

BYLAWS OF THE MAURY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Article I Name and Purpose

Section 1 – This organization is the Maury County Republican Party and will be referred to as the MCRP throughout this document.

Section 2 – The purposes of the MCRP shall be to promote the Republican Party Platform and recruit and promote Republican candidates and elected officials that do the same. This includes fostering the growth and strength of the MCRP and increasing the public awareness of Republican positions on issues.

Section 3 – For subjects/information not addressed in these MCRP bylaws, the Bylaws and/or Rules and Regulations of the Tennessee Republican Party (“TNRP”) shall control.

Article II
County Executive Committee

Section 1 – The affairs of the MCRP shall be governed by the County Executive Committee (CEC) in accordance with these Bylaws.

Section 2 – The CEC shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman (who shall be of the opposite sex of the Chairman), Recording Secretary, Communication Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, Immediate Past Chairman, the State Executive Committee (SEC) member(s) representing Maury County, and the Chairmen of any affiliated and duly recognized auxiliary organizations (e.g., Republican Women of Maury County, Young Republicans).

Section 3 – The CEC shall meet at least quarterly in non-election years and shall meet, at a minimum, monthly during election years.

Section 4 – A quorum for CEC meetings shall consist of a majority of the following MCRP officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, and the Chairmen of affiliated and duly recognized auxiliary organizations.

Section 5 – Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chairman of MCRP.

Section 6 – Voting members of the CEC, other than Immediate Past Chairman, SEC Member(s), and non-voting CEC members, are expected to attend every CEC meeting. Three successive absences without a valid reason are grounds for removal from the CEC by a 2/3 vote of the CEC.

Section 7 – The CEC as a body shall not endorse any Republican candidate in a contested primary election for state, local, or national elections.

Section 8 – As per TNRP Bylaws, the Chairman of the MCRP may not endorse a candidate in a contested primary election.

Section 9 – Upon the transfer of powers in an election year, the outgoing CEC officers shall pass, within two business days, all information to the counterpart incoming CEC officers. The past CEC officers must make accessible all current information needed for each new officer to reasonably perform their duties.

Article III
Officer's Duties

Section 1 – CHAIRMAN – The Chairman shall be responsible for the management and administrative affairs of the CEC and the MCRP. The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the CEC and the MCRP. The Chairman shall preserve order at all meetings.

Section 2 – VICE-CHAIRMAN – The Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in their absence.

Section 3 – RECORDING SECRETARY – The Recording Secretary shall take the minutes of each CEC meeting and the MCRP membership meetings. The Recording Secretary shall prepare minutes for publication to the CEC and/or the MCRP membership in a timely manner, within five business days, for distribution by the Communication Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall maintain all official MCRP records for a minimum of two years. The Recording Secretary shall find a suitable replacement in the event of an absence from one of the above meetings.

Section 4 – COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY – The Communications Secretary shall be responsible for emailing the minutes of the CEC and MCRP meetings to the appropriate recipients in a timely manner. The Communications Secretary shall also be responsible for keeping general communications and information on the MCRP's website and social media outlets current and for coordinating with the Recording Secretary concerning any correspondence to be filed as a permanent record.

Section 5 – TREASURER – The Treasurer shall be responsible for implementing all internal systems of financial controls. This shall include maintenance of all bank statements, cancelled checks, deposit records, copies of all receipts and disbursements, invoices, check requests or other documentation substantiating all deposits and disbursements. The Treasurer shall give a summary report of the party's finances at regular MCRP membership meetings and to the CEC as requested. The Treasurer shall coordinate with the Recording Secretary concerning any treasury documents to be filed as permanent records. The Treasurer shall maintain all MCRP treasury documents for a minimum of two years.

Section 6 – VICE-TREASURER – The Vice-Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in performing their duties and must be responsible for the same in the absence or disability of the Treasurer.

Article IV
Membership

Section 1 – The following shall be requirements for the MCRP membership:

- A. Must reside in Maury County; and,
- B. Must be a registered voter in Maury County

Notwithstanding A and B above, state, or federal elected officials or their Representatives shall be exempt from the residency and registered voter requirements listed.

Section 2 – Current membership in the MCRP qualifies members to participate in any vote put before membership, other than officer elections.

Article V
Procedure for Reorganization

- A. Reorganization shall be held between January 15 and April 15 of each odd-numbered year.
- B. The Chairman shall call a meeting of the CEC during January to discuss reorganization. During that meeting the CEC will appoint no less than three members to serve on the Contest and Credentials Committee for the purpose of reorganization. This committee will have final authority and announce eligibility of candidates for MCRP officers.
- C. The CEC shall appoint two or more members for the purpose of counting votes in a contested election.
- D. The CEC will notify the Tennessee Republican Party of the Maury County reorganization date no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the reorganization meeting.
- E. The CEC will submit an announcement of the reorganization meeting to all its social media platforms, websites, and/or local newspapers immediately upon state approval but no less than fourteen (14) days prior to such meeting.
- F. Procedures for reorganization shall be presented to MCRP membership immediately upon state approval but no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the reorganization event.
- G. All qualifications listed in Article VI, Section 2, must be met by each candidate.
- H. All candidates and nominations for the office of Chairman must be submitted in writing or electronically to any CEC officer no less than seven (7) days prior to reorganization.
- I. A candidacy declaration or nomination for any office other than the Chairman must be made as follows:
1. If the candidate or nominee attends the reorganization event, the declaration/nomination shall be made from the floor; or
 2. If the candidate or nominee will NOT be attending the reorganization event, the declaration/nomination shall be submitted in writing or electronically to any CEC officer no later than seven (7) days prior to reorganization.
- J. Any contested election shall be voted on by secret ballot.
- K. Newly elected officers shall be administered the Oath of Office at the close of the reorganization event by one of the following:
- SEC member for Maury County
 - Tennessee State Republican Party Chairman
 - An elected Tennessee State or Maury County Official
- L. The Oath of Office shall consist of a verbal commitment to perform the duties of their elected position to the best of their ability, as defined by the MCRP Bylaws.
- M. The names of newly elected officers shall be submitted to the Tennessee Republican Party on or before April 15.

Article VI
Election of Officers

Section 1 – Elections of officers to the MCRP CEC shall be made in accordance with MCRP Bylaws. Officers are elected at a county reorganization held between January 15 and April 15 of each odd numbered year.

Section 2 – Qualifications to seek/serve as MCRP Officers are as follows:

Section 2.a. – Chairman

- A. Must be a resident of Maury County
- B. Must be registered to vote in Maury County
- C. Must be a member in good standing of MCRP
- D. Must have voted in THREE (3) of the last THREE (3) most recent Republican State primaries, or be able to prove voting record from the previous County or State of residence, or must be vouched for by a majority of the quorum of MCRP CEC as stated in Article II Section 4.

Section 2.b. – Vice-Chairman

- A. Must be a resident of Maury County
- B. Must be registered to vote in Maury County
- C. Must be a member in good standing of MCRP
- D. Must have voted in THREE (3) of the last FOUR (4) most recent Republican State primaries, or be able to prove voting record from the previous County or State of residence, or must be vouched for by a majority of the quorum of the MCRP CEC as stated in Article II Section 4.

Section 2.c. – Recording Secretary

- A. Must be a resident of Maury County
- B. Must be registered to vote in Maury County
- C. Must be a member in good standing of MCRP
- D. Must have voted in THREE (3) of the last FOUR (4) most recent Republican State primaries, or be able to prove voting record from the previous County or State of residence, or must be vouched for by a majority of the quorum of the MCRP CEC as stated in Article II Section 4.

Section 2.d. – Communications Secretary

- A. Must be a resident of Maury County
- B. Must be registered to vote in Maury County
- C. Must be a member in good standing of MCRP
- D. Must have voted in THREE (3) of the last FOUR (4) most recent Republican State primaries, or be able to prove voting record from the previous County or State of

residence, or must be vouched for by a majority of the quorum of the MCRP CEC as stated in Article II Section 4.

Section 2.e. – Treasurer

- A. Must be a resident of Maury County
- B. Must be registered to vote in Maury County
- C. Must be a member in good standing of MCRP
- D. Must have voted in THREE (3) of the last FOUR (4) most recent Republican State primaries, or be able to prove voting record from the previous County or State of residence, or must be vouched for by a majority of the quorum of the MCRP CEC as stated in Article II Section 4.

Section 2.f. – Vice-Treasurer

- A. Must be a resident of Maury County
- B. Must be registered to vote in Maury County
- C. Must be a member in good standing of MCRP
- D. Must have voted in THREE (3) of the last FOUR (4) most recent Republican State primaries, or be able to prove voting record from the previous County or State of residence, or must be vouched for by a majority of the quorum of the MCRP CEC as stated in Article II Section 4.

Section 3 – Qualifications to participate as a voter in CEC officer elections are:

- A. May be any one of the following:
 - 1. Volunteer and be active in county party activities; or,
 - 2. Donate to county party; or,
 - 3. Maintain current membership per Article IV Section 1; and,
 - 4. Must have voted in THREE (3) of the last FOUR (4) most recent Republican State primaries, or be able to prove voting record from the previous County or State of residence, or must be vouched for by a majority of the quorum of the MCRP CEC as stated in Article II Section 4.

Section 4 – In the event of the death, resignation, removal for cause, or relocation out of Maury County of an officer, the CEC shall proceed to elect a new officer to fulfill the remainder of the term. The vacancy shall be filled at either a regularly called, or special called meeting of the CEC within thirty days after such vacancy occurs. If the office to fill is the Chairman or Treasurer, the Vice-Chairman or Vice-Treasurer, respectively, shall automatically assume the duties of the office until the CEC elects a replacement. Should the CEC elect another officer to serve in the role, any subsequent vacancies shall be filled at that meeting as well.

Section 5---No Chairman shall serve more than two full consecutive terms.

Article VII
Local County Candidate Nominations

- A.** The CEC for Maury County is hereby authorized to decide whether Republican candidates for local or county offices shall be nominated and if so, whether they shall be nominated by a party primary or by a county convention. Such decision shall be made at a meeting of the CEC duly called for such purpose. Such decision shall be made, and written notice provided to the Maury County Election Commission, no later than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the qualifying deadline pursuant to T.C.A. §2-13-203(e)(1)
- B.** A county convention shall be held in the same manner outlined for a Mass Convention in Rule D, Part III of the Tennessee Republican Party Bylaws.
- C.** If the CEC elects to nominate Republican candidates by Mass Convention, a time, date, and place for holding such convention shall be fixed, provided that the date of such convention shall be before the first Thursday in May before the August election.

Article VIII
Approval/Amendment of Bylaws

Approval or amendment of the Maury County Bylaws shall be accomplished via a three-step process:

Step 1 – The Bylaws shall be approved or amended by a majority of the full voting membership of the CEC at any CEC meeting, provided that notice of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken includes a copy of the proposed bylaws or amendments.

Step 2 – These Bylaws shall be approved or amended by a majority of the membership of the MCRP in attendance at any MCRP meeting, provided the meeting is attended in person by at least twenty-five members, and provided that notice of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken includes a copy of the proposed bylaws or amendment(s).

Step 3 – Final approval of the Maury County Bylaws or any changes/amendments is subject to approval of the Rules and Bylaws Subcommittee of the SEC of the Tennessee Republican Party.

These Bylaws are approved by the MCRP CEC for submittal to the MCRP membership.



Maury County Republican Party Chairman

06/16/2023
Date

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