

BYLAWS OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Article 1 Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization is the Williamson County Republican Party (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "WCRP" or the "Party"). In all instances, the use of the masculine "he" shall refer to "he"/" she".

Section 2. The purposes of the WCRP 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, the Republican National Committee, and other local Republican organizations in carrying out their purposes,
- D. Recruiting membership and involvement in the WCRP and the Republican Party at all levels,
- E. Promoting public awareness of the Republican Platform on public policy 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. Assisting in raising funds for Republican nominees, and
- H. Promoting Republican ideals and nominees.

Article II
County Executive Committee

Section 1. The Party shall be governed by the Williamson County Republican Party Executive Committee (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "CEC") in accordance with these Bylaws and the Bylaws of the Tennessee Republican Party.

Section 2. The CEC shall consist of the following voting Party Officers:

- A. Elected by the Convention, the Chairman, First Vice-Chairman (opposite sex from Chairman), Second Vice-Chairman, Third Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, & Vice-Treasurer.

- B. The Immediate Past Chairman,

- C. Elected by the SEC District, the State Executive Committeeman and State Executive Committeewoman,

- D. Elected by the respective organizations' memberships, the President of any Tennessee Federated Republican Women's Club in the county, and the Chairman of the Williamson County Young Republicans.

Section 3. Nonvoting CEC members shall include the WCRP legal counsel, and any other officers deemed necessary by the Chairman to carry out the work of the CEC, who shall be appointed by the County Chairman, but who shall not have a vote in that position. The WCRP legal counsel shall not be prohibited from simultaneously holding a voting position on the CEC.

Section 4. The following shall apply to endorsement of candidates in contested elections:

- A. Neither the WCRP or CEC as a body, nor the WCRP Chairman, shall endorse a Republican candidate in a contested primary election. The exceptions to the above prohibition against endorsements are as follows:

1. The foregoing prohibition against endorsements shall not prohibit endorsement of a Republican opponent of a Republican candidate who, as a member of the General Assembly, voted for any redistricting plan opposed by the Tennessee Republican Party either through the State Executive Committee, the State Chairman, or the Tennessee Republican Party's legal counsel.
1. 2) The foregoing prohibition against endorsements shall not prohibit endorsement of a Republican opponent of a Republican candidate who, as a member of the General Assembly, voted for a person who was not the nominee of the Republican Caucus of the House or Senate, for any officer of the House or Senate.
 - B. Neither the WCRP or CEC as a body, nor an individual Party Officer, shall endorse, or assist in any manner, a Democrat or other non-Republican in an election or primary election in which a Republican is a candidate or has filed as a candidate. The foregoing provision shall not apply to nonpartisan elections
 - C. Article I Section 2 above shall specifically govern the conduct of individual Party Officers (other than the Chairman) with respect to the endorsement of any Republican candidate in a contested primary election for State Senator or State Representative or other local or judicial offices in the District or County which he represents.
 - D. The foregoing sub-sections shall not apply to a primary election in which the individual Party Officer, or his spouse, or a member of his immediate family, is a candidate.

Section 5. A vacancy in a CEC office occurs if an Officer dies, resigns, changes his residence out of the County, is removed from office, is absent from three consecutive normally scheduled CEC meetings, or otherwise becomes disqualified or unable to serve his complete term. The Secretary shall announce at the beginning of each CEC meeting the name of any member who has become disqualified.

Section 6. The First Vice-Chairman or Vice-Treasurer shall automatically assume the office of Chairman or Treasurer, respectively, on a temporary basis, if either of said offices should become vacant. The CEC shall proceed to elect a new Chairman or Treasurer, as the case may be, and fill any other office that becomes vacant, by majority vote, at a duly called meeting within thirty (30) days after such vacancy occurs.

An officer elected to fill a vacancy shall serve until the next WCRP reorganization, and until his successor is duly elected and takes office. These officers must also qualify as bona fide WCRP Officers.

Section 7. No County Chairman shall serve more than two (2) full consecutive terms. A WCRP Chairman running for public office in a contested Republican primary shall resign his position within ten (10) days after the filing deadline.

Section 8. In addition to the reasons for automatic removal from the CEC, a member may be removed for cause. Cause shall consist of disqualification by, but not limited to any violation of the Bylaws or having been determined by the CEC engaging in conduct unfit for a member of that body. To remove a member other than the Chairman for cause, at least two other members must file a written motion with the Chairman, stating the specific reasons for the proposed removal. They must also send a copy to the member for whom removal is being proposed by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the member's last address known to the County Chairman or the Secretary. Such notice shall be filed, and the copy sent at least thirty days before the Executive Committee meeting at which the motion to remove is being acted upon. After receiving the motion, the Chairman may appoint a committee to investigate the facts set forth in the motion. At the CEC meeting at which the motion is considered, the member for whom removal is sought, and those requesting removal, shall have the right to be heard, present evidence and call witnesses. It shall not be necessary to follow the rules of evidence or other procedures followed in courts of law or equity. Hearsay evidence shall be allowed. The affirmative vote of two-thirds of the CEC members physically present, at which a quorum is met at such meeting shall be required for removal. If the member is removed, his removal shall take effect immediately upon the Chairman's announcement of the vote. The vacancy shall be filled in accordance with these Bylaws.

Section 9. The previous section does not apply to the WCRP Chairman. To remove the Chairman from office, Rule F of the Tennessee Republican Party's Rules and Regulations shall govern the process.

Article III Election of Officers

Section 1. Election of officers to the CEC shall be made in accordance with the Bylaws and Rules of the Tennessee Republican Party. Officers shall be elected at the WCRP Reorganization to be held between January 15 and April 15 of each odd numbered year.

Section 2. All officers of the WCRP are elected for two-year terms or until their successor(s) is (are) elected in accordance with Section 1 of this Article.

Section 3. All voting shall be by secret ballot unless only one single candidate is nominated. In that event, voting may be by affirmation.

Article IV Meetings

Section 1. The CEC shall set the schedule for its meetings at the beginning of each year in order to enhance the Committee's ability to plan effective strategies and meetings. However, the County Chairman shall have the discretion to change the meeting schedule as he deems appropriate.

Section 2. The CEC shall meet at least quarterly and shall meet monthly during statewide election years.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or by any two members of the CEC in the absence of the Chairman with five (5) days' notice to the membership of the Committee.

Section 4. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting Officers as defined in Article II Section 2 above.

Section 5. Voting members of the CEC may proxy their vote to another voting member of the CEC. Each member may carry a maximum of one proxy. Proxies must be submitted to the Chairman and Secretary in email at least 24 hours before the meeting begins. Proxies shall count toward quorum. Proxies do not count toward that Officer's attendance.

Section 6. If motions arise that need to be voted on in between meetings, electronic voting via email shall be permitted. For a vote to count, it must be sent to the entire voting membership of the CEC either individually or via a previously established listserv. The Secretary shall record the vote.

Article V
Officers' Duties

Section 1. The County Chairman shall

A. Be the Chief Executive of the WCRP and of the CEC. He shall be responsible for the management and administration of the affairs of the WCRP and of the CEC, shall preside at all meetings of the Officers and of the CEC, and shall coordinate the political activities of the WCRP. He shall create an annual budget, with the assistance of the Treasurer, to be voted on by the Board no later than February. In years where a new chairman is elected, the budget shall be submitted no later than 30 days after the convention.

B. Work with the Treasurer to set fundraising goals to support annual operations and Republican Campaigns. The Chairman shall approve all requests for fund disbursements and shall insure an audit trail is maintained. Shall work with the Treasurer monthly to review expenses and income. All disbursements must be authorized by two members of the Executive Committee to include the Treasurer and the Chairman. Unbudgeted expenses exceeding \$2000 shall be approved by the CEC.

C. Preserve order and decorum at all meetings. He shall have the right to employ any staff necessary to carry out WCRP duties. The County Chairman shall create and name WCRP members to any additional committees needed to carry out the purposes of the WCRP subject to the approval of a majority vote of the CEC.

D. Form a committee of Vice-Chairs to verify all Republican candidates who request petitions to run in the Republican Primary

are bona fide having voted in the last 3 of 4 Republican Primaries. The Chairman may also verify nonpartisan candidates and endorse Republican candidates in nonpartisan races with the Executive Committee approval.

E. Chair a committee with State Executive Committee members, Presidents of Tennessee Federated Republican Women's Clubs, Chairman of the Williamson County Young Republicans and other Republican clubs for the purpose of promoting Republican values, candidates and growing all the respective organizations.

1. This committee shall have at a minimum two community events per year, such as an educational event or a promotional tent at a community event like the concert series at Crockett Park or the Williamson County Fair.

F. It is the official duty of the Chairman to notify the Williamson County Election Commission to call for a Republican Primary Election.

Section 2. The First Vice-Chairman shall

A. Perform duties of the County Chairman in his absence. If both the County Chairman and the First Vice-Chairman are absent from a CEC meeting, the CEC shall elect a temporary County Chairman to preside at the meeting.

B. Serve on the committee to verify all Republican candidates who request petitions for the names to appear on the Republican Primary ballot as bona fide Republicans having voted in the last 3 of 4 Republican Primaries. This committee should meet with all candidates whose names appear on the Republican ballot in person to discuss the primary elections and establish a working relationship.

C. In years of Federal, State, and Local partisan races, shall form a committee which shall include but not be limited to the Second and Third Vice-Chairs. Under the direction of the County Chairman, this committee will conduct candidate surveys based on the issues, voting record and policy which will be distributed as a resource for all Republican voters in Williamson County. This committee shall also work to educate and provide sample ballots to voters. All CEC members will assist with Reagan Day, the summer membership event or other events that WCRP may host.

Section 3. The Second Vice-Chair shall

A. Serve on the committee to verify all Republican candidates who request petitions for their names to appear on the Republican ballot as bona fide Republicans having voted in 3 of 4 Republican Primaries. This committee should meet with all candidates whose names will appear on the Republican ballot in person to discuss the primary elections and the role of the Party.

B. In years of Federal, State, and Local partisan races, shall serve on the Election committee to conduct candidate surveys based on the issues, voting record and policy, which will be distributed as a resource for all Republican voters in Williamson County. This committee shall also work to educate and provide sample ballots to voters.

Section 4. The Third Vice-Chair shall

A. Serve on the committee to verify all Republican candidates who request petitions for their names to appear on the Republican Primary ballot as bona fide Republicans having voted in 3 of 4 Republican Primaries. This committee should meet with all candidates whose names appear on the Republican ballot in person to discuss the primary elections and the role of the Party.

B. In Federal, State and Local Partisan races, shall serve on the Election Committee to conduct candidate surveys based on issues, voting record, and policy which will be distributed as a resource for all Republican voters in Williamson County. This committee shall also work to educate and provide sample ballots to voters.

C. Will work with the Membership Chair to grow WCRP paid memberships in all classes of membership. All CEC members will assist with Reagan Day, the summer membership event, or other events that the WCRP may host.

Section 5. The Secretary shall

A. Take the minutes of each meeting of the CEC and email them out to the Board within five days of the meeting. At the beginning of the next meeting, the Secretary shall make a motion to adopt those minutes.

B. Be responsible for coordinating all thank you notes on behalf of the County Party such as guests of Reagan Day, speakers, volunteers, and all candidates whose names appear on a Primary ballot, and those who win the Primary and the General Elections.

C. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the County Chairman or the CEC.

D. All records prepared by the Secretary shall be and remain the property of the CEC. A hard copy or thumb drive of minutes shall be turned over to the new secretary upon the end of her term and within the first 30 days of transition.

Section 6. The Assistant Secretary shall

A. Perform the duties of Secretary in the Secretary's absence. In the absence of both the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, the Chairman shall appoint a substitute.

B. Be responsible for coordinating all thank you notes on behalf of the County Party such as guests of Reagan Day, speakers, volunteers, and all candidates whose names appear on a Primary ballot, and those who win the Primary and the General Elections

Section 7. The Treasurer shall

A. Prepare, with the WCRP Chairman, an annual budget to be presented to the CEC for approval.

B. Be responsible for implementing an internal system of financial controls. Section 7

C. He shall be responsible for the reconciliation of the bank statements and depositing and disbursing moneys received by the WCRP. All disbursements must be authorized by two members of the Executive Committee to include the Treasurer and the Chairman. Any non-budgeted expenditure exceeding \$2,000 shall be approved by the CEC.

D. The Treasurer shall report at each regular or special meeting of the CEC all receipts and disbursements since the previous meeting.

E. The Treasurer shall file all reports required by law.

F. All records of the Treasurer shall be and remain the property of the CEC.

Section 8. The Vice-Treasurer shall

A. Assist the Treasurer with the data collection, preparation and filing of PAC reports.

B. Maintain the current membership list for all classes of paid membership of the WCRP complete with emails, addresses, and phone numbers.

C. Assist the Treasurer or Chairman as requested.

Article VI
Bona Fide Republican Requirements

Section 1. The following shall be requirements for voting Party Members on the CEC:

A. Any individual who is actively involved in the Tennessee Republican Party, his County Republican Party, or any recognized auxiliary organization of either; and resides and is registered to vote in said county; and

B. Any individual who has voted in the last three Statewide Republican primaries in his county of residence during those primary elections. Younger Republicans who may not have been of legal age for three primary elections must obtain approval from the State Chairman.

Section 2. The following shall be requirements for non-voting Members of the CEC:

A. Any individual who has voted in at least two of the last four Statewide Republican primaries in his county of residence during those primary elections. Younger Republicans who may not have been of legal age for four primary elections must obtain approval from the State Chairman: and either

B. Any individual who is actively involved in the Tennessee Republican Party, his County Republican Party, or any recognized

auxiliary organization of either; and resides and is registered to vote in said county; or

- C. Any individual who is vouched for in writing to the satisfaction of the State Chairman as a bona fide Republican, such as by an officer of the TRP, a member of the SEC, or CEC of the County where the individual resides. 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.

D. Anyone who is working as a paid staff with a Democratic candidate for office shall not be considered a bona fide Republican.

Section 3. The following “bona fide Republican” definition shall be applied in all other instances, including, but not limited to, candidacy to public office, appointment to positions such as Election Commissions, and participation in WCRP Reorganization Conventions:

A. Any individual who is actively involved in the Tennessee Republican Party, his County Republican Party, or any recognized auxiliary organization of either; and resides and is registered to vote in said county; and either

B. Any individual who has voted in at least three (3) of the four (4) most recent Statewide Republican primary elections; or

C. Any individual who is vouched for in writing to the satisfaction of the State Chairman as a bona fide Republican, such as by an officer of the TRP, a member of the SEC, CEC 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.

D. The Credentials Committee may authorize individuals to pre-register for the County Convention to allow them to pre-check a voter's bona fide status prior to the event.

Section 4. The TRP and each CEC shall maintain a list of all recognized auxiliary organizations for the application of the foregoing standards. Each CEC shall submit an updated list of recognized auxiliary organizations prior to their biennial reorganization. The State Chairman has final authority on all approved auxiliary organizations.

Section 5. "Actively involved in" in the foregoing section shall be defined as a quantifiable contribution including time or money to the Tennessee Republican Party, the Williamson County Republican Party, or any recognized auxiliary organization. This contribution shall be made from the most recent County Republican Party Reorganization up to 30 days prior to the County Republican Party Reorganization.

Section 6. If there is a challenge to the 'bona fide' status of a person who seeks to run for office as a Republican, the candidate's status as a bona fide Republican shall be determined in accordance with Article IX, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Tennessee Republican Party.

Article VII
Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority of the full voting membership of the CEC at any meeting. 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 Rules and Bylaws Subcommittee of the CEC of the Tennessee Republican Party.

Article VIII
Miscellaneous

Section 1. These Bylaws shall be effective on and after their adoption by the CEC. All Previous Bylaws or Rules inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 2. These Bylaws are intended to be in conformity with all Bylaws, Rules and regulations of the Tennessee Republican Party, and governing federal and Tennessee statutes, rules and regulations.

Article IX
Robert's Rules

Section 1. The most recent revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings on matters not specifically covered by these Bylaws.

Article X
County Party Reorganization

Part I
General Procedures

Section 1. The WCRP shall reorganize itself between January 15 and April 15 of each odd numbered year by means of a District Delegated County Convention.

Section 2. On or before January 15 of each odd numbered year, the County Chairman shall call a meeting of the CEC by written or email notice sent at least 15 days before such meeting. Such meetings shall take place on or before January 30 of each odd numbered year. At such meeting, a majority of the voting Officers shall constitute a quorum. If the County Chairman fails to call the meeting, the State Chairman shall appoint a temporary County Chairman to carry out the procedures for reorganization of the WCRP.

A. Such meeting shall fix the time, date, and places for the District Conventions and for the County Convention. By majority vote, the CEC can vote to consolidate District Conventions and the County Convention into a single meeting at the same reserved location.

B. At this meeting, the County Chairman shall appoint, with the approval of a majority of the voting Officers present, a Parliamentarian and a Contest and Credentials Committee. The Contest and Credentials Committee shall consist of five members from five separate Districts within Williamson County. The Contest and Credentials Committee shall have the final authority on, and announce, the eligibility of candidates to run for WCRP Officers as set forth in these Bylaws. A separate Convention Chairman may be appointed with the approval of a majority of the voting Officers present.

Section 3. The duties of the Contest and Credentials Committee shall include the following:

A. It shall prepare instructions for the holding of the District Conventions and the County Convention, including the proper number of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to be chosen by each District. The number of Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be certified in writing and delivered to the existing District Chairman, or person serving in his stead, along with the ballots for election of District Officers and Delegates and Alternate Delegates, and certification forms to be used for the District Convention proceedings.

B. It shall prepare ballots for the election of District Officers and Delegates and Alternate Delegates, certification forms for reporting the results of the elections in the District Conventions, a form for affirmation of Republican allegiance and any other forms deemed necessary or appropriate for the use in the reorganization of the WCRP.

C. It shall meet after the District Conventions and before the County Convention and review the certifications received from each newly elected District Chairman and take other such actions as required by these Bylaws or by the Chairman or Executive Committee.

D. It shall hear and determine any contests of elections at District Conventions, subject to appeal to the County Convention as a whole in the manner specified in these rules.

E. **The Credentials Committee may authorize individuals to pre-register for the Convention to allow them to pre-check a voter's bona fide status.**

F. Meetings of the Contest and Credentials committee shall be open to the public.

Section 4. At least ten days before the District Conventions, the County Chairman shall have published in a newspaper with general circulation within Williamson County that has a circulation of at least 10,000, a paid

advertisement stating the date, time and place for the holding of each District Convention. The Districts shall have the same geographic boundaries as the voting Districts in the previous November General Election. Such advertisement shall also specify the date, time and place, and the purpose for holding the District Conventions to reorganize the WCRP. The advertisement shall also state the name, email address, and phone number of the Chairman of the Contest and Credentials Committee and shall specify the deadline for filing contests as to the results of any District Convention.

Part II District Conventions

Section 1. On the date and at the time and place(s) specified, a District Convention shall be held for each District within the County. The purpose of such Conventions shall be the election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates from such District to the County Convention, as well as the election of a District Chairman and other such Officers as may be desired, and the transaction of such other business as may be appropriate.

A. Candidates for the County Executive Committee shall declare their candidacies within five business days of the start of the convention to allow the Credentials Committee to verify their bona fide status. No nominations past the deadline shall be allowed from the floor.

Section 2. The order of business for the District Convention shall be as follows:

A. The then existing District Chairman shall convene the meeting. If he is unable to be present, the District Vice-Chairman, if any, shall preside. If there is no Vice-Chairman, the District Chairman may designate, in writing, a temporary Chairman to act in his place. If there is no functioning District Chairman or Vice-Chairman, the County Chairman shall designate, in writing, a temporary Chairman.

B. The next order of business shall be the resolution of any challenge to a citizen's right to vote and participate in the District Convention. Any bona fide Republican citizen who is duly registered to vote in, and

resides in, the District shall be entitled to vote and participate in the District Convention. Any bona fide Republican citizen whose loyalty to the Republican Party is questioned; may be challenged by any other bona fide Republican citizen present and qualified to participate. The challenged citizen shall be entitled to vote and participate in the Convention, upon his public and written affirmation of his allegiance to the Republican Party on the form furnished by the County Chairman or the Contest and Credentials Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no person who is then holding office as a Democrat shall be allowed to vote and participate in a District or WCRP Convention. If a citizen's residence or registration to vote in the District is challenged, he shall vote on a paper ballot, which shall be counted, marked, and set aside. If such citizen is determined not to be properly registered to vote in said District, and not to be a resident of said District, his vote and participation shall be null and void. All prospective delegates shall present a valid photo I.D., and the county Contest and Credentials Committee shall verify the delegates registered voter status.

- C. The next order of business shall be that the Chairman of the meeting may designate two clerks, who shall assist in distributing, collecting and counting ballots and shall perform such other tasks as are assigned by the Chairman of the meeting.
 - D. The next order of business shall be the election of a new District Chairman and other qualified officers. District Officers shall meet the requirements set forth in Article VI Section 2 and be elected by majority vote of the qualified citizens present and voting. Runoffs shall be held, if necessary, to determine a majority. The newly elected District Chairman shall upon his election assume the chair and preside at the remainder of the District Convention.
 - E. The next order of business shall be the election of the District's Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the County Convention.
1. The total Republican vote for the Republican Presidential candidate in the last presidential general election shall be the basis by which the

number of Delegates and Alternates to be elected is determined. In addition to the votes cast for the Republican Presidential candidate on the general election day, each District shall be allocated additional votes for absentee and early votes cast in each District. These additional votes shall be determined in the manner set forth in the Bylaws and Rules of the Tennessee Republican Party. Each District shall be entitled to one delegate for each 200 Republican votes, or majority thereof, calculated for that District.

1. Each qualified citizen present and participating in the District Convention shall be entitled to vote for the number of Delegates to which the District is entitled. No proxies shall be allowed.

1. The floor shall be opened for nominations for Delegates. Each person nominated must be a bona fide Republican, as defined in Article VI Section 3 of these Bylaws, who is a registered voter residing the District at the time of the election. The total vote for each candidate for Delegate shall be recorded. Delegates in the number allotted to the District shall be elected in order of the highest total vote received. In the event of a tie vote, all names involved in the tie shall be used in consecutive Delegate positions. A runoff shall be used, if necessary, to determine the last Delegate position. Alternate Delegates shall be elected in a number up to the number of Delegates elected. Candidates for Delegate who did not receive sufficient votes to be elected Delegate shall become Alternates, in descending order of the number of votes cast for each person. In the case of a tie, the same procedure for the selection of Delegates shall also apply to the selection of Alternates.

F. The District Convention shall then proceed to other such business as may be appropriate.

Section 3. If any District fails to hold a District Convention or fails to elect Delegates at the District Convention, then promptly after the County Convention, the newly elected County Chairman shall appoint a District Chairman and other District Officers and Committee member from qualified Republicans who reside and are registered to vote in the District, to serve until the next Williamson County

Reorganization. The Chairman, shall not, however, appoint Delegates to the County Convention.

Section 4. Within three business days after the District Convention, the newly-elected District Chairman shall certify the results of the election of District Delegates to the County Chairman or the Chairman of the Contest and Credentials Committee, on forms prescribed and furnished by the Contest and Credentials Committee. The newly-elected District Chairman shall also furnish a list of names and address of the citizens who voted and participated in the District Convention. The names and addresses of the Delegates to the County Convention shall be available to the public. The ballots in the District Convention shall be preserved by the District Chairman until after the County Convention. If the results of the election are timely contested, or if the certification is rejected by the Contest and Credentials Committee, the ballots shall be promptly delivered to the Chairman of the Contest and Credentials Committee, to be preserved until any possible contest has been finally resolved or the time for filing any further contest has expired.

Section 5. Within seven calendar days after the District Convention, the Contest and Credentials Committee shall meet and review all certifications made pursuant to Section 4. If it rejects any certification, the Chairman of the Committee shall, within twenty-four hours, notify in writing any Delegate or Alternate whose credentials have been rejected, specifying the time and place at which any contest of such rejection shall be heard.

Section 6. If there is a contest of any election at a District Convention, the Contest and Credentials Committee shall hear and resolve the same. Any citizen participating in any District Convention may contest the results by filing with the Chairman of the Contest and Credentials Committee, at the email address specified in the newspaper advertisement of the District Conventions, a written notice of contest stating the specific legal and factual grounds for the contest. Such notice shall be filed within five business days after the District Convention. At the meeting held pursuant to the foregoing Section, the Contest and Credentials Committee shall fix the time and place for hearing of all contests filed, and the Chairman shall notify the contestants and the contested Delegates or Alternates of the time and place for hearing such contests. Contestants may be represented by counsel at such contest hearings. The Committee or any contestant may record, either by video or audio or by

the use of a stenographer or court reporter, provided the method of recording does not cause a disruption to the proceedings. All contests shall be heard and decided at least twenty-four hours before the County Convention. The determination of the Contest and Credentials Committee may be appealed to the County Convention as a whole, in the manner provided elsewhere herein.

Part III County Conventions

Section 1. At the time, date and place specified, the County Convention shall meet to reorganize the WCRP.

Section 2. The order of business at the County Convention shall be as follows:

A. The County Chairman shall convene the Convention. If he is unable to be present, the County Vice-Chairmen, in order of their positions, if any, shall preside. If there is no Vice-Chairman, the County Chairman may designate, in writing, a temporary Chairman to act in his place. If there is no functioning County Chairman or Vice Chairman, the State Chairman shall designate in writing, a temporary Chairman.

B. Only Delegates, including Alternates if applicable, certified by the Contest and Credentials Committee, shall be allowed on the floor of the Convention. The report of the Contest and Credentials Committee shall be read, and the Secretary shall call the roll of Districts to determine if a quorum is present. The presence of Delegates representing one-third of the Districts in the County shall constitute a quorum. The Committee shall then proceed to hear and determine any appeals from actions of the Contest and Credentials Committee. Contestants shall be allowed to appear on the floor and present their appeals. The contests shall be heard in the numbered order of Districts and, within Districts, in numerical order. Each contest shall be determined by a majority vote of the Delegates voting in the manner prescribed. The certified Delegates whose seats are in question shall not be entitled to vote, but all other Delegates, including those whose seats may be the subject of a later contest, may vote on such contest. If any contesting Delegate is seated by the Convention, such Delegate

shall immediately take his place in the Convention and shall be entitled to full participation thereafter. On any divided vote, any Delegate may request a roll call vote. The roll call vote shall be called by District in numerical order and, within Districts, in numerical order. Each District shall be entitled to one vote for each Delegate present and voting. The use of the unit rule shall not be permitted.

- C. The next order of business shall be the election of a new County Chairman, which shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast. There shall be a run-off election between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes, if necessary. The newly elected County Chairman shall, upon election, assume the chair and preside over the remainder of the Convention.
- D. The meeting shall then proceed to the election of other Officers of the WCRP. These include a Vice Chairman of the opposite sex from the Chairman, a Second Vice-Chairman, a Third Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Vice-Treasurer.
- E. At least two clerks appointed by the Chairman of the Contest and Credentials Committee shall tally the votes and perform such other functions as the Chairman of the meeting assigns them. The Contest and Credentials Committee shall oversee the voting.
- F. The County Convention shall then proceed to such other business as may have been included in the Call of the meeting and such other business as it deems appropriate.
- G. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws and Rules, the County Convention shall be conducted in compliance with the most recent revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Part IV
Certification of the County Executive Committee

Section 1. Within ten (10) days following certification of the results of the County Reorganization, the County Chairman shall ensure the Officers are sworn to a commitment to perform the duties of their position to the best of their ability, as defined in these Bylaws. This ceremony can be conducted by any Republican county constitutional officer, by an SEC member representing that Senatorial District, by the State Party Chairman or by his designee. In addition, the County chairman shall confirm, under oath, a pledge to uphold and enforce all Bylaws of the WCRP and Tennessee Republican Party.

Section 2. Within ten calendar days after the WCRP reorganization, the newly elected County Chairman and Secretary shall certify in writing to the State Chairman the following:

E. Names and addresses of all members of the newly elected CEC,

F. The names and addresses of the newly elected Officers of the WCRP, and

G. The names and addresses of all Delegates participating in the District Delegated County Convention.

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