

BYLAWS OF THE SUMNER COUNTY REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY

ARTICLE I

Name and Jurisdiction

SECTION 1.01. Name. The name of the organization shall be the SUMNER COUNTY REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY (SCRA).

SECTION 1.02. Jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of the SCRA shall be within the state of TENNESSEE, specifically, all of Sumner County.

ARTICLE II

Powers

SECTION 2.01. The powers of the SCRA shall be:

- (a) To be a Chapter of the TRA with all the powers thereof.
- (b) To direct, manage, supervise and control its business, property and funds, and to carry out its objectives.

ARTICLE III

Objectives

SECTION 3.01. The objectives of the SCRA are:

- (a) To advance true conservatism and elect true conservatives at all levels of the Republican Party and all levels of government throughout all of Tennessee; and
- (b) To provide through this organization a practical program for the betterment of the Republican Party within SUMNER COUNTY of Tennessee and of the various political subdivisions of the state of Tennessee but at no time partner with GOP; and
- (c) To advance the Principles, Beliefs and Objectives of the Tennessee Republican Assemblies (TRA), and
- (d) To foster and develop interest in and appreciation for the ideas of self-government; and
- (e) To encourage and persuade all citizens to register and vote to support the policies and candidates of the Republican Party; and

(f) To gather and disseminate accurate information concerning proposed measures and candidates; and

(g) To select, endorse and to support members of this organization and other outstanding Republicans for public office at both the primary and general elections; and

(h) To conceive, develop and support measures for the improvement of government and to promote public forums to serve in the public interest.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

SECTION 4.0.1 Members of this organization shall be those citizens of good moral character who are registered voters in Tennessee, and whose voting record demonstrate their commitment to Republican philosophy can be affirmed by a member in good standing of the TRA (TRA) in the geographical area of that chartered Republican Assembly and have paid the appropriate local unit dues including the TRA dues. Those registered in an area where there is no chartered Republican Assembly may become members of the Republican Assembly in a nearby area until a new Republican Assembly may be chartered.

SECTION 4.0.2 All records of this organization shall be kept by the appropriate officers of the SCRA.

SECTION 4.0.3 Any member may be suspended or expelled from membership by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Board of Directors, provided that such a member shall receive thirty (30) day notice of such contemplated action and shall be entitled to be heard before action is taken. The action of the Board may be appealed to the general membership.

SECTION 4.0.4 In the case of an appeal to the general membership regarding a suspension or expulsion, it will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote from the general membership to overturn the Board of Directors actions.

SECTION 4.0.5 In the case of a general membership suspension or expulsion vote, each member of the Board may cast his or her vote as a member in good standing of the general membership.

SECTION 4.0.6 If any member's dues remain unpaid after March 1st, the Secretary shall

send a written notice of such delinquency, the membership shall terminate, and the member shall cease to be in good standing until he or she pays dues and is reinstated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors and Officers

SECTION 5.0.1 The Board of Directors of this SUMNER COUNTY REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY shall be composed of the officers elected by the Assembly at its annual selection meeting.

The Officers of the SCRA shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and one Director at Large. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the SCRA in the month of June. The officers elected at the organizing meeting shall assume office immediately.

SECTION 5.0.2 The Board of Directors, to include all of the Officers, shall have the powers and duties and shall have the powers and duties assigned and enumerated below:

(a) Chairman-It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the SCRA and to call such meetings as are herein provided to be called by him or her. He or she shall see that the Bylaws and such other rules and regulations are diligently enforced, and he or she shall supervise generally the affairs of the SCRA, and at the annual election meeting, shall make a general report of its business during the previous year. He or she shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Chairman.

(b) Vice Chairman. It shall be the duty of the Vice Chairman to assist the ranking Chairman in all duties especially pertaining to meeting programs and membership. The ranking Vice Chairman shall accede to the Chairman if that office were to be vacated by Resignation, expulsion, or death. He or she shall perform all the duties of the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

(c) Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the SCRA meetings and Board of Directors meetings. The Secretary shall keep a record of all members' names, addresses, and phone numbers and shall perform all such activities as the Chairman may

require, as well as provide all updates to the membership roster on a monthly basis to the State TRA Secretary or delegate thereof. The Secretary shall cause a copy of these Bylaws and all such minutes of all previous meeting to be available at every county/region Assembly meeting.

(d) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive, collect and deposit all monies received by the county/region Assembly. He or she shall keep the usual book of accounts and such records and books as directed by the Board of Directors. He or she shall report on income, disbursements, and liabilities. He or she shall originate all disbursements on order of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall sign all checks, along with a second Board Member. In the absence of the Treasurer, two Board members (approved by the Board) shall be authorized to sign checks. The Board may require bonding at the expense of the county/region Assembly.

(e) Director at Large. The Director at Large will be at the pleasure of the Chairman, and will perform official duties as assigned. The Director at Large will have a vote on the Board, and his or her presence may contribute to a quorum if necessary. The Director at Large will not have check-signing privilege.

(f) Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the power to solicit and receive all contributions from members or the general public for the purpose of the SCRA and activities of its sponsors.

(g) The Board of Directors shall cause the Treasurer to remit promptly to the Secretary of the TRA all dues or assessments payable to the TRA in the amounts and at the time such payments may be due.

(h) The Board of Directors shall be vested with the power and the duty of transacting all business of the SCRA. It shall be responsible for carrying out the objectives and purpose of the SCRA and shall make such rules and regulations as shall be deemed advisable provided only that such rules and regulations are not in conflict with these Bylaws.

SECTION 5.0.3 No Officer of the SCRA shall hold a partisan remunerative elected public office, other than an office within the Republican Party. In the event that an Officer

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becomes such an office-holder, his holding of office in the SCRA shall automatically terminate.

SECTION 5.0.4 Any Officer may be removed by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the county/region Assembly at a regular meeting where a quorum is present, but only after thirty (30) days written notice to all members specifying that such removal will be voted upon and the reasons thereof.

SECTION 5.0.5 Vacancies, however created, shall be filled by an election to be held at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors following the occurrence of such vacancies or by a special called meeting of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5.0.6 Delegates to attend the Convention of the TRA and to represent this organization shall be elected by the membership, under the provisions of the TRA Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI

Committees

SECTION 6.0.1 The Chairman shall have full power to appoint committees subject to the ratification of the Board of Directors, All members of the committees shall hold office at the pleasure of the Chairman, and shall in no event, be deemed to continue in appointments beyond the time of the annual election, unless re-appointed. The Chairman shall be the ex-officio member of all committees.

SECTION 6.0.2 Standing Committees of the SCRA shall be established by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6.0.3 Nominating Committee. Not less than thirty (30) days and not more than ninety (90) days before the annual election meeting of the SCRA, the Chairman of the SCRA shall appoint, subject to approval of the Board of Directors, a nominating committee consisting of five members in good standing. When fully selected, the nominating committee shall immediately organize and schedule at least two meetings to be held prior to annual election meeting. The dates of said meetings of the nominating committee shall be publicized, and every member of the SCRA may make recommendations and suggestions concerning candidates for the officers of the SCRA.

At the annual meeting of the SCRA, the nominating committee shall report its nominations of officers and directors for the ensuing year. Nominations may be made from the floor at the SCRA meeting at which the election of such officers and directors take place

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

SECTION 7.0.1 Board of Directors' meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet once each month, at a time and place to be designated by the Chairman. All members of the SCRA shall be entitled to attend such meetings and to be heard, but shall not have the right to vote. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the full Board of Directors. A Board meeting may be called at any time by the Chairman or by request of one-third (1/3) of the full Board of Directors.

SECTIONS 7.0.2 SCRA Meetings. Meetings of all members of the SCRA shall be held annually in June of each year as an election meeting, and monthly at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chairman or by majority of the Board of Directors. A quorum shall consist of 5 members in good standing or 10%, whichever is greater. Notice of each general meeting of the county/region Assembly shall be given by the Secretary to each member in good standing prior to such meeting starting time and place. Electronic notification shall be considered adequate communication.

ARTICLE VIII

Revenues and Dues

SECTION 8.0.1 Sources. The revenue of the SCRA shall be derived from fees, dues, and contributions.

SECTION 8.0.2 Dues. The annual SCRA membership dues of this SCRA shall be set by the SCRA Board. Any TRA dues received shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the TRA

within 30 days of receipt. A copy of all such receipts and TRA membership forms shall be given or mailed to the business address of the TRA which will be posted on the TRA website at www.tnra.org, ATTN: TRA Membership Secretary.

ARTICLE IX

Voting

SECTION 9.0.1 Only those members who have been members in good standing for at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting held in June shall be eligible to vote in the election of officers and directors.

ARTICLE X

Endorsements

SECTION 10.01 Limitations on Endorsing.

(a) Neither the TRA nor any local SCRA shall endorse any candidate for any public office, whether partisan or non-partisan, unless such candidate is clearly affiliated with the Republican Party.

(b) The TRA President, upon being notified prior to an election, or between elections, of any alleged infraction of the Bylaws concerning endorsements shall immediately conduct an investigation of the alleged infraction and take whatever action is deemed necessary to protect the endorsement privilege and good name of the TRA.

SECTION 10.03. Effect of Endorsement. Endorsements by a local endorsing convention shall convey the endorsement of the TRA and the NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLIES (NFRA).

ARTICLE XI

Parliamentary Authority

SECTION 11.0.1 Robert's Rule of Order, Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of the procedure not specifically covered in the Bylaws of this SCRA or the TRA Bylaws. **The Chairman may exercise an option to appoint a Parliamentarian if deemed necessary.**

ARTICLE XII

Printing of Bylaws

SECTION 12.0.1 At the conclusion of each meeting where any amendments are made to the Bylaws, the Bylaws Committee shall be charged with the authority and the responsibility to cause and supervise the printing of the Bylaws as in effect at the end of that meeting, the Bylaws shall be dated as the closing date of the meeting where the most recent change occurred.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendments

SECTION 13.0.1 These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the SCRA by a favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present provided such an amendment has been proposed in writing and is on file with the Secretary at least (60) days prior to such meeting, and notice thereof has been given to all members at least (30) days prior to such meeting. Any amendment becomes effective immediately, unless subsequently found to be in conflict with the TRA Bylaws. The Bylaws as amended must be submitted to the TRA recording Secretary.

ARTICLE XIV

Order of Business

Following is a suggestion model for the order of business at meetings:

- Invocation

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Reading of Minutes
- Communications
- Officers Reports
- Committee Reports (membership, campaigns, other committee)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Appointments
- Adjournment

I hereby certify that the forgoing Bylaws of the SCRA as amended to date, were duly adopted by the members thereof, on _____, 2019.

Chairman _____

Secretary _____

Signature

Signature

Print Name

Print Name

Prepared by _____

Date _____