

PROPOSED CHANGES

ARTICLE IV: Propose to change date of County Convention to 2008 to keep current with by law amendments.

ARTICLE V:

Section 1: Propose to delete the requirement that the remaining eighteen (18) optional members to this Committee be added in multiples of five, including one (1) member from each supervisors district as this requirement is too restrictive.

Section 2: Propose that All vacancies in the Committee shall be filled at large; the current requirement is that the vacancy be filled by someone in the same district.

Section 5: Propose that the quorum of this Committee be decreased from fifty percent of the current membership to twenty (20) percent of the current membership plus one officer.

Section 6: Propose deletion of this Section. This section gives the Committee the duties of the "County Central Committee" which has been nonexistent for quite some time.

ARTICLE III: Propose to change spelling of "sing" to "sign" unless Sherry is vocally talented.

ARTICLE IX: Propose to change wording to be less confusing on endorsements of political candidates.

ARTICLE XII: Propose to change the residency portion from "If residence is a necessary requirement to hold..." to simply state that upon a change in residence...shall automatically constitute a resignation. It has also been suggested that we amend to include a provision that any committee member qualifying for elective office resign.

* Also propose to correct any misspellings or grammar changes as needed.

** If anyone has any other suggestions, please call me at 474-0013.

**BY- LAWS
OF
JACKSON COUNTY
REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

SEPTEMBER, 2000

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be the Jackson County Republican Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as the committee, or County Executive committee, being a political organization located in Jackson County, Mississippi.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of this committee is to develop an active and vigorous effective political organization within the county, to support the principles, objectives, and platforms of the Mississippi Republican Party; to work for the election of the candidates of the Republican party; and to encourage and support the election of all duly nominated Republican candidates in the county.

ARTICLE III

Membership of 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 and who desire to be members of the Jackson County Republican party.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1: A County Convention shall be held in the year 2004 and every four (4) years thereafter at a time and place fixed by the statues 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 State Convention, elect a County Executive Committee, adopt platforms, statements of principles, and do and perform any other acts and things either prescribed 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 the State and the By-Laws of the Mississippi Republican party.

Section 3: Delegates 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 Executive committee shall be the officers of the convention.

Section 4: The officers of the County Executive Committee shall by majority vote appoint a parliamentarian and sergeant-at-arms to facilitate an orderly convention. The appointees need not be members of the County Executive committee.

Section 5: 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 Revised shall govern the procedure of this Convention unless the Convention should adopt a set of convention Rules by a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE V

county executive committee:

Section 1: The County Executive Committee shall consist of no less than eighteen (18) members and no more than thirty-six (36) members, including at least three (3) members from each supervisors district elected by the entire County Convention and three (3) members at large selected by the Committee itself. The remaining eighteen (18) optional members will be added in multiples of five, including one (1) member from each supervisors district.

Section 1 (a): Nonvoting advisory membership in this County Executive committee shall be conferred automatically upon Republican Office holders an the chief executive or the designee of a Republican Organization properly recognized under section 2 of Article VII.

Section 2: All vacancies in the County Executive Committee shall be filled by the Committee with a qualified elector from the same supervisors district.

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 at a time to be fixed by the County Convention, at which time a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected.

Section 5: Fifty percent (50) or more members of the County Executive Committee, plus at least one officer of the County Executive Committee, shall constitute a quorum and a majority of the quorum shall have power to transact any business at a duly called or regularly scheduled meeting, unless otherwise provided herein. Notice of all meeting of the County Executive Committee shall be given to the members. Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern the proceedings of the Committee, unless the Committee adopts a set of Committee Rules by a two-thirds vote.

Section 6: The County Executive Committee of Jackson County hereby assumes the duties of the County Central Committee, and shall operate as and for the County Central Committee. Hereafter, there shall be no separate County Central Committee for Jackson County, Mississippi.

Section 7: The County Executive Committee shall meet on the second Thursday of each month and at such times as may be necessary upon the call of the County Chairman or majority vote of the members of the Committee.

Section 8: All members of the said County Executive Committee, as well as advisory members shall be given reasonable notice of all called meeting.

Section 9: The County Executive Committee shall have the control and management of all the affairs and properties of the Republican party in Jackson County, Mississippi, except when the County convention is in actual session.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICER:

Section 1: County Chairman: The County Chairman shall be elected by the County Executive Committee in the manner herein set forth. He shall serve as the Chairman of and preside at all meeting of the County Convention and Executive Committee. The Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party in Jackson 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 officer of the County Chairman, such as coordinating with other state and National Party leaders.

Section 2: County Vice Chairman: The County Vice Chairman shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the Chairman in his absence or in the event of his inability to act, except as otherwise specifically provided in the Election Laws.

Section 3: County Coordinator for Women's Activities: The County Coordinator for Women's Activities shall be elected by the County Executive Committee in the manner herein provided and shall be a member of the County Executive Committee and shall generally coordinate all women's activities within the county and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee or the County Chairman.

Section 4: Secretary: The Secretary shall be elected by the County Executive Committee in the manner herein provided and shall serve as the Secretary of the County Convention and the Executive Committee ; shall keep minutes of the meeting of each; and shall perform such other duties as are required by law or may be prescribed by the County Executive Committee, as well as those incidental to the office.

Section 5: Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be elected by the County Executive Committee in the manner herein provided. He/She shall perform the usual duties of the Treasurer of the party; shall specifically maintain, account for, and disburse all funds coming into the County organization; and shall perform such other duties as are required by law or may be prescribed by the County Executive Committee as well as those incidental to the office.

Section 6; County Finance Chairman: The county Finance Chairman shall be appointed by the County Chairman with approval of the County Executive Committee and of the State Finance Chairman and shall be the Chairman of the United Republican Fund Committee and in charge of all fund raising activities of the Committee, He/she shall perform all duties incidental to the office, as well as those prescribed by the County Executive Committee or the County Chairman.

Section 7: County Organization Chairman: The County Organization Chairman shall be a member of the Executive Committee and shall be appointed by the County Chairman, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. He/She shall organize each voting precinct for the conduct of canvasses, elections and other acts of the Committee, to specifically supervise the members programs, and any other voter registration and party activities within the county.

Section 8: Parliamentarian: The Parliamentarian shall be familiar and keep a copy of Roberts Rules of Order Revised. He/She shall be responsible for advising the Chairman or other presiding officers on matters of parliamentary procedure governing meeting of the Executive Committee and County Convention.

ARTICLE VII

ORGANIZATIONS:

Section 1: Municipal Executive Committee shall do and perform only those acts specifically required of them by the Laws of the State of Mississippi or authorized by those By-Laws or by appropriate action of the County Executive Committee.

Section 2: All affiliated chapter of Republican Organizations authorized by the State By-Laws may be officially recognized and sanctioned by the County Executive Committee, upon application and a majority vote of the Committee expressing approval.

Section 3: 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 VIII

FISCAL CONTROL:

Only the Treasurer or the Chairman of the county Executive Committee may sign all checks disbursing funds of the Jackson County Republican party, and there shall be an annual audit of the accounts of this Party by a certified public accountant unless waived by the County Executive Committee. No expenditures other than those covered by the annual budget shall be authorized except by a specific approval of the Executive Committee. The expenditure of funds within the budget shall be made at the direction of the County Chairman.

ARTICLE IX

ENDORSEMENTS:

Section 1: No Committee or member thereof or organization or officer thereof 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 primary election.

Section 2: In the event a party nominee will not be selected by primary election, then candidates for national, statewide, district or multi-county officers 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 organizations organized pursuant to the provisions of these By-Laws may endorse candidates other than those endorsed by the governing committee as specified above, provided, however, that only Republicans running for said office may be so endorsed.

ARTICLE X

PROXIES:

No proxies shall be authorized by an committee or convention of this party, except that this shall not be construed to prohibit duly elected alternate delegates from acting and voting for delegates in County, State or National Conventions.

ARTICLE XI

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The county Convention and all committee of this Committee 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 those By- Laws or any state or federal statues.

ARTICLE XII

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 the office or to be a member on a committee, than a change in residence shall automatically constitute a resignation. Any vacancy occurring in this County which may be filled by the Jackson County Republican party, may be filled by the County Executive Committee.

Section 2: Removals: Any and all officers, Executive Committee Members, Chairman of Committee, 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 ten (10) days notice of such proposed action shall have been given and provided further that the affected person, if not a member of the Executive Committee shall also be given ten (10) days notice in writing of said meeting and an opportunity to be heard at such meeting. In the event of a removal of any person by the County Executive Committee, the affected member may appeal said removal decision to the State Chairman within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of his/her removal. Voting on removal actions shall be by secret ballot.

Section 3: Every Political Party office shall be deemed vacant in the following case:

- (A) By the death of the incumbent.
- (B) By their resignation.
- (C) by their removal.
- (D) By their ceasing to be an inhabitant of the state, district or precinct for which they shall have been elected or appointed.
- (E) By their refusal to accept the office.
- (F) The conviction of the incumbent of any felony.
- (G) By their failure to attend without good and sufficient reason, three (3) consecutive meeting, regular or called, of the Committee of which he/she is a member. Unless the members of the Executive Committee determine by a majority vote that the reasons for non-attendance were good and sufficient, the secretary shall notify the delinquent member in writing that his office is vacant, and provisions for filling such a vacancy as provided in Article V of these By-Laws shall be instituted.

ARTICLE XIII

COMMITTEE:

Section 1: A Political party may elect or appoint other committee in addition to the Executive Committee, in accordance with its practices, the County Chairman may appoint Auxiliary Committee from among the membership of the public as he deems advisable provided that no Auxiliary Committee member who is not also a member of the Executive Committee shall have any of the right and privileges

of an Executive Committee member. The Executive Committee Membership, by a majority vote of the members present at any called meeting, may direct the County Chairman to appoint specific Auxiliary Committee. Chairman of any Auxiliary Committee shall be appointed by the County Chairman subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Committee Members present at a meeting. Such Chairman may be removed by the County Chairman or by a majority vote of Executive Committee Members present at a meeting. The County Chairman shall be ex-officio member of all committee with the exception of the Nominating Committee.

Section 2: There shall be the following standing subcommittees:

Finance, Public Relations, County Organizations, Teenage Republicans and College Republicans.

Section 3: The terms of office of any subcommittee or auxiliary committee shall expire at the termination of the tenure in office of the County Chairman who appoints them.

ARTICLE XIV

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

If a court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge to be invalid or unconstitutional any clause, sentence, 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. 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 be automatically amended to conform with the law.

ARTICLE XV

ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS:

These By-Laws shall take effect and be in force from and after their adoption by a two-third vote of the county Executive Committee. These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the county Executive committee.

Revised and adopted: 9/14/2000

Bylaws Chairman: Jah R. Fleming