

**STRAFFORD COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I
Name**

The name of this organization shall be the "Strafford County Republican Committee": hereinafter referred to as the "County Committee".

**ARTICLE II
Purpose**

The purpose of the County Committee shall be:

- (a) to execute its duties in cooperation with the NH Republican State Committee in accordance with the State Committee's by-laws, and RSA 667:22,
- (b) to encourage the active participation of all persons in the Republican Party at all political levels,
- (c) to recruit qualified Republican candidates to run for public office at all political levels,
- (d) to support the election of members of the Republican Party to all political offices,
- (e) to direct the general policy and campaign activities of the County Committee organization,
- (f) to remain neutral in all activities relating to primary races at all political levels, and
- (g) to perform all duties by law or custom required of it.

**ARTICLE III
Composition**

The Strafford County State Convention Delegates are the nominees and elected delegates and shall represent the County at the Republican State

Convention and are governed by the Republican State Committee By-laws.

The State Convention Delegates elect the State Committee Members that are the Initial Voting Members of the County Committee.

The Initial Voting Members shall elect officers of the County Committee.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERS

Membership in the Strafford County Republican Committee shall be open to registered Republican voters residing in Strafford County.

Voting privileges for new members begin at the first regular meeting following registration and payment of annual dues.

Membership dues shall be set annually, as recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by vote of the membership.

Registered members shall vote on all items relating to the policies of the County Committee and transact any and all County Committee business necessary for the advancement of the Party, except the election of County officers per Article III.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

The County Committee shall meet at a minimum immediately after the election of its Initial Voting Members, and at least on one other occasion during each calendar year. The County Committee may meet at any time upon the call for such a meeting by the Chairman or Vice Chairman, or upon the written request of five (5) members of the above committee. A quorum at any such meeting of the County Committee shall consist of those members of the Committee present.

The Chairman of the County Committee shall be responsible for providing written and/or electronic notification to all members at least ten (10) days in advance of any County Committee meeting. Written notice must also be given in advance of the election of Initial Voting Members.

ARTICLE VI
Officers

The officers of the County Committee shall consist of: (a) Chairman, (b) Vice Chairman, (c) Secretary, and (d) Treasurer. Said officers shall be elected for a two-year term. Any officer missing three (3) consecutive unexcused County Committee meetings shall be considered to have tendered their resignation as an officer. A replacement shall be elected per Article XII (vacancies).

ARTICLE VII
Chairman

The Chairman shall be the chief executive officer. His or her duties shall include, without restriction:

- (a) Organizing of each town or city within the County,
- (b) Scheduling of County Committee meetings,
- (c) Presiding over County Committee and Executive Committee meetings
- (d) Filing of annual activities reports with the State Party Chairman.
- (e) Providing meeting notice to all members (Article V)
- (f) Appointing all special Committees and the membership thereof
- (g) Serving as Exofficio on all special Committees.

The Chairman shall remain neutral during any primary campaign. Any show of partiality or act on behalf of any single "declared" candidate in any primary campaign by the Chairman shall constitute a forfeiture of office.

ARTICLE VIII
Vice Chairman

The Vice Chairman shall assist the Chairman in the performance of his or her duties, and in the absence of the Chairman, shall assume the duties of the Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall remain neutral during any primary campaign. Any show of partiality or act on behalf of any single "declared" candidate in any primary campaign by the Vice Chairman shall constitute a forfeiture of office.

ARTICLE IX
Secretary

The Secretary shall maintain:

- A. attendance records
- B. recordings of all proceedings
- C. an accurate roster of membership
- D. registration forms for membership
- E. record of meeting notices

ARTICLE X
Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all County Committee funds.

He/She shall report all receipts and expenditures at each meeting thereof since the preceding report. The Treasurer shall make disbursements at the direction of the Chairman when approved by:

- (a) a majority of voting members in attendance at a County Committee meeting, or
- (b) a majority of Executive Committee members, not to exceed \$100. for any single disbursement.

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ARTICLE XI
Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the County Committee. The Executive Committee shall function as the governing body of the County Committee, and shall make all decisions and take all actions necessary to effectuate the stated purposes of the County Committee as outlined above, during those periods of time when the County Committee is not in session. The Executive Committee shall meet at the direction of the Chairman.

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ARTICLE XII
Vacancies

Vacancies in any of the officer positions as enumerated in these bylaws, shall be filled on a temporary basis by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Said vote shall take place within thirty (30) days of the date the vacancy occurs. Such temporary officers shall serve until the next regular meeting of the County Committee, In the event of a vacancy a replacement will be made in accordance with Article III of the Committee By-laws.

ARTICLE XIII
General

The following provisions shall govern the conduct and operations of the County Committee as created by these Bylaws.

- (a) Each voting member in good standing (per Article IV Membership) shall have one vote.
- (b) A majority of those voting members present and voting shall decide any questions.
- (c) In the event of an election where more than two candidates are running for one office, a plurality of those members present and voting shall be sufficient to elect.
- (d) The Strafford County Republican Committee shall not support financially or by in-kind contributions any candidate or nominee of this county who opposes measures to end partial-birth abortions.

ARTICLE XIV
Amendment of Bylaws

Any amendment to the bylaws shall be filed with the Republican State Executive Committee. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the County Committee by vote of the majority of the County Committee voting members present provided that a written notification of the proposed change(s) shall have been included in the written notice of the County Committee meetings required in Article V (Meetings).

ARTICLE XV
Procedures

The County Committee meeting and any Executive Committee meeting shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order revised, or the latest edition thereof.

Amended April 19, 2007