

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY
REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Jo Daviess County Republican Central Committee (referred to in these Bylaws as the "Central Committee").

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

- Section 1: The purpose of the Central Committee shall be to establish, organize and promote the operations of the Jo Daviess County Republican Party, and other functions that, from time to time, may be deemed proper and appropriate.
- Section 2: The Central Committee is the governing body of the Republican Party of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, and is an integral, but independent, part of the National Republican Party and of the Illinois Republican Party. It shall have the authority to take all appropriate action to promote the principles and programs of the Republican Party, hereinafter referred to as the "Party."
- Section 3: The duties and powers of the Central Committee include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:
1. To encourage qualified citizens to run for election to public office as Republicans.
 2. To endorse, promote, aid and assist in the election of all Republican candidate for public office in all general and consolidated elections in Jo Daviess County, Illinois. The Central Committee shall not endorse or assist one Republican candidate over another in a contested primary election.
 3. To promote, encourage, and sponsor Party organization at every level, distribution and communication of Party information in and through all available media; development of proper public relations for the Party and its candidates; cooperation and coordination among the Party committees, organizations, groups, public officials and members; and enlistment and assignment of Party members.

4. To devise and execute ways and means of financing all activities through the development of an integrated and coordinated finance plan for the local Party.
5. To establish, maintain, and sponsor such committees, groups, staffs, or councils for the formation, advancement, and implementation of local Party policy as the Central Committee may consider wise and beneficial to the Party.
6. To inaugurate, maintain and operate a plan of improvement of the local Republican Party as, from time to time, may be deemed necessary.
7. To maintain the headquarters and/or organization of the Republican Party in Jo Daviess County, Illinois.
8. To encourage registered voters to vote for Republican candidates in every primary and general election.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1: Membership. Members of the Central Committee are the precinct and township committeemen (hereinafter referred to as "Committeemen") as elected or appointed as provided by statute and these Bylaws. Other such members include those provided by these Bylaws, and any other members, or classification of members, as decided by the Central Committee.
- Section 2: Term of Elected Precinct Committeemen. A duly-elected Committeeman, being a bona fide resident of the precinct or township where he or she (referred to in these Bylaws as "he") seeks to be elected precinct or township Committeeman, shall serve as a voting member when he is elected and certified at the most recent primary election and shall continue as such a Committeeman until the date of the primary to be held in the second year after his election unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws.
- Section 3: Vacancy. A vacancy in membership on the Central Committee occurs upon a member's death, resignation, or upon such other disqualification as may be provided by law or these Bylaws. A vacancy exists in the office of Committeeman when a Committeeman ceases to reside in the precinct or township in which he was elected and such Committeeman shall thereafter neither have nor exercise any rights, powers, or duties as Committeeman in that precinct or township, even if a successor has not been elected or appointed. A duly-elected or duly-appointed committeeman, who changes his residence, shall notify, in writing, the Secretary of the Central Committee.

- Section 4: Filling of Vacancy. If a vacancy exists in the office of Committeeman, the Chairman of the Central Committee shall appoint a qualified resident of Jo Daviess County to serve the remainder of the term of a Committeeman who has vacated his position. The Chairman may also appoint Committeemen in those precincts or townships where no Committeemen were elected at the most recent primary election. An appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of Committeeman may not be made between the primary election and the 30th day after the primary election.
- Section 5: Term and Powers of Appointed Committeeman. A duly appointed Committeeman shall serve until the date of the primary to be held in the second year after the election of the Committeeman. Appointed Committeeman shall serve as if elected and shall have the same voting power on the Central Committee and on any nominating committees as if elected from the precinct appointed to.
- Section 6: Non-Voting Members. Deputy Committeemen, the Presidents of the following clubs: Jo Daviess County Republican Women, Young Republicans of Jo Daviess County, Local University College Republicans, and such other individuals as the Chairman may appoint with approval of the Executive Committee, including all Republicans elected office holders not otherwise elected or appointed as Committeemen shall serve as non-voting members.
- Section 7: Voting. In the organization and proceedings of the Central Committee, each Committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his precinct or township by the primary electors of the Republican Party at the primary election at which he was elected. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast. Only elected Committeemen may vote in the organization and proceedings of the Central Committee at the County Convention. All votes cast by committeemen shall be by roll call and shall not be by secret ballot.
- Section 8: Proxies. No proxies shall be allowed. [Alternatively, the County Central Committee could arguably provide: Proxy voting may be allowed in all matters. Proxy voting requires the submission of a written proxy that must be notarized by the absent voting member. The proxy shall detail in specificity the matter being voted on, the weighted vote of the voting member, and how the member wishes to cast said votes.]
- Section 9: Powers. All powers of the Central Committee are vested in the members unless provided otherwise by state statute or these Bylaws.
- Section 10: Resignation: Any member desiring to resign from the Central Committee shall submit his resignation in writing to the Secretary, who shall present it to the Executive Committee for action.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers. The officers of the Central Committee shall be Chairman, First Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties as prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Central Committee.

Section 2: Duties of Officers.

1. Chairman:

- A. To have full authority to exercise the executive powers of the Central Committee.
- B. To preside at all meetings of the Central Committee and all Executive committee meetings and, in the Secretary's absence at any such meeting appoint a temporary Secretary to take minutes at such meeting.
- C. To rule on all points of order at such meetings; at the Chairman's discretion, such rulings may be made with the advice of a parliamentarian appointed by the Chairman for such meetings.
- D. To act as spokesman for the Central Committee.
- E. To represent the Central Committee or to designate someone as a representative in his absence.
- F. To act as a liaison between the Central Committee and the Illinois Republican State Central Committee, the Illinois Republican county Chairmen's Association, the Republican National Committee, and all other organizations associated with the Republican Party.
- G. To serve as an ex-officio officer of all ad hoc committees except for the Executive Committee.
- H. To appoint all ad hoc committee chairmen and members.
- I. To obtain and appoint, when necessary, legal counsel for the Central Committee.
- J. To appoint or dismiss any personnel or staff of the Central Committee.

- K. To sign, or designate a representative or agent to sign, all contracts binding on the Central Committee and as approved by the Central Committee or the Executive Committee.
 - L. To report to members in writing from time to time, by not less often than annually, on the various programs and activities of the Central Committee and the Republican Party of Jo Daviess County, Illinois.
2. First Vice Chairman:
- A. To assist the Chairman in the discharge of his duties as the Chairman may direct.
 - B. To perform the duties of the Chairman in his absence.
 - C. To fill the vacancy of the Chairman.
3. Secretary:
- A. To keep minutes of all Central Committee and Executive Committee meetings.
 - B. to submit copies of said minutes to all members of the Central Committee.
 - C. To inform all members of meetings and events of the Central Committee.
 - D. To handle general correspondence of the Central Committee as directed by the Chairman or Executive Committee.
 - E. To be responsible for the mailing of all announcements and/or notices.
 - F. To perform other duties as assigned by the Chairman.
4. Treasurer:
- A. To have custody of the funds of the Central Committee.
 - B. To keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in the records belonging to the Central Committee.
 - C. To deposit all monies in the name of and the credit of the Central Committee in such depositories as may be designed by the Central Committee.

- D. To disburse funds of the Central Committee in the due course of business or as may be ordered by the Central Committee, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements.
- E. To report at all general meetings, and when directed by the Chairman, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Central Committee.
- F. To keep all records and make and sign all reports required by any federal, state, or local campaign finance reporting laws.
- G. To sign his name and obtain the signature of the Chairman for all checks, drafts, and/or contracts written in the name of the Central Committee.
- H. To perform other duties as assigned by the Chairman.
- I. To provide to each member of the Central Committee an annual financial report of the Central Committee.

Section 3: Election and Appointment of Officers.

1. On the second Monday next succeeding the primary at which committeemen are elected and at such time and place as shall be directed by the Central Committee, the Central Committee shall convene the biennial County Convention at 7 p.m. in the County to elect from its own elected number, the Chairman and the First Vice Chairman, and from its own elected number or otherwise, the Secretary and Treasurer.

The Central Committee shall, when required by state statute, elect from its own number at the County Convention, two Committeemen to serve with the Chairman on the Legislative Committee, and two Committeemen to serve with the Chairman on the Representative Committee.

The Chairman shall, within ten (10) days after the County Convention, forward to the State Board of Elections the names and addresses of the elected Officers and committeemen.

2. The Officers and Legislative and Representative Committee member shall be elected at the biennial county convention for a two year term and until their successors are elected and qualified.
3. The offices will be filled in the following order: Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and then Treasurer.
4. Each duly-elected and certified Committeeman, who was elected at the most recent primary election, shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his

precinct by the primary electors of the Republican Party at the primary election at which he was elected.

5. Only duly elected Committeemen are eligible to be recognized as a candidate for the office of Chairman and First Vice Chairman.
6. The most recent Chairman of the Central Committee or his designee shall call the county convention to order and nominate a Chairman Pro Tem, Secretary Pro Tem, and any other temporary officers as he may deem necessary or expedient to organize and execute the county convention and the elections of all Central Committee officers.
7. Elections for Central Committee officers shall be executed by a roll call vote.
8. The candidate having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.
9. The newly-elected Central Committee officers shall take office once all said officers have been elected and qualified.

Section 4: Removal of Officer. Upon receipt of a petition signed by not fewer than thirty percent of the elected Committeemen of the Central Committee, or upon the call of the Chairman alleging a specific instance or instances of malfeasance, misfeasance, or gross abuse of discretion by any officer, a meeting of the Central Committee to vote on the removal of any officer shall be held after due notice is given to each Committeeman. The petition shall be filed with the Secretary, or if the Secretary is the officer in question, then the Chairman. A two-thirds weighted vote of the duly-elected and appointed precinct committeemen present with a quorum shall be necessary for any removal or other disciplinary action to be taken.

If a member is thus accused, he has the right to due process – that is to be informed of the charge in writing and given time to prepare his defense before the Central Committee, to appear and defend himself, and to be fairly treated.

Section 5: Filling of Officer Vacancy. If the office of the Chairman becomes vacant, the First Vice-Chairman shall succeed to the office of Chairman. If any other elected officer's position becomes vacant, the Chairman, with the majority approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a successor from the Central Committee's own number or otherwise subject to the officer eligibility limitations set forth in Article IV, Section 3. Successors in office shall serve out the remainder of the term of their predecessor.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

- Section 1: Frequency. The Chairman shall convene meetings of the Central Committee not fewer than two times each calendar year.
- Section 2: Call of the Meetings: Meetings of the Central Committee may be called by the Chairman on his own initiative and shall be called by the Chairman when petitioned by twenty-five percent of the members.
- Section 3: Notice of Meetings: The call of any meeting shall be emailed or mailed to the last known address of every member not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the intended meeting date, stating the intended meeting date, time, and place of the meeting, and the business to be discussed at the meeting. In addition to written notice, the Chairman may take all practical steps to inform all members.
- Section 4: Membership Roster: The Secretary shall maintain current rosters of member showing their address and shall make copies available to members upon request.
- Section 5: Bylaws: The Secretary shall make copies of the Bylaws available to members of the Central Committee upon request and shall distribute a copy of the Bylaws prior to the biennial county convention.
- Section 6: Quorum. A quorum shall consist of twenty percent of the number of the voting members
- Section 7: Agenda. Any member shall be accorded the opportunity of presenting any resolution appropriate to the affairs of the Central Committee at such time and under such circumstances and ruling as to assure fair and reasonable consideration.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1: Membership: The membership of the Executive Committee shall be the elected and appointed officers of the Central Committee as set forth in Article IV, Section 1. Each member present at an Executive Committee meeting shall have one (1) vote. A quorum shall consist of at least three (3) members present. Approval of a Committee action shall require a majority vote of those members present. All meetings shall require written notice of the members.
- Section 2: Duties.
1. To establish, initiate, and enforce policy of the Central Committee as proposed to the Committee.

2. To have general supervision of the affairs of the Central Committee between its general meetings.
3. To make recommendations to the members
4. To vote final approval of all bills.
5. To serve as ex-official members of all ad hoc committees.

Section 3: Powers. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the orders of the members of the Central Committee, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Central Committee.

ARTICLE VII

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Central Committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Central Committee may adopt.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENT OF BYLAWSS

These Bylaws may be amended at a general meeting of the Central Committee by a two thirds roll call vote pursuant to the voting procedure of Article III, Section 7, of all voting members present where there is a quorum present, and provided that the proposed amendment or amendments have been submitted in writing to the Chairman or Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE IX

EFFECTIVE DATE

These Bylaws were approved and effective of June 2, 2010.