



# Moore County, Tennessee Democratic Party Bylaws

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## Article I Name

**Section I:** The name of the organization shall be the Moore County Democratic Party

## Article II Purpose

**Section I:** The purpose of this body shall be to support the ideas and principles of the Democratic Party and to help in the election of Democrats and Democratic nominees for public office.

**Section II:** The Officers and Members shall support the duly elected and/or selected nominees of the Democratic Party but shall not endorse and/or support any candidates for public office during the primary campaign and primary election. Hereby it shall be construed by implication or otherwise to limit or to prevent any individual member acting in an individual or private capacity from supporting any candidate in a primary of the Democratic Party. In so doing, each member of the Moore County Democratic Party must refrain from affixing his/her official party title to any correspondence and/or literature on behalf of any candidate for any office during the Democratic Party Primary Election.

## Article III Membership

**Section I:** Admissibility: Every resident of Moore County, Tennessee that is registered to and believes in the ideas and beliefs of the Democratic Party are deemed worthy to become a member of the Moore County Democratic Party.

**Section II:** Nondiscrimination: Membership in the Moore County Democratic Party shall not be discriminated based on race, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or ethnic origin.

**Article IV  
Power and Responsibilities**

**Section I:** Governance: The governance and direction of the affairs of the Moore County Democratic Party shall be vested in the Moore County officers of the Moore County Democratic Party, as hereinafter set forth in these bylaws, subject to the state of Tennessee and such rules as may be established by the Tennessee State Democratic Executive Committee.

**Section II:** Party Responsibilities: The Moore County Democratic Party shall have the following responsibilities:

- (A) Planning and conducting all county meetings and convention.
- (B) Keeping and maintaining records of all Democratic Party meetings and business.
- (C) Supporting the duly selected nominees of the Democratic Party.

**Article V  
Meetings**

**Section I:** All meetings of the Moore County Democratic Party shall be well publicized in countywide media at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting. All meetings shall be held at convenient times and locations, and shall be open to the general public and media representatives (except where legal counsel otherwise indicated based upon a legal need for closed meetings).

**Section II:** Regular Meetings. Regular meetings held by the officers of the Moore County Democratic Party shall be each month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday.

**Section III:** Special Meetings if more than fifty (50) days have passed since the last meeting, and if the Chairperson has not called a meeting; any ten (members) may call a meeting by notifying all members at least seven days (7) prior to such meeting. If fewer than fifty (50) days have passed since the last meeting, ten (10) members may call a special meeting provided seven (7) days prior notice is given by mail or email to any member. Any notification of a meeting must include time and location.

**Article VI  
Officers**

**Section I:** The officers of the Moore County Democratic Party shall be chair, vice-chair, secretary, and treasurer, all of who shall be elected by the members of the Moore County Democratic Party for a one (1) term or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

**Section II:** Election of officers: The officers shall be elected by a simple majority of the members of the Moore County Democratic Party present at the meeting held immediately following the convention. In the event, if a majority is not achieved, a runoff election shall be held until a majority prevails with low vote getter being dropped from the next ballot. A complete list of officers shall be forwarded to the Chair of the Tennessee Democratic Party within ten (10) days after the election.

**Section III:** Chair: He/she shall perform all duties incident to the office of chair and such other duties.

**Section IV:** Vice Chair. In the absence of the chair or in the event of his/her death or inability or refusal to act, the vice-chair shall perform the duties of the chair, and in so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all restrictions on, the chair, He/she shall perform all duties incident to the office of vice-chair.

**Section V:** Secretary:

- (A) Keep the minutes of any conventions which may be held
- (B) See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of law and these bylaws
- (C) Keep membership records
- (D) In general perform all duties incident to the office of secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the chair.

**Section VI:** Treasurer:

- (A) Have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the party from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of the Moore County Democratic Party in such bank or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws
- (B) Render to the chair and secretary, whenever it may be required or requested, an account of all her/his transaction as treasurer, and a financial statement in form satisfactory to it
- (C) In general, perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him/her by the chair.

**Section VII:** Members Must Support Nominees of the Democratic Party. No person shall be an officer if he or she 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 a simple majority of those present at any regular meeting or any meeting called for the purpose after at least (7) days prior to notice to all members.

**Section VIII:** Resignations. The resignation of any officer shall be made in writing and shall take effect at the time specified therein, or if no time is specified, then it shall take effect upon receipt of such resignation by the chair or secretary.

### **Article VII**

#### **Conduct of Business at Meetings**

The regular order of business at the Moore County Democratic meetings shall be as follows:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of the minutes of previous meeting
- IV. Treasurer's report
- V. Resolutions
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Unfinished business
- VIII. New business
- IX. Adjournment

### **Article VIII**

#### **Resolutions**

All proposed resolutions must be submitted to the chair at least seven (7) days prior to a meeting. Emergency resolutions may be brought before the body by consent of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present.

### **Article IX**

#### **Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended or substituted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership at any meeting called for the purpose of amending these bylaws.

### **Article X**

#### **Rules**

The Moore County Democratic Party is a constituent party of the Tennessee Democratic Party, with the State Democratic Executive Committee having full authority in all matters over the Moore County Democratic Party. IN any situation where the county bylaws and the Tennessee Democratic Party bylaws conflict, the Tennessee Democratic Party bylaws shall prevail.