

## Bylaws of the McNairy County Democratic Executive Committee

(Approved in 2017)

### Article I – Name

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

### Article II – Objective

The objective of this organization shall be to promote the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party and 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 governing 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 Party are:
  - A. The officers and Executive Committee members 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 Chair 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 doesn't receive the

majority vote of the total number of members present at the caucus and eligible to vote, the candidate with the lowest number of votes will be dropped and a new vote will be taken. The process will be repeated until a candidate receives the majority vote.

3. In the case of a single candidate, the ballot will state the nominee's name and have a yes block and no block. The nominees must receive a majority yes votes of the total number of members present at the caucus eligible to vote.
4. If a single candidate is placed on the ballot and does not receive a majority yes vote of the total number of members present at the caucus and eligible to vote, the candidate is hereby rejected by the McNairy County Democratic Party as a candidate representing the Party.

#### 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.
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 nominee with the lowest vote dropped from the next ballot.
3. The officers shall be elected in March/April of odd numbered years during the period of time designated by the Tennessee Democratic Party.

#### 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 per twenty votes received by the Democratic candidate for Governor in the general election, in November. 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:
  - a. The convention shall be well publicized in the local media. Fourteen days notice must be given.
  - b. All residents of legal voting age in each 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.
  - c. The Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer of each district will serve on a general county steering committee to serve with officers of the County Executive Committee with the County Chairperson to chair the steering committee.

- d. A plurality shall prevail for each election of Executive Committee Members. In the case of a tie, a run-off between those tied shall be held to decide the winner.
- e. Method of voting shall be decided by each district before the balloting begins.
- f. At the meeting for the election of officers the Chair shall call for each district to present the members elected at the District Convention. The Chair of each District must present a printed list of the members and alternates to the Chair of the McNairy County Democratic Party.
- g. Vacancies shall be filled by each district at the next regular meeting.

#### Article 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 one-third of the Executive members.
2. Neither proxies nor voting 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 deemed appropriate and necessary for the Executive 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 – Parliamentary Rule

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

The 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 the bylaws.

