

BYLAWS OF THE GREENE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Article I

Name

Section 1: The name of this organization is the Greene County Democratic Central Committee, hereinafter referred to as the County Committee.

Section 2: The principal office of this organization shall be located in Greene County, Missouri.

Article II

Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to recruit and elect Democratic candidates and to promote the welfare of the Democratic Party in Greene County.

Article III

Affiliation

This organization shall be and hereby is affiliated with the Missouri State Democratic Committee and the National Democratic Committee and is subject to the Constitution of those organizations, which shall supersede these Bylaws when in conflict therewith. Nothing in these bylaws shall be in conflict with Missouri or federal law.

Article IV

Membership

Section 1: The membership of this organization shall consist of one Democratic Committeeman and one Democratic Committeewoman from each ward or township contained within Greene County.

Section 2: No person shall be elected or shall serve as a member of a County Committee who is not, for one year before the person's election, both a registered voter of and a resident of the committee district from which the person is elected if such district shall have been so long established, and if not, then of the district or districts from which the same shall have been taken. [Per Section 115.607, RSMo 2016; MDP Bylaws 7.01, 2021]

Section 3: Members shall not affiliate with, or work on behalf of, any other political party or work in opposition to a Democratic candidate.

Article V

Committees

Section 1: The Executive Committee of this organization shall consist of all elected officers and the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each of the Legislative Districts and Senatorial Districts contained wholly within Greene County. Each Legislative District and Senatorial District not wholly within Greene County shall be allowed one County Committee member representative to serve on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee representative shall be elected from a township or ward within Greene County. The Executive Committee representatives shall be elected at the Reorganization of Legislative District and Senatorial District Meetings by County Committee members from wards and township which are within Greene County. Additionally, the County Chair may appoint non-voting members to the Executive Committee as he or she so desires. The County Chair shall act as Executive Committee Chair.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall advise the County Chair on all matters of public policy such as those dealing with fundraising, public positions, County Committee personnel, statutory duties of County Committee members and the budget of the County Committee and advise the County Committee and the County Chair on matters of importance to the Party. The Executive Committee shall deal with the finances of the County Committee in the following manner:

- A. Review the budget of the County Committee.
- B. Regularly review the income and expenses of the County Committee.
- C. Advise the County Committee on all major expenditures.
- D. Advise the County Committee on all major investments of County Committee funds.
- E. Review the plan for Democrat Days of the Ozarks and advise the Event Chair and make recommendations to the County Committee prior to the event.
- F. Shall approve in advance all nonbudgeted expenditures exceeding \$100. Emergency expenditures may be approved by electronic vote.

Section 3: Standing Committees - The County Chair shall appoint and supervise a Chair and members of the following standing committees who shall serve at the pleasure of the County Chair:

- A. Elections Committee: The purpose of the Elections Committee is to interact with candidates and potential candidates for office and make recommendations for support of candidates to the County Committee.
- B. Democrat Days of the Ozarks Committee: The purpose of the Democrat Days of the Ozarks Committee is to plan and oversee all Democrat Days of the Ozarks events and expenditures.
- C. Finance Committee: The purpose of the Finance Committee is to assess the financial status of the County Committee, make recommendations to the County Committee for expenditures and revenue generation, work with the Treasurer to prepare and present an annual budget for County Committee approval, and conduct an annual internal audit in August of all County Committee finances.
- D. Fundraising Committee: The purpose of the Fundraising Committee is to work in conjunction with the Finance Committee to establish fundraising goals, determine and schedule fundraising events, and appoint subcommittee chairs for individual events.
- E. Messaging Committee: The purpose of the Messaging Committee is to provide knowledge of who we are and what we do through traditional media, social media, print media, networking and community events, and oversee all messaging events and budgeted expenditures.
- F. Community Outreach Committee: The purpose of the Community Outreach Committee is to establish a consistent presence at community events by scheduling and recruiting volunteers to staff the events, and to oversee budgeted expenditures.

Section 4: Ad hoc Committees - Any ad hoc committee, with its specific charge, shall be appointed by the County Chair and approved by the Executive Committee. The ad hoc committee will be disbanded when the charge has been completed or terms of office are ended.

Article VI

Executive Director

The Executive Director shall be responsible for maintenance of the County Committee headquarters and for implementation of programs as adopted by the County Committee and the Executive Committee.

- A. The Executive Director shall serve at the direction and the pleasure of the County Chair in consultation with the Executive Committee. Regular reports shall be given to the County Committee regarding ongoing programs. Annual reviews of the Executive Director shall be conducted by the County Chair in consultation with the Executive Committee.

- B. To fill the position of Executive Director, a search committee shall be appointed by the County Chair and approved by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have right of approval of the nominee and the rate of compensation.

Article VII

Endorsements

- A. The County Committee, any standing committee, ad hoc committee or caucus established within the County Committee, shall not endorse any nonincumbent Democratic candidate for office prior to the primary election. The County Committee, however, may endorse and support incumbent Democratic candidates for local and state-wide offices, the General Assembly and Congress in primary elections provided 75% of the members voting concur. [Per MDP Bylaws 1.15, 2021]
- B. The County Committee may endorse ballot initiatives when 75% of the members voting concur.

Article VIII

Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended, by a majority vote of the County Committee members present at any regular or any special meeting of the County Committee, provided written notice of the proposed amendment or amendments has been sent in writing, electronic or hard copy, to the members of the County Committee twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Article IX

Organization of County Committee

Section 1: Membership

- A. Each Committeeman and Committeewoman shall be elected by the people of his or her ward or township for a two-year term. The election of County Committee members shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August of every even-numbered year. [Per Section 115.121, RSMo 2014]
- B. No person shall be elected or shall serve as a member of the County Committee who is not, for one year next before his or her election, both a registered voter of and a resident of the county and the committee district from which he or she is elected. [Per Section 115.607 (1), RSMo 2016; MDP Bylaws 7.01 (1), 2021]

- C. The qualified man and woman receiving the highest number of votes from each committee district for Committeeman and Committeewoman shall be members of the County Committee of the party. [Per Section 115.613 (1), RSMo 2016; MDP Bylaws 7.02 (1), 2021]
- D. If two or more qualified persons receive an equal number of votes for County Committeeman or Committeewoman of a party and a higher number of votes than any other qualified person from the party, a vacancy shall exist on the County Committee, which shall be filled by a majority of the County Committee. [Per Section 115.613 (2), RSMo 2016; MDP Bylaws 7.02 (2), 2021]
- E. If no qualified person is elected County Committeeman or Committeewoman from a committee district for a party, a vacancy shall exist on the County Committee, which shall be filled by a majority of the County Committee. [Per Section 115.613 (3), RSMo 2016; MDP Bylaws 7.02 (3), 2021]
- F. If only one qualified candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy for Committeeman or Committeewoman in a committee district prior to the deadline established by law, no election shall be held for Committeeman or Committeewoman in the committee district at the same time as candidates elected during the August primary are certified. If no qualified candidate files for Committeeman or Committeewoman in a committee district, no election shall be held, and a vacancy shall exist on the County Committee which shall be filled by a majority of the County Committee. [Per Section 115.613 (4), RSMo 2016; MDP Bylaws 7.02 (4), 2021]

Section 2: Membership Vacancies

- A. Whenever a member of the County Committee dies, resigns, or ceases to be a registered voter of or a resident of the county or the committee district from which he or she is elected, a vacancy shall exist on the County Committee. A majority of the County Committee members present at the meeting to fill a vacancy shall elect another person to fill the vacancy who, for one year next before his or her election, shall have been both a registered voter of and a resident of the county or city and the committee district. The person selected to fill the vacancy shall serve the remainder of the vacated term. [Per Section 115.617, RSMo 2016; MDP Bylaws 7.03, 2021]
- B. If any member remains convicted of a criminal offense other than a misdemeanor after his or her rights to appeal are exhausted, a vacancy shall exist.
- C. The County Committee shall be notified of vacancies on the County Committee during regularly scheduled meetings. The vacancy, or vacancies, may be filled by a majority vote of the County Committee members present at the next meeting following the announcement of said vacancy or vacancies.
- D. If there are two or more persons nominated to fill a vacancy, a secret ballot shall be used to elect the person to fill the vacancy.
- E. Any person interested in filling a vacancy on the Central Committee shall complete an application for nomination. Applications must be received by the Executive Director or Chair a minimum of seven days prior to the next scheduled meeting so the eligibility of the applicant can be verified before a nomination is made.

Section 3: Meetings

- A. The members of each County Committee shall meet at the county seat not earlier than two weeks after each primary election, but in no event later than the third Saturday after each primary election, at the discretion of the Chair of the committee. The meeting shall be held in the county seat. [Per Section 115.621, RSMO 2020; MDP Bylaws 7.04, 2021]
- B. Meetings of the County Committee shall be upon call of the County Chair whenever he or she thinks it to be in the interest of the Party or when requested to do so in writing by fifteen (15) percent of the County Committee members. [Per MDP Bylaws 7.04, 2021]
- C. County Committee members shall be notified of such meetings at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The form of notification shall be at the discretion of the County Chair.
- D. Agenda items, informational and action items, shall be submitted to the Chair of the County Committee a minimum of three (3) days prior to the meeting to appear on the agenda.

- E. Meeting agendas, previous meeting minutes and treasurer's report shall be emailed to members two (2) days prior to the meeting.
- F. At the meetings of the County Committee, the following shall be the recommended order of business:
 - Call to Order
 - Moment of Silence
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Welcome to Visitors
 - Minutes
 - Financial Report
 - Election of Officers (every two years)
 - Chair's Remarks
 - Executive Director's Remarks
 - Candidate/Elected Official Remarks
 - Filling of Committee Vacancies
 - Committee Reports
 - Unfinished Business
 - Recommendations for Executive Committee
 - New Business
 - Announcements
 - Adjournment

Section 4: Visitors – Visitors are welcome to attend County Committee business meetings as observers and may speak in such meetings if recognized by the Chair. Visitors shall sign the visitors log upon arrival.

Section 5: Officer Elections

- A. At the required statutory meeting, the County Committee shall organize by electing two of its members, a man and a woman, as Chair and Vice Chair, and a man and a woman who may or may not be members of the County Committee as Secretary and Treasurer. All County Committee officers must reside within the county in which they serve. The County Committee may elect any other officers it deems necessary to properly carry out its duties. [Per Section 115.615, RSMo 1999; MDP Bylaws 7.05, 2021]
- B. Officers shall be elected in the following order: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary.
- C. Voting shall be by secret ballot, and a majority of the County Committee members present shall elect the officers.
- D. If either the Secretary or the Treasurer is not a member of the County Committee, then he or she shall have non-voting ex-officio status on the Executive Committee and County Committee.

Section 6: Officer Duties

- A. Chair - The Chair of the County Committee shall preside at all meetings of the County Committee and with such limitations as herein may be prescribed, act for the County Committee when it is not in session and have the general direction and control of the campaigns and affairs of the Party in the county subject to the direction of the County Committee. The Chair shall distribute election credentials to duly elected Committeemen and Committeewomen.
- B. Vice Chair - The Vice Chair shall preside over the County Committee in the absence of the Chair and act as the Chair in the absence of the Chair.
- C. Secretary - The Secretary shall maintain or assist in maintaining a record of the meetings of the County Committee. He or she shall attest to the signature of the Chair on official documents found necessary by the County Committee. Within thirty (30) days after the election of officers of the County Committee held in accordance with the rules of the County Committee, the Secretary of the County Committee shall certify to the Chair of the State Committee the names of the persons selected as officers and the list of the members of the County Committee. The Secretary

shall at all times maintain a current list of County Committee members with the County Clerk and Secretary of State.

- D. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall countersign all checks with the County Chair. Another officer authorized by the Executive Committee and the banking institution may countersign checks in the absence of the Treasurer or County Chair. The County Committee may call upon the Treasurer at various times during the calendar year for all the amounts of receipts and disbursements and other information as requested. The Treasurer may be required by the County Committee to give bond in such sums as may be required by said committee. The Treasurer shall report in detail at every regularly scheduled County Committee meeting the complete financial condition of the County Committee. In addition, the duties of the Treasurer shall be to disburse funds as budgeted or approved by said committee.
- E. The County Chair may appoint a Corresponding Secretary who may or may not be a member of the County Committee. The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be at the discretion of the County Chair. If such a Corresponding Secretary is a nonmember of the County Committee, he or she shall have non-voting status.
- F. The County Chair may appoint a Parliamentarian who may or may not be a member of the County Committee. The Parliamentarian will advise the County Chair when requested. If the Parliamentarian is a nonmember of the County Committee, he or she shall have non-voting status.
- G. The County Chair may appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms who may or may not be a member of the County Committee. The duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be at the discretion of the County Chair. If the Sergeant-at-Arms is a nonmember of the County Committee, he or she shall have non-voting status.
- H. The County Chair may appoint a representative from any Greene County Democratic student organization. If the student representative is a nonmember of the County Committee, he or she shall have non-voting status.

Section 7: Officer Terms - All officers shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until the next reorganization.

Section 8: Officer Vacancies

- A. If any of the following events occurs to any County Committee officer, a vacancy in that office shall exist: death; resignation; ceases to be a registered voter of the committee district which he or she represents; remains convicted of a criminal offense other than a misdemeanor after his or her rights to appeal are exhausted. [Per Section 115.617, RSMo 2016; MDP Bylaws 7.08, 2021]
- B. In the absence of the Chair, or in the event of a vacancy for any reason in that office, the duties of the Chair shall transfer to the Vice Chair until such time as the Chair is able to resume duties or an election can be held.
- C. If a Chair vacancy occurs, then the Vice Chair office shall be declared vacant. An election shall be held to elect the Chair and Vice Chair, and that election shall be held within sixty (60) days. If a single vacancy occurs in the Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer, no other offices will be vacated and that election shall be held within sixty (60) days to elect a new officer for that position only. [Per MDP Bylaws 7.08, 2021]

Section 9: Proxies - Whenever the County Committee conducts regular business or acts as a nominating committee to select a candidate for county-wide office, a member must be present in person to vote. No proxies shall be allowed. [Per MDP Bylaws 7.09, 2021]

Section 10: Quorum

- A. A quorum at any meeting of this organization shall consist of a majority of the County Committee members including those who have given their consent to conduct business.
- B. If a committee member is unable to attend a County Committee meeting, the member may give his or her consent to conduct business for a specified meeting. Consent to conduct business shall be in the form of written or verbal consent to the Democratic Headquarters. Verbal consent shall be documented.

- C. Consent to conduct business shall be used for a quorum count only.

Section 11: Powers and Duties

- A. As a Committee:
 - 1. To act as the governing body of the Democratic Party of Greene County, Missouri.
 - 2. To assist endorsed incumbent Democratic candidates in the primary election.
 - 3. To assist endorsed candidates in non-partisan elections.
 - 4. To assist Democratic candidates in the general election.
 - 5. To raise funds for the Greene County Democratic Party.
 - 6. To nominate candidates for special elections to fill vacancies, as provided by Missouri law.
 - 7. To recommend candidates for state and local appointive positions not covered by the civil service or merit system.
 - 8. To fill vacancies on the County Committee in accordance with Sections 2 and 8 of Article IX.
 - 9. To provide assistance to Democratic officeholders, candidates, and voters in Greene County, Missouri.
- B. As individual Committeemen and Committeewomen:
 - 1. To attend scheduled meetings of the County Committee.
 - 2. If appointed, to serve on any of the standing or ad hoc committees of the County Committee.
 - 3. To represent members of the Democratic Party within his or her ward or township.
 - 4. To build a strong party organization and assist Democratic candidates within their area.
 - 5. To represent the views of the local, state and national parties to the citizens of Greene County.
 - 6. To greet all newcomers to the area if at all feasible and offer assistance necessary to help with the voting process in Greene County.

Section 12: Rules of Order

- A. The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order," as most recently revised, shall govern meetings of the County Committee in all cases where they are applicable and are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of this organization. [Per MDP Bylaws 7.12, 2021]
- B. The State Committee is authorized to examine all Democratic county rules and all amendments thereto and no such rules or amendments shall be effective until approved by the State Chair; provided, however, that if the State Chair fails to take action approving or disapproving the proposed rules or amendments within sixty (60) days after the date on which they are received for consideration, the rules or amendments shall automatically become effective. [Per MDP Bylaws 7.12, 2021]

Section 13: Censure

- A. The County Committee shall have the power to censure any member who shall be guilty of willful neglect of any duty imposed upon him or her or for failure to support the Party nominees at any election during his or her term of office. Such action shall not be taken without notice to the offending member and an opportunity for him or her to refute such charge. [Per MDP Bylaws 7.13, 2021]
- B. Censure may include the loss of County Committee privileges except the right to vote and to serve as a County Committee member.
- C. The charges of misconduct and type of censure proposed shall be described in the motion to impose censure. Censure shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of County Committee members voting.

Article X

Organization of Legislative District Committees

Section 1: Membership - Legislative District Committees shall consist of the precinct, ward, or township Committeeman and Committeewoman from such wards or townships included in whole or in part of the Legislative District. [Per MDP Bylaws 5.01, 2021]

Section 2: Weighted Voting - When the County Clerk's office provides voting data as required by Missouri Statute 115.619 for every Ward or Township in the county, weighted voting will be used.

Each member of the Legislative District Committee shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each 100 votes or major fraction thereof that was cast for the Democratic candidate for Governor in the last gubernatorial election, within the Ward or Township or part of the ward or township that lies within the Legislative District. Every member shall be entitled to at least one (1) vote. [Per MDP Bylaws 5.02, 2021]

Section 3: Member Vacancies - Whenever a member of any Legislative District Committee resigns, or is unable to serve because of death or disability or ceases to be a registered voter of the Legislative District, a replacement shall be named in the same manner as the original appointment. [Per MDP Bylaws 5.03, 2021]

Section 4: Meetings

- A. The members of each Legislative District Committee shall meet at some place and time within the legislative district or within one of the counties in which the legislative district exists, to be designated by the current Chair of the committee not earlier than three weeks after each primary election but in no event later than the fourth Saturday after each primary election. [Per MDP Bylaws 5.04, 2021]
- B. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Legislative District Committee that is wholly contained within a county or a city not within a county may choose to meet on the same day as the respective County or City Committee. [Per MDP Bylaws 5.04, 2021]
- C. All Legislative District Committees shall also meet at the call of the Chair or at the call of twenty-five (25) percent of the members of the committee. Notice of such meeting shall be in writing stating the time and place of the meeting, and the name or names of the calling authority. Notice of such meeting shall be addressed to each member by email or regular mail with the postage prepaid and deposited in the United States Mail at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Written notice may be waived by a written waiver signed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Legislative District Committee; provided, however, that all members were notified in the same manner of the meeting prior to thereto. [Per MDP Bylaws 5.04, 2021]

Section 5: Officer Elections - At the required organizational meeting, the Legislative District Committee shall organize by electing two of its members, a man and a woman, as chair and vice chair, and a man and a woman who may or may not be members of the committee as secretary and treasurer. All Legislative District Committee officers must reside within the legislative district in which they serve. [Per MDP Bylaws 5.05, 2021]

Section 6: Officer Duties - The officers of the Legislative District Committee shall have the powers, duties and limitations normally recognized as a function of their office. They shall assist in the election of the party nominee for State Representative of their district, and in the campaign of party statewide nominees within their district, as may be requested by the respective candidates. Within forty-eight (48) hours after the required meetings, the Legislative District Committee Chair shall notify the State Chair, in writing, of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the new Legislative District Committee officers. [Per MDP Bylaws 5.06, 2021]

Section 7: Officer Terms - The Officers of the Legislative District Committee shall be elected every two (2) years at the organizational meeting and serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. [Per MDP Bylaws 5.07, 2021]

Section 8: Officer Vacancies

- A. If any of the following events occurs to any Legislative District Committee officer, a vacancy in that office shall exist: death; resignation; ceases to reside in the legislative district which he or she represents; remains convicted of a criminal offense other than a misdemeanor after his or her rights to appeal are exhausted; fails to attend at least one-half of the regularly scheduled

Legislative District Committee meetings during any calendar year; the State Committee, after finding by the Appeals Committee that a member has used the party name or resources in an unauthorized manner, votes to remove such a member. [Per MDP Bylaws 5.08, 2021]

- B. If a Chair vacancy occurs, then the Vice Chair office shall be declared vacant. An election shall be held to elect the Chair and Vice Chair, and that election shall be held within sixty (60) days. If a single vacancy occurs in the Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer, no other offices will be vacated and that election shall be held within sixty (60) days to elect a new officer for that position only. In case of the absence of the Legislative District Chair, or in the event of a vacancy for any reason in that office, the duties of the Chair shall devolve upon the Vice Chair. [Per MDP Bylaws 5.08, 2021]

Section 9: Proxies - Any member of the Legislative District Committee may give his or her signed proxy to any other member; provided, however, that no person shall be allowed to vote more than two (2) proxies and whenever the Legislative District Committee acts as a nominating committee to select a candidate for the state legislature, a member must be present in person to vote. Each proxy must specify the name of the person entitled to vote the proxy. A person may only serve as a proxy voter if such person is legally permitted to vote in the district in which the proxy resides. [Per MDP Bylaws 5.09, 2021]

Section 10: Quorum - A quorum for Legislative District Committee meetings shall be a majority of the members selected thereto, including proxies; provided, however, that whenever the Legislative District Committee acts as a nominating committee to select a candidate for state legislature, a majority of the members of the Legislative District Committee must be present. [Per MDP Bylaws 5.10, 2021]

Section 11: Powers and Duties - The members-elect of the Legislative District Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies in the Party ticket for state representative in their respective districts pursuant to statutory provisions. [Per MDP Bylaws 5.11, 2021]

Article XI

Organization of Senatorial District Committees

Section 1: Membership

- A. The Senatorial District Committee of a district which is composed of (1) one or more whole counties; or (2) one or more whole counties and part of one or more counties shall consist of the County Committee Chair and Vice Chair of each county within the district and the Committeeman and Committeewoman of each legislative district within the district. [Per MDP Bylaws 4.01, 2021] (This currently applies to the 20th Senatorial District.)
- B. The Senatorial District Committee of a district which consists of (1) parts of one or more counties; (2) parts of a city not within the county; (3) a whole city not within a county; or (4) parts of a city not within a county and parts of one or more counties shall consist of the Committeeman and Committeewoman of the precinct, ward, or township included in whole or in part of the district and the Chair and Vice Chair of each Legislative District Committee within the district in whole or in part.) [Per MDP Bylaws 4.01, 2021] (This currently applies to the 30th Senatorial District.)

Section 2: Weighted Voting - When the County Clerk's office provides voting data as required by Missouri Statute 115.619 for every Ward or Township in the county, weighted voting will be used.

Each member of the Senatorial District Committee whose membership consists of Ward or Township Committeemen and Committeewomen shall be entitled to one vote for each one thousand (1,000) votes or major fraction thereof cast for the Democratic candidate for Governor in the last Gubernatorial election in the Ward or township within the senatorial district. Every member shall be entitled to at least one vote. [Per MDP Bylaws 4.02, 2021]

Section 3: Member Vacancies - Whenever a member of any senatorial district resigns or is unable to serve because of death or disability, or ceases to be a registered voter of the senatorial district, a

replacement shall be named in the same manner as the original appointment. [Per MDP Bylaws 4.03, 2017]

Section 4: Meetings

- A. The members of each Senatorial District Committee shall meet at some place and date, to be designated by the current chair of the Senatorial District Committee, if there is one, and if not, by the chair of the congressional district in which the senatorial district is principally located, not earlier than four weeks after each primary election but in no event later than the fifth Saturday after each primary election. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Senatorial District Committee that is wholly contained within a county or a city not within a county may choose to meet on the same day as the respective City or County Committee. [Per Section 115.621 RSMo, 2020; MDP Bylaws 4.04 (1), 2021]

The Senatorial District Committee shall also meet at the call of the district Chair or at the call of twenty-five (25) percent of the members of the committee. Notice of such meeting shall be in writing stating the time and the place of the meeting, and the name or names of the calling authority. Notice of such meeting shall be addressed to each member by email or regular mail with the postage prepaid and deposited in the United States Mail at least ten (10) days prior to said meeting. Written notice may be waived by a written waiver signed by at least two thirds (2/3) of the members of the district committee, provided, however, that all members were notified in the same manner of the meeting prior thereto. [Per MDP Bylaws 4.04 (2), 2021]

- B. The members of each senatorial district shall also meet at some place within the district, to be designated by the current chair of the committee, if there is one, and if not, by the chair of the congressional district in which the senatorial district is principally located, on the Saturday after each general election. At the meeting, the committee shall proceed to elect two registered voters of the district, one man and one woman, as members of the party's state committee. [Per RSMo 115.621 (6), 2020; MDP Bylaws 1.01, 2021]

Section 5: Officers - At the required organizational meeting, the Senatorial District Committee shall organize by electing one of its members as Chair and one of its members as Vice Chair, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, and a Secretary and a Treasurer, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, who may or may not be members of the committee. [Per MDP Bylaws 4.05, 2021]

Section 6: Duties of Officers - The officers of the Senatorial District Committee shall have the powers, duties and limitations normally recognized as a function of their office. They shall assist in the election of the party nominee for State Senator of their district and in the campaigns of party nominees within their district, as may be requested by the respective candidates. Within forty-eight (48) hours after the required meetings, the Senatorial District Chair shall notify the State Chair, in writing, of the names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of the new Senatorial District Committee officers, and of the two (2) State Committee members. [Per MDP Bylaws 4.06, 2021]

Section 7: Officer Terms - The officers of the Senatorial District Committee shall be elected every two (2) years at the organizational meeting on the third Saturday in August after each primary election and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until successors have been duly elected and qualified. [Per MDP Bylaws 4.07, 2021]

Section 8: Officer Vacancies

- A. If any of the following events occurs to any Senatorial District Committee officer, a vacancy in that office shall exist: death; resignation; ceases to reside in the Senatorial District which he or she represents; remains convicted of a criminal offense other than a misdemeanor after his or her rights to appeal are exhausted; fails to attend at least one-half of regularly scheduled Senatorial District Committee meetings during any calendar year; the State Committee, after finding by the Appeals Committee that a member has used the party name or resources in an unauthorized manner, votes to remove such a member. [Per MDP Bylaws 4.08, 2021]

- B. If a Chair vacancy occurs, then the Vice Chair office shall be declared vacant. An election shall be held to elect the Chair and Vice Chair, and that election shall be held within sixty (60) days. If a single vacancy occurs in the Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer, no other offices will be vacated and that election shall be held within sixty (60) days to elect a new officer for that position only. In case of the absence of the Senatorial District Chair, or in the event of a vacancy for any reason in that office, the duties of the Chair shall devolve upon the Vice Chair. [Per MDP Bylaws 4.08, 2021]

Section 9: Proxies - Any member of the Senatorial District Committee may give his or her signed proxy to: (1) Any other member or officer of the Senatorial District Committee; or (2) Any other member or officer of the Legislative District or County Committee that the member of the Senatorial District Committee giving the proxy represents. However, no member shall be allowed to vote more than two (2) proxies and whenever the Senatorial District Committee acts as a nominating committee to select a candidate for the State Senate, a member must be present in person to vote. A person may only serve as a proxy voter if such person is legally permitted to vote in the district in which the proxy resides. [Per MDP Bylaws 4.09, 2021]

Section 10: Quorum - A quorum for Senatorial District Committee meetings shall be a majority of the members elected thereto, including proxies; provided, however, that whenever the district committee acts as a nominating committee to select a candidate for State Senate, a majority of the members of the district committee must be present. [Per MDP Bylaws 4.10, 2021]

Section 11: Powers and Duties - On the third Saturday in November after each general election, the Senatorial District Committee shall elect two (2) registered voters of the district, one (1) a man and one (1) a woman, as members of the State Committee. The members-elect of the Senatorial District Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies in the party ticket for State Senator in their respective district pursuant to statutory provisions. [Per MDP Bylaws 4.11, 2021]

Section 12: Rules of Order - The rules contained in "Roberts Rules of Order", as most recently revised, shall govern meetings of the Senatorial District Committee in all cases where they are applicable and are not inconsistent with the Constitution or By-laws of this organization. [Per MDP Bylaws 4.12, 2021]

Article XII

Organization of Congressional District Committee

Section 1: Membership

- A. The Congressional District Committee of a district which is composed of (1) one or more whole counties; or (2) one or more whole counties and part of one or more counties shall consist of the County Committee Chair and Vice Chair of each county within the district and the Committeeman and Committeewoman of each Legislative District Committee within the district. [Per Section 115.619 RSMo, 1016; MDP Bylaws 3.01 (1), 2021]
- B. The Congressional District Committee of a district which consists of (1) parts of one or more counties; (2) part of a city not within a county; (3) a whole city not within a county; or (4) part of a city not within a county and parts of one or more counties shall consist of the Committeeman and Committeewoman of the precinct, ward, or township included in whole or in part of the district and the Chair and Vice Chair of each Legislative District Committee within the district in whole or in part. [Per Section 115.619 RSMo, 2016; MDP Bylaws 3.01 (2), 2021]

Section 2: Weighted Voting - When the County Clerk's office provides voting data as required by Missouri Statute §115.619 for every Ward or Township in the county, weighted voting will be used.

Each member of the Congressional District Committee whose membership consists of Ward or Township Committeemen and Committeewomen shall be entitled to one vote for each two thousand (2,000) votes or major fraction thereof cast for the Democratic candidate for Governor in the last Gubernatorial election in the Ward or Township within the Congressional District. Every member shall be entitled to at least one vote. [Per MDP Bylaws 3.02, 2021]

Section 3: Member Vacancies - Whenever a member of any Congressional District Committee resigns or is unable to serve because of death or disability, or ceases to be a registered voter of the congressional district, a replacement shall be named in the same manner as the original appointment. [Per MDP Bylaws 3.03, 2021]

Section 4: Meetings

- A. The members of each Congressional District Committee shall meet at some place and time within the district, to be designated by the current Chair of the Congressional District Committee not earlier than five weeks after each primary election but in no event later than the sixth Saturday after each primary election. [Per MDP Bylaws 3.04, 2021]
- B. The Congressional District Committee shall also meet at the call of the district Chair or at the call of twenty-five (25) percent of the members of the committee. Notice of such meetings shall be in writing stating the time and place of the meeting, the name or names of the calling authority, and shall be addressed to each member with the postage prepaid and deposited in the United States mail at least ten (10) days prior to said meeting. Written notice may be waived by written waiver signed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the district committee. [Per MDP Bylaws 3.04, 2021]

Section 5: Officer Elections - At the required organizational meeting, the Congressional District Committee shall organize by the election of one of its members as Chair and one of its members as Vice Chair, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, and a Secretary and a Treasurer, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, who may or may not be members of the committee. All Congressional District Committee officers must reside within the congressional district in which they serve. [Per MDP Bylaws 3.05, 2021]

Section 6: Officer Duties - The officers of the Congressional District Committee shall have the powers, duties, and limitations normally recognized as a function of their office. Within forty-eight (48) hours after the required statutory meeting, the Congressional District Chair shall notify the State Party Chair, at headquarters, in writing of the names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of the new Congressional District Committee officers. [Per MDP Bylaws 3.06, 2021]

Section 7: Officer Terms - The officers of the Congressional District Committee shall be elected every two (2) years at the organizational meeting on the last Tuesday in August after each primary election and shall serve until their successors have been so chosen. [Per MDP Bylaws 3.07, 2021]

Section 8: Officer Vacancies

- A. If any of the following events occurs to any Congressional District Committee officer, a vacancy in that office shall exist: death; resignation; ceases to reside in the Congressional District which he or she represents; remains convicted of a criminal offense other than a misdemeanor after his or her rights to appeal are exhausted; fails to attend at least one-half of the regularly scheduled Congressional District Committee meetings during a calendar year; the State Committee, after finding by the Appeals Committee that a member has used the party name or resources in an unauthorized manner, votes to remove such a member. [Per MDP Bylaws 3.08, 2021]
- B. If a Chair vacancy occurs, then the Vice Chair office shall be declared vacant. An election shall be held to elect the Chair and Vice Chair, and that election shall be held within sixty (60) days. If a single vacancy occurs in the Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer, no other offices will be vacated and that election shall be held within sixty (60) days to elect a new officer for that position only. In case of the absence of the Congressional District Chair, or in the event of a vacancy for any reason in that office, the duties of the Chair shall devolve upon the Vice Chair. [Per MDP Bylaws 3.08, 2021]

Section 9: Proxies - Any member of the Congressional District Committee may give his or her signed proxy to: (1) Any other member or officer of the Congressional District Committee; or (2) Any other member or officer of the Legislative District or County Committee that the member of the Congressional District Committee giving the proxy represents. However, no member shall be allowed to vote more than two (2) proxies and whenever the district committee acts as a nominating committee to select a candidate for Congress, a member must be present in person to vote. A person may only serve as a proxy voter if such person is legally permitted to vote in the district in which the proxy resides. [Per MDP Bylaws 3.09, 2021]

Section 10: Quorum - A quorum for Congressional Committee meetings shall be a majority of the members elected thereto, including proxies; provided, however, that whenever the district committee acts as a nominating committee to select a candidate for Congress, a majority of the members of the Congressional District Committee must be present. [Per MDP Bylaws 3.10, 2021]

Section 11: Powers and Duties - The Congressional District Committee shall act as a campaign committee and shall have a duty to fulfill assignments given to the committee by the State Committee in furtherance of Democratic Party campaigns. The members-elect of the district committee shall have the power to fill vacancies in the Party ticket for the U.S. Representatives in their respective district pursuant to statutory provisions. [Per MDP Bylaws 3.11, 2021]

Section 12: Rules of Order - The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order", as most recently revised, shall govern meetings of the Congressional District Committee in all cases where they are applicable and are not inconsistent with the Constitution or By-laws of this organization. [Per MDP Bylaws 3.12, 2021]