

NEW

FRANKLIN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this Committee shall be the Franklin County Democratic Party.

ARTICLE II
OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be to promote the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party and to aid in the election of Democratic nominees for public office.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

All residents of Franklin County, regardless of race, creed, age or sex are eligible to become members of the Franklin County Democratic Party.

ARTICLE IV
POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SECTION 1. The government and direction of the affairs of the Franklin County Democratic Party are vested in this organization, subject to the laws of the State of Tennessee and the rules of the Tennessee Democratic Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. Among the responsibilities of the Party are:

- A. No person shall be an officer or member of the Executive Committee if she/he shall not support nominees of the Democratic Party. Failure to support the nominees of the Democratic Party shall be cause for removal. Officers may be removed under this Section by the Executive Committee by a simple majority of those present at any regular meeting or any meeting called for that purpose after at least ten (10) days prior notice to all members of the Executive Committee.
- B. The officers and Executive Committee members shall plan and conduct all county meetings and conventions.

SECTION 2. The Executive Committee members shall be elected at a county convention called for the purpose of electing Executive Committee members. Among the provisions for the convention are:

1. The convention shall be well publicized (in the local media, i.e.), fourteen (14) days notice must be given;
2. All voting age residents of Franklin County who can attest that they are bona fide Democrats and who have voted Democratic in the last general election and who pledge their support to the Democratic Party nominee, are eligible to vote at the convention and to be candidate for the Executive Committee;
3. (A) After the convention is called together and properly convened, each district shall caucus and elect the determined number of people to be representatives of such district on the County Executive Committee.

(B) After the completion of the precinct caucuses as provided herein, all persons at the convention shall reconvene to elect six (6) delegates at large. Nominations will be made from the floor.
4. A plurality shall prevail for each election. In the case of a tie, a run-off between those tied shall be held to decide the winner.
5. Method of voting shall be decided by the convention before balloting begins.

SECTION 3. The Executive Committee at any regular meeting or special meeting shall fill all vacancies.

ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held four (4) times per year, in January, April, July and October, or when called by the Chair, or one-third (1/3) of the Executive Committee members.

SECTION 2. A quorum for transaction of business shall be one-third plus one. Any regularly called meeting where there is not a quorum shall be adjourned until a quorum is obtained.

SECTION 3. Neither proxies nor voting by-the-unit rule shall be allowed at any meeting of the Executive Committee.

- C. Records shall be kept of all party meetings and business. A complete list of all officers and Executive Committee members shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the Tennessee Democratic Party within ten (10) days of an election.
- D. The officers and Executive Committee members shall constitute the voting membership of the Franklin County Democratic Party.

ARTICLE V
OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of the Franklin County Democratic Party shall be Chair, up to three (3) Vice-Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer, all of who shall be elected by the Franklin County Executive Committee for a two-year term, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 2. The officers shall be elected by a simple majority of the Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee at a well-publicized meeting called for the purpose of electing officers. In the event a majority is not achieved, a run-off election will be held until a majority prevails with the low vote receiver being dropped from the next ballot.

SECTION 3. The officers will be elected at a time which shall be set by the Tennessee Democratic Executive Committee in odd-numbered years.

ARTICLE VI
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. The Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee shall be elected from the Franklin County Districts and shall consist of a determined number of members from each district. Then Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee will determine the number for each district after each State Primary for Governor. The following are the numbers assigned to each district for the next four years:

District 1	-	5
District 2	-	4
District 3	-	4
District 4	-	5
District 5	-	5
District 6	-	5
District 7	-	3
District 8	-	5

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ARTICLE VIII
COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Chair may establish committees as it deems appropriate for this Committee.

ARTICLE IX
RESOLUTIONS

SECTION 1. All proposed resolutions must be submitted to the Chair at least one (1) week prior to the meeting. Emergency resolutions may be brought before the body by consent of two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present.

ARTICLE X
PARLIMANETARY PROCEDURE

SECTION 1. The current edition of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-laws and any special rules of order which may be adopted.

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. These By-laws may be amended or substituted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership of the Executive Committee at any meeting of this organization call for the purpose of amending these By-laws.