

BY-LAWS

DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

BE IT and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the County Republican Central Committee in the County of Douglas, State of Illinois, at a duly noticed and convened County Meeting this 25th day of October, 1995 adopts the following by-laws:

BY-LAWS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1. This County Republican Central Committee shall be now and designated as the "Douglas County Republican Central Committee: as provided by the laws of the State of Illinois, and shall be recognized as the regular Republican organization in the County of Douglas, State of Illinois.

SECTION 2. Its purpose shall be to develop, foster, advance and perpetuate the principles of the Republican Party, to support and otherwise do all within its power to insure the election of all Republican nominees for public office whose names appear on the general election and any special election or other regular election ballots in the County of Douglas, to fill such vacancies as may occur by virtue of the death or inability of any Republican nominee to serve as such nominee or as an official of the Republican, to manage the affairs of the Republican Party within the jurisdiction of the County of Douglas, and to engage in such other activities and perform such functions and services as may from time to time be necessary to further the cause of the Republican Party, its principles and its candidates.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP VOTING

SECTION 1. Each duly elected or appointed and certified Republican Precinct Committeeman shall be a member of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee. In any duly noticed and convened meeting, each Republican Precinct Committeeman shall have one vote for each Republican ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors of the Republican Party.

SECTION 2. Each member of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee shall cast his ballots by voice vote to be tallied by the Secretary of the Douglas County Central committee as his name and precinct are called in a roll call vote by the Secretary. At the conclusion of the roll call and until such time as the balloting is declared closed, a committeeman may vote. As provided by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, the Chairman assume unanimous consent until someone objects. In that case, the

Chair ignores the vote by outcry, even if the result has been announced, and it requires a regular roll call voice vote.

SECTION 3. All questions, except amendments to these by-laws, and endorsement of candidates, as defined by Article II, Section 5, shall be decided by a simple majority of the number of votes represented by those in attendance.

SECTION 4. Amendments to the by-laws may be made at a duly noticed and convened meeting of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee, after the amendments to be considered have been mailed to each member at least fifteen days before said meeting, and at least one-third (33.333%) of the duly elected or appointed Republican Precinct Committeemen are in attendance, and the proposed amendment receives more than a two-thirds (66.666%) of the votes represented at said meeting.

SECTION 5. Endorsements are limited by the following procedure: First, the Executive Committee must by two-thirds of its members present and voting, recommend that an endorsement vote of the Central Committee be taken with regard to one or more candidates for any office: Second, at a duly called meeting of the Central Committee (with notice of said endorsement vote having been given to all committeemen and affected Republican candidates by placement in regular U.S. mail, a minimum of seven(7) days prior to such meeting), the Central Committee must endorse such a recommended candidate by a minimum of sixty percent (60%) of the votes present and voting.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

SECTION 1. The elected officers of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee must be duly elected or appointed, and certified Republican Precinct Committeemen and shall consist of a County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, whose terms of office shall be for two years or the life of the Douglas County Republican central committee, as provided by the laws of the State of Illinois. Said officers shall be elected by roll call voice vote or secret ballot at the organizational meeting as set forth in Article VIII.

SECTION 2. The County Chairman shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee as hereinafter defined, such officers as are necessary and shall include a County Chairwoman and such appointed officers shall serve at the pleasure of the County Chairman.

SECTION 3. The County Chairman of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee,

must, within sixty (60) days after the election of the Central committee, appoint chairmen of the following standing committees: Fund raising, Special Events, Candidate Selection, Finance, Public Relations, and Campaign, and shall notify the entire membership of the Douglas County Republican Central committee of the appointments by mail within five (5) days after the appointments. The County Chairman shall name a minimum of three members to serve on each committee.

SECTION 4. Vacancies in any elected or appointed office of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee shall be filled in the following manner: In the case of a vacancy because of death, resignation or disqualification of any officer other than Chairman, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term. In the event a vacancy occurs in the Office of Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall become Acting Chairman for not longer than 90 days and may exercise all the rights, privileges and powers vested in the Chairman for that period of time. Within ninety (90) days, the Acting Chairman shall call a meeting of the central Committee to fill the Office of Chairman.

SECTION 5. The Executive Committee shall consist of the county Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, County Chairwoman and such additional Republicans as are selected to serve at the discretion of the Chairman. In the event that the committee does not include any elected Republican Officials, then any such officeholders maintaining an office in Douglas County may call a meeting of such officeholders and elect a Republican to represent the officeholders on the Executive committee. The Executive Committee may meet in executive session as they deem necessary.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS, CHAIRMEN, COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Chairman: It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings of the Central committee, at all County Conventions and at all meetings of the Executive Committee; to set policy, direct the affairs, and conduct the business of Central Committee, and in doing such business, to consult with the Executive Committee. The Chairman serves as a member ex-officio on all committees. It shall also be the duty and responsibility of the Chairman to represent the Central Committee throughout the State and Nation.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chairman to preside at all meetings and affairs in the absence of the Chairman. He shall perform such other duties and exercise such additional authority as may from time to time be delegated to him by the Chairman.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all meetings of the Central Committee and of the Executive Committee, to keep a roll of the members of the Central Committee, to maintain a file of the formal

reports of the officers and committees, to issue notices of any special or regular meetings of the Central Committee and of the County Conventions, to conduct the correspondence of the central Committee, and to consult with and follow the instructions of the Chairman and the Executive Committee.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies of the Central Committee and to deposit the same in a bank for safekeeping, which bank shall be chosen and designated by the County Chairman, to pay all obligations of the Central Committee; to maintain proper books and records of all financial transactions of the Central Committee; and to transfer over to a successor in office all forms, records, vouchers, and other property of the Central Committee which may be in his possession or under his control. The Treasurer may be required to secure a surety bond to guarantee the funds of the Central committee that come into his possession, the amount and the form of the bond to be determined by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer will provide a financial report, the format to be determined by the Executive Committee, at each regular meeting of the Central Committee. In the absence of the Treasurer, the County Chairman will obtain a financial report from the Treasurer and provide the same to the Central Committee.

SECTION 5. The Chairwoman of the Douglas County Republican Central committee shall keep the records of the appointment of all Republican Precinct Committeewomen appointed by the duly elected Republican Precinct Committeeman of each precinct, and shall serve as a member of the Campaign Committee.

SECTION 6. The Executive Committee shall advise the County Chairman and with the County Chairman shall act as the governing body of the Douglas County Central Committee. (See also, Article III, Section 5.) Each member of the executive Committee shall have one vote and a majority vote will decide all issues.

SECTION 7. There shall be six (6) standing committees, each with a minimum of three (3) members appointed in accordance with Article III, Section 3. The committees and duties shall be:

CAMPAIGN: Conduct county campaigns to coordinate campaign activities of all Republican organizations at a general or special election and to assist the township organizations with any campaigns for township offices.

FINANCE: To monitor funds of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee and assist the Fund Raising Committee.

FUND RAISING: To organize and carry out all fund raising activities for the Douglas County Republican Central Committee and oversee the sale of local and State tickets.

SPECIAL EVENTS: To plan, organize and carry out all special events of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee, such as but not limited to retirement celebrations, holiday functions, and visits of State and Federal Officials.

CANDIDATE SELECTION: To research, interview and recommend candidates for county, township and precinct elections.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: To monitor all private/public sector job vacancies and assist the Candidate Selection committee.

ARTICLE V

EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS, TRANSFERS

- SECTION 1.** The normal business of this Organization shall be conducted by the officers with such limitations as may be established by those Rules of Organization or by Resolution of the Central Committee.
- SECTION 2.** Expenditures on behalf of endorsed candidates of this organization and transfers to other political committees shall be limited to those expenditures and transfers approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

- SECTION 1.** The Douglas County Republican Central Committee shall hold an organizational meeting every two (2) years, as provided by the laws of the State of Illinois.
- SECTION 2.** The Chairman of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee may call a special meeting at any time. The committee members will be notified by mail, telephone, or in person. The notification will be conveyed by the Chairman, or his designee, a minimum of 96 hours in advance of the meeting. Regular meetings of the organization shall occur on a schedule determined by the Executive Committee with notification by mail a minimum of 30 days in advance of the meeting.
- SECTION 3.** The Executive Committee shall also meet other times as is designated by the County Chairman or upon petition of four of the members of the Executive Committee. Notice of a special meeting shall be conveyed by the Chairman, at his sole discretion, upon at least 24 hours written, personal or telephone notice to all members physically within the County. In the event that four members of the Executive Committee

petition for a meeting, they shall give written notice to each Executive Committee member deposited in U.S. mail 7 days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VII

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY, AMENDMENTS AND QUORUM

SECTION 1. Parliamentary authority of the organization shall follow Robert's Rules of Order, Revised. However, if any rule of Robert's is in conflict with these by-laws, or with any rule specifically adopted at a convention or meeting, these by-laws of such rules, as the case may be, shall govern. If the by-law is in conflict with any statute of the State of Illinois, such statute will govern.

SECTION 2. A quorum for all meetings shall consist of the lesser of one-third (33.333%) of all voting members of the Douglas County Republican Central committee, or twenty-five (25%) of the weighed vote of the members of the Central committee, except where its actions are governed by statute, in which case the statutory quorum shall prevail. The presence of fifty (50%) of members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for action by that Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

COUNTY CONVENTIONS

The following rules apply specifically to the conduct of the Biennial County Convention.

SECTION 1. The first matter of business shall be the election by voice vote of a temporary Chairman and Secretary.

SECTION 2. Upon election of a temporary chairman, he or she shall conduct an election of chairman. During such election, each committeemen shall cast his or her votes, representing the Primary Republican vote in the preceding Primary Election for one candidate when called by the Secretary. The temporary Secretary shall first call the precinct with the greatest number of votes and then succeeding precincts with the next greatest number until all precincts have been called. Failure to vote when called shall forfeit the right to vote at that particular roll call.

SECTION 3. The person receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected Chairman.

SECTION 4. Upon election of the Chairman, he or she shall preside over the completion of the election of officers as provided in article III, Section 1, which shall be conducted in a like manner to that of Chairman.

ARTICLE X

REMOVAL OF AN ELECTED CENTRAL COMMITTEE OFFICER

SECTION 1. Upon the presentation to the Secretary or the Chairman of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee of a Petition for Recall of any of the four elected officers of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the sitting precinctmen, a recall vote must be taken at the next scheduled meeting or no later than thirty (30) days of the date of presentation of such Petition for Recall of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee, sitting as a whole. If three-fourths (3/4) of all the sitting precinctmen vote in the affirmative, such officer named in the petition shall be removed from his office and an election for replacement shall be held at the next scheduled meeting or specially called meeting as per Article VI, Section 3, and any event, no later than sixty (60) days after to affirmative vote for removal.

SECTION 2. Each precinctman shall have one vote and the weighted vote formula shall not be utilized in this procedure. The vote shall be by roll-call and must be a voice vote.

SECTION 3. Reasons for removal shall be as follows:

- a. Failure to attend forty (40%) of the scheduled meetings, with absences for illness excepted.
- b. Unethical conduct in the office as to be determined by the petitioners.
- c. Any acts of dishonesty.
- d. Commission of a felony.
- e. Malfeasance of office which, in part, shall be considered a failure to adhere to any or all of the duties of the office held as described in Section IV, Sections 1., 2., 3., and 4.

SECTION 4. This Article shall apply only to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 5. In the County Convention of the year 1990, and in the convention each four years hence, the committeemen shall vote in an election for State Central Committeeman. The Chairman, upon completion of the election of officers, in the relevant election year, shall request nominations of candidates for the office of State Central Committeeman. Any person requesting, by letter addressed to the organization and mailed to the Secretary, shall be announced as a candidate by the Chairman.

SECTION 6. Elections for State Central Committeeman shall be conducted in like manner to the election of officers as provided in Section 2.

SECTION 7. Upon completion of the election for any Congressional District, the Secretary shall announce the results and shall within ten (10) days thereafter certify said results to the State Board of Elections as provided by law.

ARTICLE IX

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1. Other Committees: The Chairman shall appoint the chairman and members of all additional committees which he deems necessary or desirable to carry out the objectives of this organization and such additional committees as may be established by the Central Committee or the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. Male Gender: Since the male gender is used in the Illinois Statutes in describing all political offices, the same gender is used in these Rules of Organization. Equal participation by men and women in political activity is encouraged by the Republican Party. Therefore, women may, of course, be elected or appointed to any position mentioned herein.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS OF

THE DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

It is herein enacted on this 25th day of October, 1995 the following addition to the by-laws of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee: