

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

PREAMBLE

THE MEMBERS OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY STATUTES, TITLE 19, DO HEREBY ADOPT THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS TO GOVERN THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1. NAME

1.1 The name of this organization is the Camden County Republican Committee (“County Committee” or “Committee”).

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

2.1 This Committee shall have as its purpose the promotion of the principles and platforms of the Republican Party and shall direct the affairs and further the interests of the Republican Party in Camden County.

2.2 This Committee shall support the campaigns of Republican candidate in all state and national elections. The County Committee members shall promote and support all general election political campaigns and assist in the duties of all campaigns in their respective wards, townships, and boroughs subject to the supervision and control of the County Committee.

ARTICLE II

MEMBER REPRESENTATION

SECTION I. REPRESENTATION

1.1 The Camden County Republican Committee shall consist of two members, one male and one female, elected biennially for each unit of representation in each municipality in the county, pursuant to the provisions of Title 19 of New Jersey Statutes. For purposes of this section, a unit of representation shall equal 500 registered Republicans, or a portion thereof.

1.2 The number of registered Republicans per municipality, as recorded pursuant to the Camden County Clerk’s voter registration records, shall be fixed as of the primary election date of the year preceding a County Committee election and shall determine the number of County Committee representatives to be on the ballot for each municipality at the next primary election.

1.3 The Camden County Republican State Committeeman and Committeewoman shall be ex officio honorary members of the County Committee.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1 No person who is not a qualified Republican elector, as defined herein, shall be eligible for election to the County Committee. Any member of the County Committee who fails or refuses to support all general election candidates of the Republican Party or who shall fail to maintain his or her registration as a Republican for his or her entire term on the Committee shall be disqualified from holding such membership and shall be removed from the Committee. Any claim of ineligibility against a person may be appealed, with all due process, to the County Committee whose determination on the matter is final.

2.2 For purposes of this section, a qualified Republican elector shall mean a person who is a resident of Camden County and a registered Republican in Camden County at the time of filing his or her nomination petitions.

2.3 The members of the County Committee shall actually reside in the municipality they represent.

SECTION 3. TERM OF OFFICE

3.1 The members of the Camden County Republican Committee shall take office on the first Saturday following their election, on which day the terms of all members of the County Committee theretofore elected shall terminate unless otherwise provided for by an Act of the Legislature.

SECTION 4. RESIGNATION

4.1 A member of the County Committee may resign his or her office to the County Committee and upon the County Chairperson's acceptance thereof, a vacancy shall exist.

SECTION 5. VACANCY

5.1 Vacancies caused by death, resignation, failure to elect, or removal for cause, shall be filled for the unexpired term by an appointment of the then remaining members of the County Committee representing the municipality in which such vacancy shall occur. The chairperson shall provide a copy of the constitution and bylaws to any committee member appointed to fill a vacancy within three business days of the committee member's selection.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING

1.1 The annual meeting of the County Committee shall be held on the first Tuesday following the primary election, except that when such meeting day falls on a legal holiday then the said meeting shall be held on the day following, and when such meeting day falls on the day of a municipal runoff election within the county then said meeting may be held on the day following, at an hour and place to be designated in a notice in writing to be mailed by the chairperson to each member and member-elect.

1.2 At the annual meeting the members of the County Committee shall elect some suitable person as chairperson who shall be a resident of such county to hold office until a successor is elected, a vice-chairperson of the opposite sex of the chairperson to hold office for 1 year or until a successor is elected, and all other officers hereafter provided for who shall hold office for two years or until each of their successors is elected except the Solicitor who shall be appointed by the chairperson to hold office for two years or until his successor is appointed.

1.3 All officers, other than the chair, vice-chair, and solicitor must be elected from among the members of the County Committee.

SECTION 2. REGULAR MEETING

2.1 There shall be regular meetings of the County Committee, which shall meet at the call of the chair pursuant to law.

SECTION 3. SPECIAL MEETING

3.1 Upon written request to the chair by at least 50 members of the County Committee, the chair may, within 14 days of receiving such request, call a special meeting of the County Committee provided, however, that if the chair does not call such special meeting, the 50 members may, by fifteen days written notice to each County Committee member, call a special meeting. When a special meeting is called and notice is given to the members as prescribed herein, the reasons for and agenda of the special meeting shall be specifically stated in such notice and the Committee actions shall be limited to those agenda items only.

SECTION 4. PRESIDING OFFICERS

4.1 The chairperson shall preside over all meetings.

4.2 In the absence of the chairperson, the vice-chairperson, the solicitor, the secretary, and then the treasurer, in that order, shall be vested with the authority of the chairperson.

SECTION 5. QUORUM

5.1 The attendance of at least 50% plus one of the total membership of the County Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but less than a quorum may adjourn from time to time. A motion shall be carried when it receives a majority of the votes cast, exclusive of abstentions.

SECTION 6. PLACE OF MEETING

6.1 The chairperson may designate a place within Camden County as the place for any annual meeting or for any regular or special meeting of the County Committee.

SECTION 7. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

7.1 Unless otherwise designated in this Constitution and Bylaws, notice of the place, day and time of every annual, regular or special meeting is to be made known through written notice to each committee member by the chairperson or his or her designee.

SECTION 8. VOTING

8.1 Voting for election of officers shall be by voice vote, except in the case of a contested election in which case the vote shall be by roll call vote.

8.2 In all other matters voting shall be by voice vote, unless a majority of the persons present at such meeting shall otherwise determine.

SECTION 9. ORDER OF BUSINESS

9.1 The order of business at every regular meeting of the County Committee shall be as follows:

- A. Chairperson call meeting to order;
- B. Roll call of members;
- C. Reading of minutes of previous meeting;
- D. Report of Committees;
- E. Communications;
- F. Unfinished business;
- G. New Business;
- H. Good and Welfare;
- I. Adjournment.

9.2 Robert's Rules of Order, as revised or supplemented, shall, when not in conflict with this Constitution and Bylaws, govern the conduct of all meetings.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

1.1 The officers of the County Committee shall consist of a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms, and solicitor.

SECTION 2. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

2.1 The County Committee officers shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

A. Chairperson – The County Committee Chairperson shall have general charge and be the campaign manager of each campaign; shall preside at and set the agenda for all meetings of the County Committee; shall enforce all rules of the County Committee; shall call meetings of the County Committee; shall perform all duties in accordance with this Constitution and Bylaws; shall perform the other duties required by law; shall appoint from the Committee membership all members of any standing or special committees; shall have the sole and unencumbered discretion to select which candidate is entitled to utilize the County Committee name or slogan; shall have all other duties, powers, and responsibilities not otherwise attributed to any other officer, committee, or member; shall serve ex officio on all standing and special committees.

B. Vice-Chairperson – The County Committee Vice-Chairperson shall, in the absence of the chairperson, or in the event of the chair’s inability to serve, assume all the duties and responsibilities of the chairperson and shall serve in such capacity as the circumstances may require until a chairperson is elected as provided by this Constitution and Bylaws.

C. Secretary – The County Committee Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the County Committee; shall be responsible for giving notice for all meetings to the members of the County Committee; shall keep a record of all correspondence and reply to same at the direction of the chairperson; shall perform the detail work of the County Committee during the progress of any election campaign or to serve at other times as the need arises.

D. Treasurer - The County Committee Treasurer shall receive all County Committee funds and disburse same under the direction of the chairperson; and shall make a report to the County Committee officers as directed by the chairperson.

E. Sergeant-at-Arms – The County Committee Sergeant-at-Arms shall attend all meetings and be subject to the dictates of the chairperson.

F. Solicitor – The County Committee Solicitor shall advise the County Committee whenever called upon by the Committee or the chairperson on questions of law concerning the conduct of the County Committee and its campaigns; and shall act as Parliamentarian at all meetings of the County Committee. This person shall serve ex-officio on all committees.

SECTION 3. VACANCY OF OFFICERS

3.1 In the event of a vacancy of the office of chairperson, the vice-chairperson shall convene a meeting of the County Committee within 30 days of the vacancy at which time the Committee shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

3.2 In the event of a vacancy occurring in any other office, the chairperson shall designate a successor within 30 days of the creation of the vacancy to fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. COMMITTEES

1.1 The chair shall appoint the following standing committees and the chair thereof:

- A. Executive;
- B. Finance;
- C. Campaign;
- D. Communications;
- E. Young Republicans;

SECTION 2. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2.1 At least 3 members of each committee shall be appointed from among the members of the County Committee unless otherwise required by this Constitution and Bylaws. All other members of said committees and their chairs may be appointed from among county Republicans at large.

ARTICLE VI

TRANSMITTAL AND AVAILABILITY OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

SECTION 1. TRANSMITTAL OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

1.1 The chairperson of the outgoing county committee shall transmit, with the notice of the annual meeting, a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws to any newly elected committee member.

1.2 The chairperson of the County Committee shall provide a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws to any committee member appointed to fill a vacancy within three business days of the committee member's election.

SECTION 2. AVAILABILITY OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

2.1 Any person elected or appointed to membership on the County Committee may request, in writing and by certified mail to the chairperson, such constitution and bylaws currently in effect.

2.2 The committee member requesting the constitution and bylaws shall receive the constitution and bylaws within 48 hours of the receipt of the request by the chairperson.

2.3 The constitution and bylaws of the County Committee shall be posted and displayed on the County Committee Internet website, if the Committee has a website.

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ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

SECTION 1. AMENDEMENTS BY COUNTY COMMITTEE

1.1 This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by any member by submitting the proposed amendment to the Executive Committee for review and comment for a two week period.

1.2 The Executive Committee shall return the proposed amendment to the proposing member with its comments.

1.3 The proposing member shall then present to the Secretary the provision as it currently reads, the proposed changes, and the comments of the Executive Committee.

1.4 Amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws shall be by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the total membership of the County Committee.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS BY LEGISLATURE

2.1 Whenever any law shall be enacted by the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, which law in any way conflicts with any provision of this Constitution and Bylaws, this Constitution and Bylaws shall be considered amended and/or supplemented by such legislation without any further action by the County Committee.