

BY-LAWS
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF HILL COUNTY

ARTICLE I – NAME-The name of this organization shall be the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Hill County hereinafter referred to as the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of the Executive Committee shall be:

- (a) To establish general policy of the Republican Party in the county, subject to direction of the biennial County/Senatorial District Convention.
- (b) To represent the Republican Party of this county, state and nation, articulating the Party's candidates:
- (c) To cooperate in implementing programs initiated by the Republican Party of Texas, including but not limited to:
 - a. Conducting a Republican Primary in as many election precincts within the county as practicable, but at a minimum, having a voting location in each precinct that has a contested county position: and
 - b. Organizing a coordinated effort, including Get-Out-The Vote, preceding each general election, to publicize the Party's candidates.

Section 2: The Executive Committee is charged with the responsibility of observing all laws of the State of Texas and these United States in fulfilling the purposes stated in this Article.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

Section 1: The voting members of the Executive Committee when conducting official business required by the Texas Election code shall be the County Chairman and the Precinct Chairmen. Officers and Committee Chairmen who are not Precinct Chairmen may serve as ex-officio (non-voting) members of the Executive Committee. Each member shall be entitled to one vote by personal attendance at Executive Committee meetings or by mail vote, including electronic mail.

Section 2: The County Chairman and Executive Committee shall be elected biennially as provided by the Election Code of the State of Texas.

Section 3: To qualify to hold the office of Precinct Chairman, a person must be a qualified voter residing within the bounds of the entity represented and can neither be a holder of elected public office at the county, state or federal level nor a candidate for such office.

Section 4: The term of office shall be for two (2) years, commencing on the twentieth (20th) day after the Run-Off Primary Election Day, as provided for in Section 171.022 (c) of the Texas Election code.

Section 5: The term of appointment for all appointed positions shall be for two (2) years, commencing on the twentieth (20th) day after the Run-Off Primary election day.

Section 6: The Executive Committee Shall elect a Secretary, as prescribed in Article 13.18 of the Texas Election Code, who may be either a member of the committee or such other person that the Committee may select.

Section 7: Vacancies in the office of County Chairman, Precinct chair and/or Secretary shall be filled by the Executive Committee by a majority vote of those present and voting, provided a majority of the full committee membership is present; due notice of purpose having been given in the call of the meeting as prescribed by the Texas Election Code.

Section 8: Voting by mail, including electronic mail, is permissible in filling vacancies in the office of Executive Committee. The County Chairman may submit the names of persons to the Executive Committee for selection, the names thereof to be included on ballot with a copy of the call to the meeting at which selection will be made. Completed, signed ballots may be returned in person or by mail, including electronic mail, to the Executive Committee Secretary in care of:

Hill County Republican Party
PO Box 944
Hillsboro, TX 76645

or delivered in person at the Executive Committee meeting at which selection is to be made, or by e-mail. Mail-in ballots, received before the time of the respective Executive Committee meeting, shall be valid. Secretary shall open mail-in ballots at the executive meeting and shall provide print outs of email votes at the time of tabulating votes.

ARTICLE IV: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN

Section 1: The County Chairman shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of the Election Code of the State of Texas and shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee and shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Republican Party of Hill County; the County Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, coordinate the political activities of the Republican Party in Hill County including appointing all committee chairmen.

The County Chairman shall be a member of all committees, shall represent the Executive committee in its official capacity, shall employ such persons and make such appointments as deemed appropriate, and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as shall pertain to the office of the County Chairman.

Section 2: The County Chairman may appoint one or more Vice Chairmen who shall serve until their successors are appointed and shall perform such duties as may be directed by the County Chairman.

In the Event of the County Chairman's absence, resignation, disqualification, or death, the first Vice Chairman so appointed shall perform duties of the County Chairman. In the event of the absence, resignation, disqualification, or death of both the County Chairman and this officer, the interim duties of office will devolve upon the Vice Chairmen in the order of their appointment.

Section 3: The Secretary shall be elected by the Executive Committee as provided in the Texas Election Code and shall keep minutes and attendance records for all meetings of the Executive Committee, which minutes shall be retained at the County Headquarters office. The Secretary shall be elected at the first statutory meeting of each newly elected Executive Committee and shall serve for the same term as the Executive Committee.

Section 4: The Executive Committeeman shall be responsible for the carrying out of the directions and resolutions of the Executive Committee, county conventions, and precinct committees, if there be such, in accordance with these by-laws. The Executive Committeeman shall assist in ~~all~~ Republican Party campaigns and shall have general responsibility for all Republican Party activities, functions and campaigns within their respective precincts.

Section 5: Candidate Endorsements

The Executive Committee (Chair and Precinct Chairs) along with any and all appointed positions of the Republican Party of Hill County shall not publicly endorse any candidate for public office in a contested Republican primary, run-off elections and/or any special called election through the use of their position title as part of the Hill County Republican Party. Working, supporting, or otherwise working for a candidate in a contested Republican election is allowable, just not the endorsement of a particular candidate through the position title while serving the Hill County Republican Party.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a quarter.

Section 2: In each even-numbered year, one of the regular meetings shall be an organizational meeting to be held within sixty days of the date the Executive Committee takes office.

Section 3: Special meetings may be called by the County Chairman as needed. Special meetings may also be called upon by a petition of 25(twenty five) percent of the members of the Executive committee to the County Chairman or the Acting County Chairman.

Section 4: No less than fifteen days notice shall be required for all meetings, except in the event of a stated emergency, in which case two days notice shall be required. (All designation of times shall be considered as the postmark date of U.S. mail and/or electronic mail). All meeting notices must be in writing and include the date, time and location of the meeting. A notice must include a statement of any business requiring a vote of the Executive Committee and held no earlier than five days after presentation of the petition to the Secretary and/or County Chairman.

Section 5: In the event a meeting is called, and the Chairman and Vice Chairman fail to attend, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order and preside while the members (a quorum being present) elect a temporary chairman to preside at that particular meeting. If the Chairman and Vice Chairman and Secretary fail to attend, any Executive Committeeman may call the meeting to order at the appointed hour and preside while the members (a quorum being present) elect a temporary chairman to preside at that particular meeting. The temporary chairman shall have the same authority of presiding office as the regular chairman has at any meeting.

Section 6: Quorum

- A. Non-Statutory Business - A quorum for the conduct of non-Statutory business shall be 25% of the total members of the Executive Committee (excluding vacancies).
- B. Statutory Business ó Quorum to conduct statutory business called for by the Texas Election code shall consist of those members present.

Section 7: At all meetings of the Executive Committee, all elected officials of the Republican Party of Texas, incumbent, statewide, District and County Republican office-holders, the County Vice Chairmen, Legal Counsel and Secretary, together with such other persons as may be designated by the County Chairman, shall have the privileges of the floor, but without voting rights.

ARTICLE VI - APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

Section 1: The appointive officers shall be the Vice Chair, Treasurer, Legal Counsel, Parliamentarian, Chaplain and Sergeant-at-Arms.

Section 2: The terms of office of the appointive officers shall be concurrent with that of the Executive Committee, except in the event of a vacancy in the office of County Chairman, the appointive officers shall serve only until the election of a new County Chairman.

Section 3: The County Vice Chairmen shall be the assistant executive officers of the Republican Party of Hill County. They shall aid and assist the County Chairman in all of said duties.

Section 4: The Legal Counsel shall be the chief legal advisor of the Executive Committee and the Republican Party of Hill County, and all other Committees and officers on legal matters pertaining to said committees and officers and the Republican Party of Hill County. They may also attend all meetings of the Executive Committee.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the Executive Committee and the Republican Party of Hill County and shall disburse the same in accordance with the budgets established by the County Chairman. They shall keep a strict account of all receipts and disbursements, with the dates thereof, from who received and to whom disbursed, and the purpose thereof and shall make a copy of said report available to the Executive Committee quarterly.

Section 6: The County Chairman may appoint assistants to the Appointive Officers as needed, who shall be subject to the same ratification and removal procedures as the Appointive Officers as outlined in Section 2 of this Article.

ARTICLE VII - SUCCESSION

In the event of a vacancy in the office of County Chairman, the elected Secretary of the Executive Committee shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held within twenty days of the occurrence of the vacancy for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII - STANDING COMMITTEES

The County Chairman may appoint such standing committees as he deems necessary to assist him in carrying out duties to promote the Republican Party of Hill County.

ARTICLE - IX -SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The County Chairman may appoint such Ad Hoc Committees, as he deems necessary to assist him in carrying out duties not specifically assigned to a Standing Committee.

ARTICLE X - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the Robert's Rules of Order Revised, as specified by the State, shall govern the Executive Committee and Officers in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and current State Party Rules.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Executive Committee at a meeting of the Executive Committee (a quorum being present) by giving notice at the previous regular meeting, and by mailing written notice to each Executive Committeeman at least seven days in advance of a regular or special meeting called for that purpose. Approval of changes can be sent in by email to County Chair or mail in ballot to Party PO Box (See Article III for address) in the event that an executive member can not be present at the next meeting.