

March 30, 2007

**BYLAWS OF
MCNAIRY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this committee shall be the McNairy County Democratic Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 11. 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 McNairy County, regardless of race, creed, age or sex, are eligible to become members of the McNairy County Democratic Executive Committee

ARTICLE IV. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The government and direction of the affairs of the McNairy 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.
2. Among the responsibilities of the Party are:
 - A. The officers and Executive Committee members and members of this organization shall support the nominees of the Democratic Party.
 - B. The officers and Executive Committee members 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.
 - D. The Executive Committee members shall constitute the voting membership of the McNairy County Democratic Party.
 - E. The members of the Executive Committee shall select the Democratic nominees of all county wide offices in conformity with these bylaws and rules set by the Executive Committee at open meetings.
 1. Any Democrat who lives in McNairy County and is a registered and qualified voter may be a candidate for any county wide office.
 2. All balloting for candidates at the caucus to select Democratic nominees for the county general election will be held by secret, paper ballot. When there are two or more candidates for the same office and one candidate does not get the majority vote of the total number of members present at the caucus and eligible to vote, the lowest candidate will be dropped and a new vote will be taken. The process will be repeated until a candidate gets the majority vote. (This amendment added to the Bylaws on Feb 8, 2002.)
 3. If the case of a single candidate, the ballot will state the nominee's name and have a yes block and a no block. Nominee must get a majority yes

votes of the total number of members present at the caucus eligible to vote. (This amendment added to the Bylaws on Feb 8, 2002.)

4. If a single candidate is placed on the ballot and does not receive a majority of yes votes of the total number of members present at the caucus and eligible to vote, and is rejected by the McNairy County Democratic Party as a nominee, then that candidate will get his/her deposit the next day after the caucus. (This amendment added to the Bylaws on Feb 8, 2002.)

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

1. The officers of the McNairy County Democratic Executive Committee shall be Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by the McNairy County Democratic Executive Committee for a two-year term or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. { Amendment: April 7, 2001: Secretary and Treasurer office combined. }
2. The officers shall be elected by a simple majority of the McNairy 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-getter being dropped from the next ballot.
3. The officers shall be elected in October of odd-numbered years. {Note: this date was changed by the Tennessee Democratic Party to April of each odd-numbered year. }

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The McNairy County Democratic Executive Committee shall be elected from the McNairy County Commission Districts and shall consist of one member for each 15 votes received by the Democratic candidate for Governor in the general election, in November. {Amendment: October 17, 1987: Ratio changed to 20 to 1.} After each election for Governor the Chairman shall present a plan within 60 days to the Executive Committee of the total members allowed.
2. The Executive Committee Members shall be elected at District Conventions 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, ie, fourteen days notice must be given;
 2. All voting age residents of each voting district who can attest that they are bona fide Democrats are eligible to vote at the district convention and are eligible to be a candidate for the Executive Committee;
 3. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of each district will serve on a general county steering committee to serve with officers of the County Executive Committee with the County Chairman to chair the steering committee.
 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 each district before balloting begins;
 6. At the October meeting for the election of officers the Chair shall call for each district

To present the members elected at the district convention. (Note: The Tennessee Democratic Party changed this time to April) Note: The Chairman of each district must present a typed or printed list of its members and alternates to the County Chairman.

3. Vacancies shall be filled by each district at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLES VII. MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held four times a year, in January, April, July and October, or when called by the Chair or 1/3 of the Executive members.
2. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be 50 members. Neither proxies nor voting-by-the-unit rule shall be allowed at any meeting of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

The Chair may establish committees as it deems appropriate for this committee.

ARTICLE IX. 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 consent of two-thirds majority of those present.

ARTICLE X. RESOLUTIONS

The current edition of Robert's 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 bylaws and any special rules of order which may be adopted.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

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