

# WHITE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

## BY-LAWS

### Article I. NAME

The name of this committee shall be the White 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 offices.

### Article III. MEMBERSHIP

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

### Article IV. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. The government and direction of the affairs of the White 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. Executive 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 within ten days of an election.
- D. The officers and Executive committee members shall constitute the voting membership of the White County Democratic Party.

### Article V. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the White County Democratic Party shall be Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by the White County Democratic Party for a two-year term or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. This election shall be held at a convention specifically called for the purpose of electing officers.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by a simple majority of the White County Democratic Party at a well-publicized convention which was 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.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected in April of off-numbered years.

#### Article IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The White County Democratic Executive committee shall be elected from the White County Commission Districts and shall consist of one (1) man and (1) woman from each county commission district for a term of two years.

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-publized in the local media, i.e., fourteen-days notice must be given;
- 2) All voting age residents of White County who can attest that they are bonafide Democrats are eligible to vote at the convention and to be a candidate for the Executive Committee;
- 3) Separate elections will be held for each Executive Committee position;
- 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;
- 6) After the convention is convened, the Chair shall call for nominations for each Executive Committee position. After the nominations cease, the ballot is closed and the elections shall commence.

Section 3. Any member who is unable to attend a meeting of this committee for cause, including but not limited to health problems or the death of a family member, shall notify the chair of his or her inability to attend within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If a member misses two (2) consecutive meetings without notifying the chair of an acceptable excuse set out above, a letter shall be sent to the member at the direction of the chair notifying the member that if he or she misses the next called meeting of this committee for reasons other than those set out herein, the member shall be expelled automatically.

Section 4 Vacancies shall be filled by the Executive committee at the next regular meeting.

## Article VII. MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at least four times a year, in January, April, July and October, or when called by the Chair or one-third of the Executive Committee members.

Section 2. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be one more than half the membership.

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

## 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 week prior to a meeting. Emergency resolutions may be brought before the body by consent of two-thirds majority of those present.

## Article X. POLICY ON CANDIDATE VACANCIES

Section 1. In case a Democratic nominee shall be unable to run in the General Election for any reason (such as being found unqualified by law or court ruling, death, sickness or accident or other) the next highest qualified candidate with the next highest amount of votes shall be the nominee to represent the party. If no other candidate was in the primary, then one may be selected by the White County Democratic Party Executive Committee. The White County Democratic Party does not recognize write-in candidates.

## Article XI. FINANCE

Section 1. The treasurer is permitted to direct payment of ordinary bills and expenses of the White county Democratic Party not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in a single disbursement. The chair is allowed postage and office supplies under this rule. Any amount over the above will have to be approved by the Executive Committee of the White County Democratic Party. All checks are to be signed by the Treasurer and Secretary (two signatures). The Treasurer shall receipt all monies collected and keep appropriate records as required by the law and make all necessary reports to the state as required. The Treasurer shall make full financial report at all regular meetings.

## Article XII. PARLIMENTARY 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 bylaws and any special rules of order which may be adopted.

## Article XIII. 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.

## Article XIV. RULES

The White County Democratic Party is a constituent party of the Tennessee Democratic Party. The White county Democratic Executive committee is an organization created by the State Democratic Executive Committee with the State Democratic Executive Committee having full authority in all matters over the White County Democratic Executive Committee. State party rules take precedence over the bylaws of the White County Democratic Party.

Re-Adopted March 31, 2009

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS PLEDGE OF ACCEPTANCE FOR THE ADOPTED BYLAWS

We hereby witness the acceptance of the newly adopted bylaws of the White County Democratic Party. We have agreed to abide by these bylaws while serving as an officer of the White County Democratic Party.

James A. Smith  
Officer

3-31-09  
Date

Kriste L. Ribell  
Officer

3-31-09  
Date

Betty Hickey Weaver  
Officer

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Nicholas Hunkeler  
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