

BY-LAWS OF THE HARRISON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

ARTICLE I NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the HARRISON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY, herein after referred to as the Party. An organization of the Republican Party located in Harrison County.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this party is to develop an active, intelligent, aggressive and effective political organization within Harrison County; to conduct County-Wide Primary elections; to certify Republican nominees of said Primary elections; to support and secure the election of all duly nominated Republican candidates; to support the principles, objects and platforms of the Mississippi and National Republican Party.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Party shall consist of all persons who are qualified electors under the laws of the State of Mississippi and who are in accord with the statement of principles of this Party.

ARTICLE IV. CONVENTION

SECTION 1. A County Convention shall be held in the year 1984 and every four (4) years thereafter at a time and place fixed by the statutes of the State of Mississippi or otherwise designated by the State Executive Committee, which Convention shall elect Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Mississippi Republican Party State Convention, elect a County Executive Committee, adopt resolutions to be presented to the State Republican Party Convention, and perform any other acts and things either directed to it by the laws of the State of Mississippi or not prohibited by such laws.

SECTION 2. The County Executive Committee shall give notice of the time and place of such Convention in a manner conforming to the laws of this State and the By-Laws of the Mississippi Republican Party.

SECTION 3. Delegate to the County Convention shall be apportioned and selected in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Mississippi. The officers of the County Committee shall be the officers of the Convention.

SECTION 4. A majority of the duly certified Delegates shall constitute a quorum and a majority of the quorum shall have power to transact any business unless otherwise provided for herein. Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the procedure of this Convention unless the Convention should adopt a set of Convention Rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

ARTICLE V. COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. The County Executive Committee shall consist of no less than eighteen (18) nor more than thirty six (36) members, including at least three (3) members from each Supervisor's District elected by the entire County Convention and three (3) members at large selected by the Committee itself at the first meeting of the County Executive Committee following the County Convention. Other members may be elected as provided by Section 2 of this Article at such times as the Committee shall be in conformance with the laws of the State of Mississippi, and any change in the applicable statute shall automatically constitute a change in this section of these by-laws.

SECTION 2. All vacancies in the County Executive Committee may be filled with a qualified elector by the majority vote of the Committee. The County Chairmen, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a permanent Nominating Committee to consider the qualifications of all persons suggested for membership on the Executive Committee. Nominations may be made by any member of the Executive Committee and must be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee, and the Nominating Committee may also consider nominees of its own volition. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to consider all nominees duly submitted and to report its recommendations at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3. The County Executive Committee shall do and perform all acts specifically required of a County Executive Committee by the laws of the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 4. The first meeting of the County Executive Committee shall be held immediately following the County Convention, at which time a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and three members at large shall be elected by majority vote.

SECTION 5. Five (4) members shall constitute a quorum and a majority of a quorum shall have power to transact any business unless herein otherwise provided, and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the Committee unless the Committee adopts a set of Committee Rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

SECTION 6. Notice of a County Central Committee meeting shall ipso facto constitute a notice of meeting of this Committee, and it may transact any business required by law at any County Central Committee meeting.

ARTICLE VI. COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. The County Central Committee of the Party shall be composed of the members of the County Executive Committee, the Presidents of all recognized Republican auxiliaries, any state or national officers residing in the County together with any elected officials of cities within the County and of the County. These elected officials are honorary members and shall not have voting rights on the Central Committee.

SECTION 2. Except when the County Convention is in session, the County Central Committee shall have the control and management of all of the affairs and properties of the Party.

SECTION 3. The County Central Committee shall meet at least quarterly on the second Monday of the month. Meetings can be more regular upon a vote of the members of the Executive Committee. The County chairman, or a majority vote of the members of the Committee, may call a meeting if necessary.

SECTION 4. All members of the said Committee shall be given notice of all called meetings.

SECTION 5. Nine Members shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of a quorum shall have power to transact any business unless otherwise provided, and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the Committee, unless the Committee adopts a set of Committee rules by a two-thirds vote.

SECTION 6. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Central Committee and County Executive Committee shall be held at such times and places as the Executive Committee may by resolution provide. The County chairman or a majority of the members of the Executive Committee may call special meetings on four (4) days written notice to all members of the County Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. COUNTY CHAIRMAN The County chairman shall be elected by the County Executive Committee from among its members in the manner herein set forth; shall be the Chairman of and preside at all meetings of the County Convention, Executive Committee and Central Committee; shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party in this County and shall have general supervision over the affairs, activities, and employees of the Party; shall make all committee appointments with the approval of the Executive Committee and shall perform such other duties as are required by law and as usually pertain to the office of the County Chairman including coordinating with other State and National Party leaders.

SECTION 2. COUNTY VICE CHAIRMAN The County Vice Chairman shall be elected by the County Executive Committee from among its members in the manner herein set forth and shall serve in the capacity of Chairman at such times as the Chairman may be absent.

SECTION 3. SECRETARY The Secretary shall be elected by the County Executive Committee from among its members in the manner herein provided and shall be Secretary of the County Convention, County Central Committee and the Executive Committee; shall keep minutes of the meetings of each and perform such other duties as are required by law or may be prescribed by the County Executive Committee and as are incident to this office.

SECTION 4. TREASURER The Treasurer shall be elected by the County Executive Committee from among its members in the manner herein provided and shall perform the usual duties of the Treasurer of the Party and shall specifically maintain, account for, and disburse all

funds into the county organization. This office may be combined with the office of Secretary by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 5. COUNTY FINANCE CHAIRMAN The County Finance Chairman shall be appointed by the County Chairman from among the members of the County Executive Committee with the approval of the Executive Committee. He shall be in charge of all fund raising activities of the Party. He shall perform such other duties as are incident to this office and as may be prescribed by the County Executive Committee or the County Chairman.

SECTION 6. COUNTY ORGANIZATION CHAIRMAN The County Organization Chairman shall be appointed by the County chairman from among the members of the County Executive Committee subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. He shall organize each voting precinct for the conduct of canvasses, elections, and other acts of the Party; and to specifically supervise any other voter registration and Party activities within the County.

ARTICLE VIII ORGANIZATIONS

SECTION 1. Except when the County Convention is in session, the County Executive Committee shall function as the principal organizational arm of the Party below the state level and shall have the control and management of the affairs and properties of the Party throughout the county. The County Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter upon the call of the County chairman and at such other times as may be necessary upon the call of the County chairman or a majority of the members of the Executive Committee. Municipal Executive Committees shall do and perform only those acts specifically required of them by the Laws of the State of Mississippi or authorized by these By-Laws or by appropriate action of the County Executive Committee of the county wherein the subject municipality is located..

SECTION 2. All affiliated chapters of organizations authorized by the State By-laws are hereby recognized by the County Executive Committee. (1) MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN. (2) MISSISSIPPI YOUNG REPUBLICAN FEDERATION; (3) MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE REPUBLICANS; (4) MISSISSIPPI BLACK REPUBLICAN COUNCIL; and (5) TEENAGE REPUBLICANS.

SECTION 3. No affiliated organization may adopt a Constitution, By-Laws or rules inconsistent with the By-Laws of the State Republican Party.

SECTION 4. The County Executive Committee may authorize the formation of other affiliated organizations by taking appropriate action subject to the approval of the state Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX.

There shall be one signature on all checks disbursing the funds of the Harrison County Republican Party and there shall be an annual audit of the accounts of this Party by the audit committee composed of three (3) persons selected by the committee. No expenditures other than those covered by the annual budget shall be authorized except by specific approval of the Executive Committee. The expenditure of funds within the budget shall be made at the direction

of the County Chairman. The County Chairman or the Treasurer must sign each check distributing all funds.

ARTICLE X. ENDORSEMENTS OF CANDIDATES

SECTION 1. No committee or organization authorized to use the name Republican pursuant to these By-Laws or any action of the County Executive Committee shall endorse or oppose any Republican candidate for public office prior to a Party primary when the Republican nominee will be chosen by a primary election.

SECTION 2. In the event a party nominee will not be selected by a primary election, then candidates for national, statewide, state-district, or multi-county offices may be endorsed by the State Executive Committee; for county and county-district offices by the County Executive Committee; and for municipal offices by the Municipal Executive Committee provided no other committee or organization organized pursuant to the provisions of the By-Laws may endorse candidates other than those endorsed by the governing committees as specified above.

XI. PROXIES

No proxies shall be authorized by any committee or convention of this Party except that this restriction shall not be construed to prohibit duly elected Alternate Delegates from acting and voting for Delegates in County, State or National Conventions.

XII. RULES AND REGULATIONS

All committees of this Party are authorized to adopt reasonable rules and regulations in order to facilitate the orderly conduct of its business so long as said rules do not conflict with these By-Laws or any federal or state statutes.

XIII. RESIGNATIONS AND REMOVALS

SECTION 1. RESIGNATIONS. Any officer, Executive Committee member, Committee Chairman, or member of any committee may resign by submitting a written letter of resignation to the County Chairman. If residence is a necessary requirement to hold office or be a member on a Committee, then a change in residence shall automatically constitute a resignation. Any vacancy may be filled by the same method by which the method of selection by which the office was originally filled; provided, however, that where the position of an Executive Committee member who was originally elected by the County Convention becomes vacant for any reason, that position may be filled with a qualified elector by a majority of the Executive Committee as provided by Article V, Section 2.

SECTION 2. REMOVALS Any and all officers, Executive Committee members, Chairman of committees, and members of any other committee of the Party may be removed for cause by a two-thirds vote of the entire County Executive Committee provided that ten (10) days notice of such proposed action shall have been given, and further provided that the affected person, if not a member of the Executive Committee, shall also be given thirty (30) days written notice of such meeting and an opportunity to be heard at said meeting. In the event of removal

of any person by the County Executive Committee, the affected member may appeal said removal decision to the State Chairman within the 10) days after receipt of notice of his removal. Voting on removal actions shall be by secret ballot.

SECTION 3. In the event a member of the Executive Committee should be absent from two meetings of the County Central Committee in any one calendar year, without having given the Chairman advance notice of the absence, the Secretary of said Committee is hereby and herein authorized and directed to notify said member in writing of such absences and to request his attendance at all future meetings of the County Central Committee. In the event a member of the County Executive Committee should be absent from three meetings in one calendar year, without having given the Chairman proper notice, such absences shall be deemed cause for removal of such member pursuant to the provisions of Article XII, Section 2 of the By-Laws of the Mississippi Republican Party.

ARTICLE IV, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If a court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge to be invalid or unconstitutional any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of these By-Laws, such judgment or decree shall not affect, impair, invalidate, or nullify the remainder of these By-Laws, but the effect thereof shall be confined to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of these By-Laws so adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, and if any part of these By-Laws is in conflict with any laws of the State of Mississippi or the United States of America, now, or as a result of future enactments, then these By-Laws shall be considered to automatically amend to conform with the law.

ARTICLE V.

These By-Laws shall take effect and be in force from and after the 1984 County convention and these By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the County Convention or a three-fourths vote of the County Executive Committee after thirty (30) days written notice of the intended amendments has been given to the County Executive Committee.

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