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FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

BY-LAWS
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

ARTICLE I -- MEMBERSHIP

Section 101 -- Eligibility.

1. Membership in this party shall be open to all residents of Franklin County in the State of Ohio who support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and Constitution and By-Laws and principals of the FRANKLIN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY. No person may be a member or may vote on any motion, resolution, nomination, or election at any caucus, convention, meeting or conference of the FRANKLIN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY, who does not meet the aforesaid qualifications or who is a member of any other political party at the time.

Section 102 -- Eligibility for Party Office.

1. Any person who meets the membership requirements of Article I, Section 101, shall be qualified for election to party office. There shall be no minimum age requirement for party office save where prescribed by law.

Section 103 -- Qualifications.

1. In the event that any person's qualifications as a member of the Franklin County Democratic Party or eligibility for party office must be determined, the same challenge procedure shall be followed to determine his or her qualifications as provided by the Election Laws of Ohio.

ARTICLE II -- CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

Section 201 -- Nothing herein shall conflict with the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, the Democratic Party Constitution, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Democratic National Committee. Any matter which conflicts with any of the aforesaid shall be of no force and effect. All constitutional provisions and laws of the United States and the State of Ohio are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof. Each clause of these By-Laws shall be considered separately and the illegality or unenforcability of any one clause shall not affect any other clause, "Conflict", as referred to herein, shall not be interpreted to preclude the County Central or Executive Committees to organize in a manner other than as prescribed for the State Committees under the Ohio Democratic Party Constitution and By-Laws so long as such organization is in conformance with State Laws.

ARTICLE III -- CENTRAL COMMITTEE / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 301 -- The controlling committee of the Franklin County Democratic Party shall be the County Central Committee consisting of such membership as shall be elected according to laws of the State of Ohio.

Section 302 -- The County Central Committee shall elect a County Executive Committee which shall have such powers as are granted it by the County Central Committee, and as are provided by law.

Section 303 -- The members-elect of the County Central Committee shall meet during the time prescribed by law at a suitable place and time in Franklin County, Ohio, to be designated by the retiring chairperson of the Committee. Notice of such meeting, giving the place and time, shall be sent to each member-elect by the retiring secretary of the Committee by mail and a copy of the notice shall be posted in the Office of the Board of Elections at least five days prior to any such meeting.

Section 304 -- The County Central Committee shall then elect the County Executive Committee which shall serve at the pleasure of the County Central Committee.

Section 305 -- The County Central Committee shall confer upon the County Executive Committee all power and authority of the County Central Committee except that of filling vacancies which may occur in the County Central Committee. The County Executive Committee shall then be authorized to act for the County Central Committee in all things pertaining to the welfare, business, operation and organization of the Franklin County Democratic Party during the period of its existence which shall continue until its successor has been duly elected and qualified. Any vacancies which may occur in the County Executive Committee or in the County Central Committee shall be filled by a majority vote of the County Central Committee.

Section 306 -- The County Executive Committee shall be called to meet immediately upon its election and shall proceed to elect its Chair, who need not be a member of the County Central Committee or County Executive Committee. The Chair shall automatically become a member of the County Executive Committee.

Section 307 -- The Chair of County Executive Committee may then, or anytime thereafter, recommend to the County Central Committee a total additional number of one less than the elected members, which recommendations said County Central Committee may or may not approve, on an individual basis, for membership on the County Executive Committee. The recommendations of the Chair must be broadly representative of all of the various elements of the party. Such said number of appointed persons must be both recommended and approved for membership on the County Executive Committee.

Section 308 -- The County Executive Committee shall elect as many Vice-Chairs, in order of succession, as it deems necessary, and the secretary of said Committee. One half of the Vice-Chairs shall be women and one half men. The treasurer of the County Central Committee shall be the treasurer of the County Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV -- OFFICERS

Section 401 -- Chairperson.

The Chairperson's duties shall be those of chief executive officer and he or she shall be subject to the direction of and responsible to the County Executive Committee. The Chair shall appoint the personnel as he or she feels necessary, except for those under the direct supervision of other elected officers. Salaries of such appointees shall be set by the Chair and they shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair.

Section 402 -- Vice Chairperson.

The Vice-Chair, in order of succession, shall act as the Chair in case of the death, resignation, incapacity, removal or absence of the chair, and shall, in such event, have the same powers, duties, and responsibilities as the Chair until such time as the County Central Committee shall properly elect a new Chair.

Section 403 -- Secretary.

The Secretary shall be in charge of all the official documents of the Executive Committee and of preparations of the necessary notices, minutes and other documents. He or she shall preserve such files and records and open them for request of any duly elected member of the County Executive Committee under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by said Executive Committee. The Secretary shall appoint the Assistant Secretary.

Section 404 -- Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds of the party and shall render up to date financial reports to each meeting of the County Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall be accountable for all receipts and expenditures of the party. He or she and any other party officer of employees responsible for the handling of party funds shall be under sufficient bond, for the amount to be determined by the County Executive Committee, with a minimum amount of \$50,000.00. The Treasurer shall appoint the Assistant Treasurer.

Section 405 -- Audit Committee.

The Vice Chair(s), Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve as the audit committee of the County Central Committee, of the County Executive Committee, and of the general operations of the Franklin County Democratic Party as they are conducted by the chair. They shall also advise the chair on budgetary matters.

ARTICLE V -- STATE, COUNTY, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS,
AND DEMOCRATIC CLUBS, COOPERATION.

Section 501 -- The Chairperson of the Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee shall consult with, and cooperate with the various Ward Committee members and all officers of all Democratic Clubs of the Ohio Democratic Party within their duly chartered areas of jurisdiction.

Section 502 -- The Central Committee Members of the wards and the presidents of the various chartered Democratic Clubs shall consult with and cooperate with the County Democratic Executive Committee and its Chair on all matters relating to their respective areas of jurisdiction.

ARTICLE VI -- MEETINGS.

Section 601 -- The County Central Committee shall meet after the election as required by law and these by-laws. The County Executive Committee shall meet immediately upon its election by the County Central Committee. The County Executive Committee shall meet at least three times per year and may be called to meet by the chair or by a minimum of 33 1/3% of the membership of said Committee.

Section 602 -- Notice.

Notice of any meeting, other than the original meeting of the Executive Committee, specifying time and place, shall be sent in writing through regular United States Mail to all members of the Committee not less than seven (7) days in advance of the meeting unless otherwise provided by law. If notice is sent by telegram, it shall be sent not less than three (3) days prior to said meeting.

Section 603 -- Minutes.

Minutes shall be taken of all meetings of the County Central Committee and the County Executive Committee.

Section 604 -- Quorum.

A majority of the membership of said Committees shall constitute a quorum for conducting any business to come before the meeting.

ARTICLE VII -- PRE-PRIMARY ENDORSEMENTS.

Section 701 -- At any time the Franklin County Executive Committee may make pre-primary endorsements for any local or district office. The County Executive Committee shall be called for a meeting before the primary election, and must carefully consider in each race the endorsement of one or more persons. The County Executive Committee may endorse one or more of said candidates upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the committee present and voting on such question. The question to be submitted to the committee shall be whether each such candidate shall be endorsed by the Franklin County Democratic Party. Any candidate receiving majority of the vote shall be considered to be endorsed and a public announcement of said endorsement shall be issued forthwith. The Franklin County Democratic Party shall then support such endorsed candidates to best of its ability. An endorsement may be withdrawn at any properly organized meeting of the County Executive Committee at any time for good cause by a vote of a majority of its members of the Committee present and voting on the withdrawal of the endorsement.

ARTICLE VIII -- PARTY PARITY.

Section 801 -- All members of the party, candidates for office, party committees and organizations, and elected Democratic officials shall support the principals of the Franklin County Democratic Party and Democratic nominees for office.

ARTICLE IX -- PREVIOUS BY-LAWS.

Section 901 -- These By-Laws supersedes any and all other previous By-Laws of the Franklin County Democratic Party and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted at Columbus, Ohio,
This ___ day of _____, 19__
By the Franklin County
Democratic Executive Committee
duly assembled for this
purpose.

Chair,
Franklin County Democratic
Executive Committee

ATTEST:

Secretary,
Franklin County Democratic
Executive Committee