immediately preceding the bi-annual convention. To be a Committee member a person may either attend the Committee meeting or give written notice to the Committee Secretary prior to the meeting requesting membership. The chairman of the Ward and Precinct Committee shall file with the Secretary of the Democratic Party a list of all members of the Ward and Precinct Committee. Only those filed by the adjournment of the bi-annual convention shall be included in the official Ward and Precinct Book.

ARTICLE IV

Duties

Section 1. Officers - The Officers shall administer and carry out the policies adopted by the Board of Governors and shall otherwise perform the duties of their respective offices as may be required in the operation of the Democratic Party of Campbell County, Tennessee.

(a) Chairman shall supervise and manage the day to day business of the Democratic Party of Campbell County, and shall carry out such other duties as are assigned to him by the Board of Governors, Executive Committee, or Convention. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the County Convention, Board of Governors or Executive Committee.

(b) Vice-Chairmen shall carry out those duties assigned to them by the Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman first in line of succession shall serve in the Chairman's absence.

(c) The Secretary shall keep a complete and accurate record of the meetings of the Convention, Board of Governors, and Executive Committee and shall file a duplicate thereof with the Chairman.

For membership. The Committee shall meet at such other times as may be required to conduct its affairs. Five (5) days notice shall be given prior to each meeting. The Chairman and Secretary shall be maintain a membership roll of all members including addresses and telephone numbers and shall furnish a copy of the roll to the general officers of the Democratic Party. The Committee officers and members shall cooperate with the Officers, Board of Governors and the Executive Committee of the Party in all matters concerning the party. All votes taken in a Ward or Precinct Committee meeting shall be by secret ballot unless unanimously waived. A member must be present to vote.

ARTICLE V

The Bi-Annual Convention

Section 1. Prior to the call of the convention, the Chairman in cooperation with the Officers and Board of Governors, shall designate and allocate to each ward and precinct the number of the votes the ward and precinct shall be entitled to vote at the Convention through the use of a ratio of the vote in each precinct to the total vote cast in the county for the Democratic Candidate for Governor in the preceding general election. The Chairman shall advise each ward or precinct committee of the number of votes allotted.

Section 2. In a ward or precinct committee meeting prior to the Convention, the Committee shall elect voting delegates to the Convention equal to the number of votes allotted. Delegates may be authorized to have fractional votes of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) but no other fractional vote will be recognized. The Committee chairman shall certify the names of the voting delegates to the credentials committee prior to the convention. Otherwise, the delegates will not be officially recognized.

Section 3. In the event a voting delegate to the Convention and or County Democratic Executive Committee meeting the ward or precinct will not lose that vote provided the ward or precinct committee appoints an alternate delegate who is present and casts the vote.

Section 4. Participation in the Convention shall be open to all members but only officially approved voting delegates may vote.

Section 5. On all matters to be voted upon by the Convention, prior to such vote, each ward or precinct chairman shall poll his delegates, and upon roll call by wards and precincts, the Chairman shall announce the results of his polling which shall be recorded as the official vote of the Ward or

Precinct.

Section 6. A ward or precinct committee may send its voting delegates to the Convention instructed or uninstructed. If instructed, the voting delegate shall follow same for at least one ballot after which all committee members present shall confer and by majority be released from all instructions.

ARTICLE VI

Voting by the Unit Rule is hereby abolished and prohibited in any and all meetings of the Democratic Party of Campbell County, Tennessee or any Committee thereof.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

The Chairman shall from time to time, establish special committees as may be required or desirable to conduct the affairs of the Party. Special offices such as Parliamentarian, Sergeant at Arms, Assistant Secretary, etc. may also be appointed.

ARTICLE VIII

Ward and precinct Chairmen and other officers of the Party may be removed by the County Executive Committee for inattention to duty; incompetence or failure to support the candidates for office who were nominated by the Democratic Party. Vacancies so created shall be filled as follows:

- 1) If a ward or precinct Chairman, by the ward or precinct committee or in the event of the Committee's failure to do so, the highest ranking Vice-Chairman shall succeed to the vacancy.
- 2) If a party officer, the County Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE IX

In the event of a conflict between this Constitution and these By-Laws and the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the State Democratic Party, the latter shall prevail.

ARTICLE X

Roberts Rules of Order, revised shall govern the proceedings of any meeting of the Democratic Party of Campbell County, Tennessee except where such rules are in conflict or inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting delegates present providing a quorum, at the bi-annual convention provided further that any suggested amendments be submitted in writing to the Chairman, at least three months prior to the Convention. The Chairman shall refer any proposed amendments to the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors for consideration. A member of the Board of Governors shall submit the proposed amendment to the Convention with the recommendations of the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors.