

BYLAWS OF THE
LAUDERDALE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
2009-2011

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Lauderdale County Democratic Party.

ARTICLE 2. 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 Democrats to public office.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY

All persons who either reside, work, or own property in Lauderdale County, Tennessee, who believe in the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party, are eligible to become members of the Lauderdale County Democratic Party.

SECTION 2. NONDISCRIMINATION

Membership in the Lauderdale County Democratic Party shall not be denied because of race, color, sex, religion, disability, or ethnic origin.

ARTICLE 4. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SECTION 1. GOVERNANCE AND DIRECTION

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

SECTION 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The officers and members of this organization shall support the nominees of the Democratic Party.
- B. The officers shall plan and conduct all county meetings and conventions.
- 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 days of an election.
- D. The officers and members shall constitute the voting membership of the Lauderdale County Democratic Party.

ARTICLE 5. OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SECTION 1. ELECTION

The Officers and Executive Committee members shall be elected by a simple majority of members present. Any member in good standing is eligible to hold office in the Lauderdale Democratic Party. The officers shall be Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms. The Executive Committee shall consist of a number of members equal to the number of voting precincts in the county, plus the seven officers. No more than four members, excluding officers, may be registered to vote in any one precinct. The maximum number of members of the Executive Committee is 23. In the event that a majority is not achieved, a run-off election will be held until a majority prevails with the low vote being dropped from the next count. The Officers and Executive Committee members shall be elected in April of odd-numbered years, for two-year terms, or as directed by the Tennessee Democratic Party.

SECTION 2. VACANCIES

Vacancies on the Executive Committee shall be filled by election by the members at the next regular meeting. In the event that an officer cannot complete his or her term, a special election will be called by the Chair and the members will elect a replacement.

SECTION 3. RESIGNATIONS

The resignation of any officer or member of the Executive Committee shall be made in writing and shall be effective at the time specified therein. If no time is specified, resignation shall be effective upon receipt of the resignation by the Secretary or by the Chairman.

ARTICLE 6. MEETINGS

SECTION 1. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the organization shall be held as determined by the members of the organization. The Chair may call additional meetings as he/she sees fit.

SECTION 2. MAJORITY

A simple majority of the members present shall transact all business.

SECTION 3. PROXIES

No proxies shall be allowed in any vote at any meeting.

SECTION 4. OPEN VOTING

All votes shall be public and shall not be by secret ballot.

ARTICLE 7. COMMITTEES

The Chair may establish committees as it deems appropriate.

ARTICLE 8. ABSENTEES

If any member is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings, that member may be terminated. Any member who is so terminated shall receive written notice of that fact from the Secretary.

ARTICLE 9. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At any meeting, three-fourths of the members present may offer a resolution to remove any officer or Executive Committee member. A special meeting will be called within 30 days for deliberation and vote on removal. Removal shall be by vote of three-fourths of the members present at the called meeting.

ARTICLE 10. RESOLUTIONS

All proposed resolutions must be submitted to the Chair at least one week prior to a meeting. Emergency resolutions may be brought before the body by the consent of two-thirds majority of those present.

ARTICLE 11. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER 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 12. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended or substituted by a two-thirds vote of those present at any meeting of this organization called for the purpose of amending these bylaws.

Adopted this 4th day of April, 2009