

RULES OF THE FOREST COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

RULE I

Purpose

The Forest County Republican Committee shall be responsible for the general supervision, regulation and direction of the Republican Party in Forest County and in the various election districts thereof, and shall have full authority to put into effect such measures as shall promote its interests and that of its candidates, national, state and local.

RULE II

Composition

The Forest County Republican Committee shall be composed of two (2) members from each precinct within the county, and when possible, one of which shall be male and the other female. Each committee person shall be a qualified elector of the Republican Party and a resident of the election district. Members of the Committee shall be elected for four (4) year terms which shall run from the organizational meeting of the Forest County Committee following their election until the day preceding the succeeding organizational meeting four years later.

RULE III

Organizational Meeting

The members of the Forest County Republican Committee shall meet not later than ninety (90) days immediately following the Spring Primary in even numbered years at such hour and place as shall be designated by the County Chairman, and such meeting shall be referred to in these rules as the "Organizational Meeting".

RULE IV

Other Meetings

(A) Special meetings of the County Committee shall be held at the call of the County Chairman and at least five (5) days written notice thereof shall be given.

(B) The County Chairman shall call a special meeting of the County Committee at the written request of a majority of the County Committee, which request and call shall state the business of such meeting. No business other than that specified in such request and call shall be transacted or considered at such meeting.

RULE V

Business at the Organizational Meeting

At the organizational meeting the County Committee shall:

- A. Elect a County Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
- B. Transact such other business as shall properly be brought before the meeting in accordance with these rules.

RULE VI

Quorum

At all meetings of the County Committee, five (5) members thereof shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

RULE VII

Proxies

Any member of the County Committee unable to attend any meeting thereof may substitute or appoint a qualified Republican voter or empower the Chairman by written authority to appoint such a voter, with power to act for him/her thereat, as his/her proxy, which proxy shall be in writing, duly executed and attested by a witness.

RULE VIII

Vacancies

In the event a member or members of the County Committee entitled to be elected under these rules shall fail to be elected, or a vacancy shall occur with respect to the seat from any member of the County Committee for any reason, the County Chairman shall appoint a properly qualified person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

RULE IX

Grounds and Procedures for Removal

Whenever it shall appear that any member of the County Committee is charged with not being a qualified Republican elector, or opposes or is about to oppose the Republican Party or any of its candidates, or who neglects or refuses to attend to the duties of his office, the County Chairman shall appoint a committee of three (3) qualified Republican electors to investigate such charges. The Committee shall notify the person so charged of the time and place of hearing, and if, upon investigation, it finds such charges to be true and correct, it shall so report to the County Chairman who shall declare the office vacant and appoint another qualified elector to fill the unexpired term.

RULE X
Officers

The officers of the Forest County Republican Committee shall be the County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be of the opposite sex.

RULE XI
Eligibility

Any registered Republican voter in Forest County shall be eligible to be elected and serve as Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

RULE XII
Election and Appointment

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected by the County Committee at the organizational meeting. The Treasurer and Secretary shall be appointed and shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman.

RULE XIII
Term of Office

The officers of the County Committee shall serve four (4) year terms, commencing on the day of their election and continuing until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

RULE XIV
Vacancies

A. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of County Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall become acting County Chairman and shall within thirty (30) days of said vacancy give notice of a meeting of the County Committee which shall be scheduled no later than forty-five (45) days following the vacancy for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman.

B. In the event of vacancy in any office of the County Committee other than Chairman, the County Chairman shall appoint a successor for the unexpired term

RULE XV
Duties of Chairman

The Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Committee. He/She shall preside at all meetings, shall appoint all standing and special committees, unless otherwise ordered by the County Committee, and shall perform such services as shall be conducive to the welfare of the Party or which shall be imposed upon him/her by the laws of the State. The County Chairman shall be entitled to vote on all matters coming before the County Committee.

RULE XVI

Duties of Vice-Chairman

The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman as the Chairman shall designate and shall, in the absence of the Chairman or in case of sickness or disability, perform all the duties heretofore assigned to the Chairman.

RULE XVII

Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall make up a roll of members of the Committee from the official returns of the Primary Election in the even numbered years. The Secretary shall also keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Committee and shall perform other duties as directed by the Chairman.

RULE XVIII

Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid or contributed to the Committee or its officers or members for election expenses for the conduct of any campaign. He/She shall keep a true and accurate account of his/her receipts and disbursements and shall file such reports as are required by law.

RULE XIX

Filling of Vacancies on the Ticket

The County Committee shall provide for the filling of any vacancy on the Ticket caused by death, resignation or withdrawal, or other reasons of any of the nominees of the Party, and the Chairman shall at once call an emergency meeting of the Committee to fill the vacancy, and in case such committee shall fail to act or if such vacancy should occur within five (5) days of the election, the vacancy shall be filled by the Chairman, with the advice and consent of the State Committeeman and at least three (3) members of the County Committee.

RULE XX

Vacancies in Multiple County Tickets

In case any vacancy happens or exists on the Republican Ticket in the congressional, senatorial, or judicial district of which Forest County forms a part, the County Committee shall act in compliance with the rules of the Republican State Committee governing such cases.

RULE XXI
Contributions and Assessments

The County Chairman is authorized to accept contributions and levy assessments on the various candidates of the Party for the purpose of defraying the legitimate expenses of the campaign.

RULE XXII
Conformity with State Committee Rules

All actions of the County Committee shall conform at all times with the Rules of the Republican State Committee.

RULE XXIII
Amendments to Rules

The foregoing rules of the Forest County Republican Committee may be amended, altered or extended from time to time by a vote of 2/3 of the members of the County Committee present and voting; provided, however, that such amendments shall be proposed in the notice of the meeting or at the previous meeting of the Committee.

RULE XXIV
Repealer

All prior rules of the Republican Party in Forest County not in conformity with the foregoing rules are hereby repealed to the extent of their nonconformity.

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