

BY-LAWS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF CHEATHAM COUNTY

Article I Name and Purpose

Section 1. This organization is the Republican Party of Cheatham County and will be referred to as the RPoCC throughout this document.

Section 2. The purposes of the RPoCC include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Electing Republican candidates to office on the national, state, and local levels.
- B. Recruiting Republican candidates to run for office.
- C. Assisting the Tennessee Republican Party and the Republican National Committee.
- D. Recruiting membership in the Republican Party at all levels.
- E. Promoting public awareness of the Republican position on public issues and fostering good citizenship in general.
- F. Increasing the effectiveness of our members in the cause of good government through active political participation.
- G. Raising funds for Republican election campaigns and for promoting Republican ideals.

Article II County Executive Committee

Section 1. The affairs of the RPoCC shall be governed by the County Executive Committee in accordance with the by-laws of the Tennessee Republican Party and the by-laws contained herein.

Section 2. The County Executive Committee shall consist of Chair, Vice Chair (opposite sex as Chair), Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, immediate Past Chair, all State Executive Committee members representing the county, President of any Federation of Republican Women's Club in RPoCC County, and the Chair of the RPoCC County's Young Republicans (or in their absence, a representative of those constituencies appointed by the State Chair).

Section 2a. The Vice Chair will automatically assume the duties of the Chair in his/her absence.

Section 3. Neither the County Executive Committee as a body, nor the County Chair, shall endorse any Republican candidate in a contested primary election for local, state, or national elections.

Section 3a. Section 3 above shall not apply to a Chair in a primary election in which the Chair, his/her spouse, or his/her immediate family member is a candidate.

Section 4. Members of the County Executive Committee are expected to attend every meeting. Three successive absences without a valid reason are grounds for removal from the County Executive Committee. County officers elected during county reorganization are required to attend every meeting and shall be automatically removed for having been physically absent from three (3) consecutive committee meetings without valid reason.

Section 5. A member of the County Executive Committee shall contact the State Party prior to removing a County Executive Committee member and the County Chairman shall ensure that all procedural requirements have been met according the State Party Bylaws.

Article III Election of Officers

Section 1. Election of officers to the County Executive Committee shall be made in accordance with State By-laws. (Copies available from the County Chair or State Executive Committee members.) Officers are elected at county reorganizations held between January 1 and March 31 of each odd numbered year.

Section 2. In the event of the death, resignation, or moving out of the county by an officer, the County Executive Committee shall proceed to elect a new Chairman or Treasurer, as the case may be, and fill any other office which becomes vacant, by majority vote, at a duly called special meeting within thirty (30) days after such vacancy occurs.

Section 3. No County Chairman shall serve more than two (2) full consecutive terms.

Article IV Meetings

Section 1. The County Executive Committee shall set its schedule at the beginning of each year. This will enhance the committee's ability to plan effective strategies and meetings.

Section 2. The County Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall meet monthly during election years.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by any two members of the County Executive Committee in the absence of the Chair with seven (7) days written notice to the membership.

Article V Officers' Duties

Section 1. The County Chair shall be the chief executive of the RPoCC and of the County Executive Committee. He/She shall be responsible for the management and administration of the affairs of the County Executive Committee and shall coordinate the political activities of the RPoCC. He/She shall preserve order and decorum at all meetings and reserve his/her vote to break any ties.

Section 1a. The County Chair shall have the right to approve all special committee chairs.

Section 2. The Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the County Chair in his/her absence. If both the County Chair and the Vice Chair are absent from a County Executive Committee meeting, the County Executive Committee shall elect a temporary County Chair to preside at the meeting.

Section 3. The Secretary shall take the minutes of each meeting of the County Executive Committee. If the Secretary must be absent from such a meeting, the Secretary shall be responsible for obtaining a replacement. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the County Chair of the County Executive Committee. All records of the Secretary shall be and remain the property of the County Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for implementing an internal system of financial controls. He/She shall be responsible for the bank statement and shall be responsible for counting and depositing moneys received by the RPoCC. The Treasurer shall report at each regular or special meeting of the County Executive Committee all receipts and disbursements since the previous meeting. All records of the Treasurer shall be and remain the property of the County Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Vice-Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in performing his/her duties and immediately assume the role of interim Treasurer in the event the position becomes vacant.

Article VI Bona Fide Republican

The following shall be RPoCC membership requirements as well as requirements for candidacy to public office, and appointment to positions such as Election Commission. The RPoCC hereby defines the term "bona fide Republican," or the like, as a registered voter residing in the county who is any of the following:

- A. A citizen who is actively involved in the RPoCC or Tennessee Republican Party, or any of recognized auxiliary organizations of either; or
- B. A citizen who has voted in at least two (2) of the four (4) most recent state and/or local Republican primary elections; or
- C. Any individual who is vouched for to the satisfaction of the State Chairman as a bona fide Republican by an officer of the TRP, a member of the State Executive Committee, a member of the Republican Party Executive Committee of the County where the individual resides, or a Republican elected official. The State Chairman may require additional verification that the individual in question is indeed a bona fide Republican, and shall have final authority to make the determination.

Article VII Requirements to Seek County Party Office

Section 1. A person shall be required to meet all rules and regulations to run for party leadership as is prescribed in the Tennessee Republican Party Bylaws and Rules.

Section 2. The RPoCC County Party defers to the State Bylaws for all issues concerning the rights of members to vote in County Party meetings.

Article VIII Amendment of By-Laws

These by-laws may be amended by a majority of the full voting membership of the County Executive Committee at any meeting, provided that notice of the meeting at which the vote is to

be taken includes a copy of the proposed amendment. Any amendment is subject to approval by the Chair of the Tennessee Republican Party.

Article IX Conformity

These by-laws are intended to be in conformity with all by-laws, rules, and regulations of the Tennessee Republican Party including the Republican National Committee, governing federal and Tennessee statutes, rules and regulations.

Article X Robert's Rules

The most recent revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings on matters not specifically covered by these By-Laws.