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CHESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY BYLAWS

ARTICLE IV
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1: Membership. The Executive Committee shall be composed of men and women elected from each county district or precinct provided each such district or precinct represents an equal number of voters in the county. If there is difficulty filling Executive Committee positions on a district or precinct basis then the remaining positions shall be elected at large. Representation should be balanced if possible. Each district or precinct will select a chairperson who will serve on the nominating committee.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following number of representatives elected from each district or precinct as listed below:

<u>Number of Executive Committee Members</u>	<u>District or Precinct</u>
2	1-2 Enville
2	1-5 Sweetlips
2	1-6 Harmony
2	2-1 Jacks Creek
2	2-2 Friendship
2	3-2 Montezuma
2	3-4 Masseyville
2	3-6 Deanburg
6	4-1 West Chester
6	5-1 East Chester
4	6-1 City Hall

SECTION 4: Vacancies. A vacancy shall be filled by nomination from the membership. Any vacancies occurring in the Executive Committee may be filled by affirmative vote of a majority of the Executive Committee members present at any regular meeting. ~~even though less than a quorum of the Executive Committee exists.~~ In the event of a vacancy, whether resulting from a resignation, expulsion or failure to of any district or ward to elect its Executive Committee members, the remaining members of the Executive Committee in attendance at any subsequent meeting may fill those Executive Committee positions. Vacancies should be filled from members of the Democratic Party who reside in the district or precinct where the vacancy exists and who meet the same requirements of duly elected members as prescribed in Section 1. If there is difficulty filling a vacancy from a particular district or precinct then it may be filled as at large.

- (a) Automatic Expulsion. A member of the Executive Committee shall automatically forfeit his/her membership in said committee (and the position shall be declared vacant) for the following reasons:
 - (i) In the event he/she qualifies for political office as an independent or representing any political party other than the Democratic Party and opposes a duly qualified Democratic nominee.

Discretionary Sanctions or Expulsions. A member may be expelled ~~in~~ at the discretion of the Executive Committee if a pattern of non-attendance is established, even if such absences are excused. Sanctions

may be imposed against a member, or he/she may be expelled in at of the Executive Committee, for demonstrating disloyalty to the Democratic Party, either in the form of a public announcement of support of a candidate of another party in pending election, or by working for or giving financial support to any such candidate running against a duly nominated candidate of the Democratic Party.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 4: Quorum. ~~Whatever number of members attending the Executive Committee meeting shall constitute a quorum~~ A quorum shall be fifty percent (50%) of the duly elected Executive Committee for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI

- (b) The convention shall be called to order by the incumbent chair of the Chester County Democratic Executive Committee. The chairman shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of ~~six (6)~~ eleven (11) people, one from each legislative district of Chester County, to select the names of the Executive Committee members in their respective district. These ~~six (6)~~ eleven (11) selected people shall serve as chairman of their respective district.

If it occurs that the laws of Tennessee changes from school board selection of Superintendent of schools, the Chester County Democratic Executive Committee shall select the Democrat nominee for Superintendent of schools.

ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS

SECTION 1: Officers. The officers of the Chester County Democratic Party shall be chair, vice-chair, second vice chair, secretary, and treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by the Chester County Executive Committee for a two (2) year term, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 8: Officers Not Required to Be Members. It is not required that the officers be Members of the Executive Committee. ~~Any officer who is elected by the Executive Committee.~~ Any officer who is elected by the Executive Committee who is not an elected member of the Executive Committee shall, upon his/her election as officer, become a voting member of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 9: ~~Neutrality~~ Neutrality

SECTION 10: Members Must Support Nominees of the Democratic Party. No person shall be officer or member of the Executive committee if he/she shall not support nominees of the Democratic Party. Failure to support the nominees of the Democratic Party shall ~~because~~ be cause for removal. Officers may be removed under this section by the Executive Committee by a simple majority vote of those present at any regular meeting or any meeting called for that purpose after at least ten (10) days prior notice to all members of the Executive Committee.

SECTION ~~12~~ 11: Resignations. The resignation of any officer of the Executive Committee shall be made in writing and shall take effect at the time specified therein, or if no time is specified, then ~~is it~~ shall take effect upon receipt of such resignation by the chair or secretary.

ARTICLE XI

CONTRACTS AND EXPENDITURES

SECTION 1: Contracts, Expenditures, and Bill Retention.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS

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

ARTICLE XIV

RULES

The Chester County Democratic Party is a constituent party of the Tennessee Democratic Party. The Chester County Democratic Executive Committee is an organization created by the State Democratic Executive ~~Democratic~~ Committee, with the State Democratic Executive Committee having full authority in all matters ~~over~~ where the Chester County Democratic Party bylaws conflict, the Tennessee Democratic Party bylaws shall prevail.

Bylaws of the Chester County Democrat Party were adopted by the Democrats of Chester County on seventeenth day of November, 2011. These bylaws take the place of any other bylaws that ~~has~~ have been adopted.