

**CLAIBORNE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The Name of this organization shall be the CLAIBORNE 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 CLAIBORNE COUNTY, regardless of race, creed, age or sex, are eligible to become members of the CLAIBORNE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

**ARTICLE IV. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

**Section 1.** The government and direction of the affairs of the CLAIBORNE 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. The officers and Executive Committee members and members of the 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 (10) days of an election.
- D. The officers/Executive Committee members shall constitute the voting membership of the Claiborne County Democratic Party.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

~~Section 1. The officers of the Claiborne County Democratic Party shall be Chair, Vice Chair (one female, one male), Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected by the CLAIBORNE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC MASS CONVENTION for a two-year term, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.~~

~~Section 2. The officers shall be elected by a simple majority of the CLAIBORNE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY at a well-publicized meeting called for the purpose of electing officers. In the event a majority is not achieved, a runoff 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 Mass Convention during odd numbered years, at a time and date set by the Chairman of the Claiborne County Democratic Party, within the guidelines of the State of Tennessee Democratic Party Bylaws.~~

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

~~Section 1. The CLAIBORNE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall be elected by mass convention and comprised of the Chair, Vice Chair (one female and one male), secretary, and treasurer and all members of the CLAIBORNE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY present and making up the voting membership. For the office of Chair, a letter of intent must be submitted to the current Chair or Party Secretary by 12:00 noon, five (5) days before the convention date. Nominations for the vice Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer will be accepted from the floor of the Mass Convention with a majority vote determining the elected officer. In the event a majority is not achieved, a run-off election will be held immediately until a majority prevails with the low-vote-getter being dropped from the next ballot.~~

~~Section 2. The Executive Committee members shall be at the Mass Convention for the purpose of electing officers. Among the provisions for the convention are:~~

- ~~1. The convention shall be well-publicized in the local media, i.e., fourteen days Notice must be given.~~
- ~~2. All voting age residents of CLAIBORNE COUNTY who can attest that they are Bona fide Democrats are eligible to vote at the convention.~~
- ~~3. 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.~~
- ~~4. Method of voting shall be decided by the convention within the guidelines of the State of Tennessee Democratic Party, before the balloting begins.~~

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5. After convention is convened, the chair shall call for nominations from the floor for all offices other than the chair which must submit a letter of intent to the Party secretary or chair of which both are equally aware. After the nominations cease, the ballot is closed and the elections shall commence.

~~ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS~~

~~Section 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 committee members.~~

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

~~Section 3. Neither proxies nor votes by the mail 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 organization.

ARTICLE IX. RESOLUTIONS

Section 1. All proposed resolutions must be submitted to the Chair at least one week prior to the meeting. Emergency resolutions may be brought before the body by consent of two-thirds majority of those present.

ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTARY 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 XI. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended or substituted by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the Executive Committee at any meeting of the CLAIBORNE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY, called for the purpose of amending these bylaws.

ARTICLE XII. ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

Section 1. These bylaws are adopted as amended this 20th day of April, 2007 by the CLAIBORNE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.



3-28-09

Date

Party Chair