

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

ARTICLE I
NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Ellis County Republican Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall exercise those powers conferred upon it by the Election Code of the State of Texas, rules of the Republican Party of Texas, and by these By-Laws; and shall promote the best interest of The Republican Party of the Ellis County by promoting Republican Party candidates in Ellis County and shall strive to influence the outcome of public policy to reflect the principles found in the platform of the Republican Party of Texas.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the County Chairman, who shall be the Committee's presiding officer and the (precinct chairman) from each election precinct of Ellis County. Each member shall be entitled to one vote by personal attendance at Executive Committee Meetings. Voting by mail or by proxy is prohibited.

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. The Executive Committee shall elect a Secretary, as prescribed in the current Texas Election Code, who may be a member of the Committee or such other person the Committee may select. The Secretary shall be elected at the first statutory meeting of each newly elected Executive Committee and shall serve for the same as the Executive Committee.

Section 4. A vacancy in the office of County Chairman shall be filled by the Executive Committee by a majority vote of those present and voting, provided a quorum of the full Committee membership is present ; due notice of purpose having been given in the call of the meeting as prescribed in the current Texas Election Code.

Section 5. A vacancy in the office of Secretary shall be filled by the Executive Committee by a 50% +1 majority vote of those present and voting, provided a quorum of the full Committee membership is present; due notice of purpose having been given in the call of the meeting.

ARTICLE III
DUTIES OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS
AND
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The County Chairman shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee and shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Republican Party of Ellis County; the County Chairman shall preside at all meeting of the Executive Committee, coordinate the political activities of the Republican Party in Ellis County, including nominating all Committee Chairman for approval by the Executive Committee. Executive Committee approval shall be by a 50% +1 majority vote of those present and voting, provided a quorum of the full Committee membership is present. Should confirmation not allow, nominations shall be open from the floor. The County Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of the committees, and shall represent the Executive Committee in its official capacity.

Section 2. The County Chairman may nominate a Vice-Chairman and other officers whose terms shall coincide with that of the County Chairman. The County Chairman shall employ such persons as deemed appropriate, and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of County Chairman.

In the event of the County Chairman's absence, the Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the County Chairman. In the event of the County Chairman's resignation, disqualifications or death, such vacancy for County Chairman shall be filled by the Executive Committee at a meeting called by the Secretary or the State Chairman for the purpose of filling such vacancy. The authority calling the meeting shall designate a Committee member to serve as a temporary chairman, who shall call the meeting to order and preside until the vacancy is filled.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep minutes and attendance records for all meetings of the Executive Committee. Those minutes shall be retained at the Ellis County Republican Headquarters Office.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the carrying out the directions and resolutions of the Executive Committee, County/Senatorial District Conventions, and Precinct Conventions in accordance with these By-Laws. The Executive Committee shall assist in all Republican Party campaigns and shall have general responsibility for all Republican Party activities, functions and campaigns within their respective precincts. Nothing shall be construed as to prevent any Precinct Chairman from working for or endorsing any Republican candidate he/she chooses.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

Section 1. All meetings of the Republican Party of Ellis County Executive Committee shall be called by mail or e-mail as determined by the individual Precinct Chair. The postmark date will be considered the notification date. No meeting will be called by telephone.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall meet at such times required by the Election Code of the State of Texas and shall adopt a schedule of regular meetings. All regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the County Chairman who shall submit to the Executive Committee within 30 days of taking office a proposed schedule of regular meetings of his/her term.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the County Chairman as needed. Special meetings may also be requested by at least five (5) members of the Executive Committee for any reason. The five members of the Executive Committee shall personally notify the County Chairman, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman, of the Republican Party of Ellis County, in writing, not less than five (5) weekdays prior to the requested special meeting. The Chairman will then call the requested meeting within three (3) weekdays of the date and time indicated on said notification.

Section 4. Not less than seven (7) days notice shall be required for ALL regular meetings, except in the event of a stated emergency, in which three (3) weekdays notice will be required. Emergency notice shall identify, in detail, the situation dictating an emergency meeting.

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, Vice-Chairman and Secretary fail to attend, any Executive Committeeman may call the meeting to order at the appointed hour and elect a temporary Chairman to preside at that particular meeting. The temporary chairman shall have the same authority of presiding officer as the regular chairman has at any meeting and shall appoint a temporary Secretary to keep minutes.

Section 6. A quorum for the conduct of business shall be any number greater than half the total number of sitting Precinct Chairs, or fifty percent (50%) plus 1 of the total members of the Executive Committee.

Reference General Rules for all Conventions and Meetings 2018; Rule No 9A

The agenda for ALL called meetings shall be enclosed within the mailing/email at the time of notice. Any Executive Committee member may add an item to the agenda if so desired. To do so the member must submit in writing the item to the person calling the meeting not less than twenty-four hours prior to the convening of the called meeting. A revised meeting agenda will be provided at the beginning of the called meeting.

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

Reference General Rules for all Conventions and Meetings 2018; Rule No 8G

ARTICLE V
OFFICERS
(Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms)

Section 1. The officers shall be Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Sergeant-at-Arms and shall serve during the term of the Chairman. The officers may be either a member of the Committee or such other person as the Committee may approve.

Section 2. The County Chairman shall nominate the Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Nominations Chair subject to approval by the Executive Committee. Executive Committee approval shall be a by a 50% + 1 majority vote of those present and voting, provided a quorum of the full Committee membership is present. Should confirmation not follow on any of the above officers, nominations shall be open from the floor.

Section 3. The County Chairman and any Executive Committee member may nominate a Precinct Chair to any vacant precinct, who:

1. is a registered voter of said Precinct with a vacancy,
2. has established RPT Party affiliation as stated in RPT Rule No. 20, and
3. has attended two (2) of the last four (4) regular Executive Committee meetings.

At the second meeting this individual may apply to fill the vacancy and will be presented by the Nominations committee after review by the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee will present this individual for a vote to fill the vacancy at the next regular Executive Committee meeting.

Section 4. The terms of office of the officers shall be concurrent with that of the Executive Committee, except that in the event of a vacancy in the office of County Chairman, the officers shall serve only until the election of a new County Chairman.

Section 5. The County Vice-Chairman shall be the assistant executive officer of the Republican Party of Ellis County. He/She shall aid and assist the County Chairman in all said duties.

Section 6. The treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the Executive Committee and the Republican Party of Ellis County, and shall disburse the same in accordance with the budgets approved by the Executive Committee. He shall keep a strict account of all receipts and disbursements, with the date thereof, from whom received and to whom disbursed, and the purpose thereof and shall make a copy of said report available to the Executive Committee at each regular scheduled meeting. All disbursements shall require the signature of at least two of the following officers- Chairman, Treasurer, or Secretary of the Republican Party of Ellis County. Any non-budget disbursements exceeding \$250.00 shall require approval of the Executive Committee. Passage requires a 50% +1 majority vote of those present and voting, provided a quorum of the full Committee membership is present. However, the rights of the Chairman and Secretary to dispense funds as required for Primary Elections shall not be abridged.

Section 7. County Chairman Removal –The County Chairman may be deemed to have abandoned the office by failing to perform statutory duties, failing to attend four (4) consecutive County Executive Meetings, embezzling County Executive committee funds, being convicted of election fraud, or other behavior designed to disgrace the Republican Party. A written demand signed by at least a majority of the Executive Committee shall be forwarded to the Officials Committee of the SREC. If the Officials Committee finds that the compliant has merit, the Officials Committee shall conduct a hearing on the conduct of the County Chairman.

Reference General Rules for all Conventions and Meetings 2018; Rule No 8J, 8K, 8M

Section 8. Precinct Chairman may be deemed to have abandoned the office by failing to perform statutory duties or failing to attend four (4) consecutive County Executive Meetings. Removal shall be according to **Texas Elections Code section 171.029(c)**.

**ARTICLE VI
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Section 1. The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised (RNR), 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.

**ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Executive Committee present and voting at a meeting of the Executive Committee, a quorum of the Executive Committee being present, by giving notice, including a copy of the proposed changes, fourteen (14) days in advance of a regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose.

**ARTICLE VIII
INITIATION**

Section 1. These By-Laws shall become effective immediately upon passage and the acceptance by a majority of the attending members of the Executive Committee with a quorum present and voting. These By-Laws are adopted to supplement the Texas State Republican Party Rules. In the event of a conflict between rules, the State Rules takes precedence.

Approved and accepted this _____ day of _____, 2018 by the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Ellis County.

Date

Chairman, Republican Party of Ellis County

Date

Secretary, Republican Party of Ellis County