



HISTORICAL
SOCIETY OF HELOTES
BYLAWS

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**AMENDED BYLAWS
OF
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HELOTES**

PREAMBLE

These Bylaws are subject to, and governed by, the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act and the Articles of Incorporation of the HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HELOTES. In the event of a direct conflict between the provisions of these Bylaws and the mandatory provisions of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act will be controlling. In the event of a direct conflict between the provisions of these Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation of the HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HELOTES, these Bylaws will be controlling.

**ARTICLE ONE
ORGANIZATION**

Section 1.1 Name.

- a) The name of this organization is HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HELOTES, herein referred to as **The Society**, a nonprofit educational organization with no political affiliation or political agenda.

Section 1.2 Objectives.

- a) The objectives of The Society shall be to collect, study, and preserve the history of Helotes, Texas, the surrounding area and the people who are a part of this area, as stated in the Society's Certificate of Formation.
- b) The Society's focus shall be on educating present and future generations on the importance of history and heritage.

Section 1.3 Operation.

- a) The Society is registered with the State of Texas under BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS CODE CHAPTER 22. NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS.
- b) The Society shall operate within the meaning of Section 501.C.3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE TWO

MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.1 Eligibility.

Membership is open to individuals interested in promoting the objectives of The Society and who shall agree to comply with the bylaws of this organization.

(a) Members:

- Are encouraged to attend the general membership meetings, field trips and events held throughout the year.
- May participate as a volunteer or organizer of events for the Society.
- Are considered in good standing if their membership dues are paid and current.

Section 2.2 Types.

- (a) There are three types of memberships: FULL, LIFE, and HONORARY LIFE.
(b) The Board of Directors may change or add membership categories through a resolution as voted upon by a simple majority of the Board.

Section 2.3 FULL Membership.

(a) This membership type is divided into the following rate categories:

- INDIVIDUAL – Per person
- FAMILY – Spouses and children under 18
- BUSINESS - Includes two company representatives.

(b) FULL Members:

- Have full membership privileges in The Society.
- Are eligible to hold office.
- Are required to pay dues.

Section 2.4 LIFE Membership.

(a) A Life Membership may be conferred on a member who has given lengthy, outstanding contributions to The Society.

(b) To be conferred with a Life Membership, an individual must be recommended in writing by a member of the Society to the Board of Directors for consideration.

(c) LIFE Members:

- Have full membership privileges in The Society.
- Are not required to pay dues.

Section 2.5 HONORARY LIFE Membership.

(a) Honorary Life Memberships may be bestowed, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, to individuals who have made a significant contribution to local or Texas history.

(b) Individuals awarded Honorary Life Membership must be recommended in writing by a member of the Society to the Board of Directors for consideration.

