

BY-LAWS OF THE NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

JUNE 21, 1982

PREAMBLE

The Northampton Township Republican Committee has been formed to provide responsible and representative leadership to and for the Republican electorate of Northampton Township. These by-laws embrace and hold inviolate the electorates right to determine it's leadership through the elective process.

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of the organization shall be "Northampton Township Republican Committee."

ARTICLE II
OBJECT

The purpose of this Committee shall be to represent the Republican voters of Northampton Township, on the Committee and on the Republican County Committee; to screen and/or endorse candidates for public office in Republican Primary Elections; to support Republican Candidates for Public Office--Township, County, State and National, to further the principles of Republicanism.

ARTICLE III
ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

SECTION I. The organization of the Northampton Township Republican Committee shall consist of:

- (a) Representative - Only Committeemen and Committeewoman from Northampton election districts shall be voting members of the COMMITTEE during their term of office. A Committeeman or Committeewoman shall be defined as one either elected in the primary election or one appointed by the County Chairman to fill a vacancy or serve a newly created election district.
- (b) Honorary -
 - (1) All Public office holders, except Election Board Officials, elected by popular vote under the auspices of the Republican Party, or appointed and who reside in Northampton Township, including Township, County, State and Federal Office holders shall be Honorary non-voting members of the COMMITTEE, during the terms of their office.
 - (2) All other non-elected registered Republicans that are selected for membership on the COMMITTEE shall be non-voting Honorary Members of the COMMITTEE and shall be empowered to hold all positions on the COMMITTEE except those listed in Article IV, Section I, herein.
 - (a) Any non-elected registered Republican residing in Northampton Township may make

application to the Chairman of the COMMITTEE for Honorary Membership.

(b) The Chairman shall refer said application to the Ethics Committee for review and acceptance or rejection, with or without cause.

(3) Assistant Committeepersons shall be Honorary Members of this COMMITTEE

ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION I. The elective officers of the COMMITTEE shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and said officers shall be Representative Members as defined in Article III, Section 1 (a).

SECTION II. The elective officers of the COMMITTEE shall be elected by a majority vote of the entire voting membership of the COMMITTEE at the regularly scheduled June meeting in even numbered years. Results of the election shall be certified by the Secretary to the Republican County Chairman within ten (10) days of the election.

SECTION III. The term of office for all elective officers of the COMMITTEE shall commence upon the date of their election and shall continue until the reorganization meeting, in accordance with Section II and IV herein.

SECTION IV. The Chairman in office prior to June 1, unless not reelected as a Committeeperson, shall call and Chair the reorganization meeting and election of the COMMITTEE Officers between June 1 and June 30 of even numbered years. In the event that the prior Chairman was not reelected as a Committeeperson, the Vice Chairman, Secretary, or Treasurer, shall call and Chair, in that order, if such person has been reelected to their Committee seat.

SECTION V. Vacancies occurring in any elective office of the COMMITTEE shall be filled for the remaining unexpired term of office by a majority vote of the entire voting membership, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the COMMITTEE, upon seven (7) days notice to the voting membership, prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. Nominations to fill a vacancy shall be made from the floor at that meeting in accordance with Article IV, Section 1.

ARTICLE V
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION I. The Chairman shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the COMMITTEE and shall preside at all meetings of the COMMITTEE. He shall select the members of committees and the Chairman of such committees shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman of the COMMITTEE whenever he deems it advisable, or upon written request of majority of the voting membership. The Chairman of the COMMITTEE shall ensure that all books, records, reports, and certificates as required by law are properly filed and maintained. He shall have authority to sign checks provided one other authorized person also signs.

SECTION II. The Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in the latter's absence, and in the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairman, shall succeed to that until the election of a successor as set forth in Article IV, Section V. The Vice-Chairman shall further serve as the COMMITTEE'S liaison to Township Boards and Authorities and to elected office holders who are residents of Northampton Township.

SECTION III. The Secretary shall keep accurate Minutes of all proceedings and votes of COMMITTEE meetings; shall note attendance at meetings, and shall maintain the roles of all members, voting and non-voting, and their respective dates of election. The Secretary shall make an Annual Report to the COMMITTEE at the February meeting of the condition and activities of the COMMITTEE during the preceding year. The Secretary shall further perform all duties incidental to the office of Secretary, subject to the control of the Chairman.

SECTION IV. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of the funds and financial records of the COMMITTEE, and shall keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements on account of the COMMITTEE, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Chairman. The Treasurer shall be one of the officers authorized to sign checks, providing one other authorized person also signs.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

SECTION I. The following shall be standing committees of the COMMITTEE:

- (a) Ethics Committee
- (b) Registration Committee
- (c) Finance Committee
- (d) Candidate Committee

The Chairman may create such other committees, standing or temporary, and appoint Chairmen thereof as he may deem necessary. Committee Chairmen, or members thereof, shall be Representative or Honorary members of the COMMITTEE.

SECTION II. The Candidates Committee shall be deemed a Committee of the whole and shall consist of the full voting Representative membership. The Candidates Committee shall meet as required to interview Republican candidates for each public elective office, and determine at its discretion to endorse or to withhold endorsement for any public elective office. A two thirds (2/3) vote of the Candidate Committee shall be required for endorsement of a candidate for public elective office. Said Committee shall automatically be convened at the regular Monthly meeting which occurs at least sixty (60) days prior to the Primary Election, as promulgated by State Statute.

SECTION III. Regular meetings of the COMMITTEE shall be held every month, except July and August, at the place and time designated by the Chairman. Any monthly meeting(s) can be waived by a majority vote of the COMMITTEE at the meeting immediately preceding the waived meeting. Notice of a regular meeting shall not be required unless the date of such meeting had not been set at the previous meeting.

SECTION IV. The Chairman may call special meetings at his discretion upon seven (7) days written notice to the voting membership. To conduct a regular or special meeting of the COMMITTEE, a quorum, as defined in Article VII, Section 3, must be in attendance, excluding proxies.

ARTICLE VII
VOTING

SECTION I. Each Representative member is entitled to one vote.

SECTION II. Proxy voting shall be permitted. Proxy must be in writing, dated and signed by the grantor of the proxy, and may be carried *only by* another Representative member of the COMMITTEE.

SECTION III. A quorum for voting shall consist of one half plus one of the Representative members of the COMMITTEE.

SECTION IV. Voting, except as set forth in this section, shall ordinarily be by voice vote or show of hands, unless a majority of those present shall request written ballots. Voting for candidates for COMMITTEE offices or public elective offices shall be by written ballot.

ARTICLE VIII
VACANCIES

SECTION I. In the event that an elected Committeeperson, designated in Article IV, Section I, as a Representative Committee member is unable or unwilling to continue his or her elected duties and resigns from this COMMITTEE, then the Chairman of this COMMITTEE shall call for a recommendation of a new Committeeperson for the vacant district at the next regular meeting of the COMMITTEE. A majority vote of the then present voting Representative members shall be required to recommend said Committeeperson to the County Chairman.

SECTION II. In the event that a new election district is created subsequent to a Primary Election, the COMMITTEE shall conduct an election in accordance with Section I herein, and that person shall serve as an interim Committeeperson until the County Chairman has filled the vacancy. In the event that any elective office of this COMMITTEE shall become vacant during the term of it's office, then the provisions of Article IV, Section V shall apply.

ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

SECTION I. These by-laws may be amended by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the full voting membership of the COMMITTEE, at any regularly scheduled meeting, provided that not less than thirty (30) days written notice of a proposed amendment shall have been given each voting member.

