

1 **1. Article I: Organization**

2 1.1. Name and Status

3 This organization, to be known as the "Republican Committee of Fayette County" (and referred
4 to herein as the "County Committee"), shall be the governing body of the Republican Party
5 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

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7 1.2. Organizational Bodies

8 The Republican Party of Fayette County shall consist of the following bodies:

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10 (a) County Committee

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12 (b) Executive Committee of the County Committee

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14 (c) Such other committees as may be from time to time appointed by the County Chairman,
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16 1.3. Districts

17 District 1 Uniontown

18 District 2 Connellsville, Connellsville Twp.

19 District 3 Brownsville Boro, Brownsville Twp., and Redstone Twp.

20 District 4 Georges Twp., Springhill Twp, Point Marion Borough, Smithfield Boro, and
21 Fairchance Borough.

22 District 5 German Twp., Nicholson Twp., and Masontown Borough.

23 District 6 South Union Twp.

24 District 7 Franklin Twp., Perryopolis Twp., PelTy Boro, Lower Tyrone Twp., Upper Tyrone Twp.,
25 and Everson Boro.

26 District 8 Washington Twp., Jefferson Tvy., Belle Vernon Boro, Fayette City Borough, and
27 Newell Boro.

28 District 9 Luzerne Twp., and Menallen Twp.

29 District 10 Dunbar Twp., Dunbar Boro, Dawson Boro, and Vanderbilt Boro

30 District 11 Bullskin Twp., and Saltliek Twp.

31 District 12 Ohiopyle Boro, Stewart Twp., and Springfield Twp

32 District 13 Wharton Twp., Henry Clay Twp., and Markleysburg Boro

33 District 14 North Union Twp.
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35 **2. Article II: Members of the County Committee**

36 2.1. Purpose

37 The Fayette County Republican Committee shall be responsible for the general
38 Supervision, regulation, promotion, and direction of the affairs of the Republican Party of
39 Fayette County.
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41 2.2. Qualification for Membership
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43 (a) Any registered Republican elector shall be eligible to be a member of the Fayette
44 County Committee regardless of race, color, creed, sex, or national origin and must have
45 been registered as a Republican a minimum of 1 year to be eligible to vote and be of sound
46 mind and never committed to a mental institution or mental health care facility. That person
47 also shall never been convicted of a felony.

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49 (b) Any Republican individual who has been elected by the public to serve in any capacity
50 in any public office is eligible to be a member of the County Committee

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52 2.3. Election and Vacancies

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54 (a) Each election precinct shall elect two members to the County Committee by the
55 qualified Republican electors of that election precinct at the Primary election held in each
56 even numbered year. Write in candidates shall be required to have a minimum of 10 votes.

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58 (b) A vacancy occurring in the membership of the County Committee from any precinct, any
59 new County Committee positions created by the creation of a new precinct and any vacant
60 state committee post, shall be filled by the Chair with a vote of a least three people of the
61 executive committee.

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63 (c) In the event of the abolition of a precinct or the consolidation of two or more precincts,
64 the member representing the former precinct(s) shall continue to Serve until the next
65 election referred to in Rule 2.3 (a) above.

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67 (d) A 3rd member in each precinct can be appointed by the chairman with the approval of
68 three (3) executive board members. Those appointed will serve until the end of the election
69 term.

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71 2.4. Term

72 The terms of each elected member shall be for a period of four (4) years from the day of
73 their election certification. The terms of each appointed member shall expire upon the
74 certification of the results of the even numbered years primary next following their
75 appointment.

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77 2.5. Duties of the Committee Member

- 78 ● Represent the Republican Party
- 79 ● Circulating Petitions
- 80 ● Registering Republican Voters
- 81 ● Helping voters obtain Absentee Ballots
- 82 ● Distributing Campaign Materials
- 83 ● Covering the Polls on Election Day
- 84 ● Recruiting and Training Volunteers
- 85 ● Identifying, recruiting and supporting qualified Republican Candidates

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- Additional Duties as Required

2.6. Organizational Meeting

The County Chairman shall call an Organizational Meeting of the Fayette County Committee in each even numbered year to be held within Forty Five (45) days after the results of the primary election when the Committee Members have been certified

2.7. Other Meetings

(a) The County Committee shall meet at the call of the County Chairman as deemed time to time to conduct the affairs of the County Committee.

(b) A meeting may also be called by a petition signed by not less than ten (10) members of the County Committee in office.

2.8. Notice of Meetings

The Committee shall adopt a regular yearly meeting schedule.

2.9. Quorum for County Committee Meetings

Twenty Five Percent (25%) of the Members of the County Committee, or their proxies, present after proper notice is given under Article 2.8 shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business of the County Committee.

2.10. Proxies

At any meeting of the County Committee, any member of the committee shall have the right to vote by proxy given to any registered Republican Committee Member. Proxies may be written, emailed, faxed, texted, or GOP issued form. All proxies must contain: name, date, precinct, date of meeting, and signature. Any proxy if questioned must be verified within 72 hours.

2.11. Presiding Officer at County Committee Meetings

(a) The County Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the County Committee. In the absence of the County Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall preside.

(b) In the absence of both the county Chairman and Vice Chairman of the County Committee, the Secretary of the County Committee shall preside.

3. Article III: Officers of the County Committee

3.1. Officers

Officers of the County Committee shall be the County Chairman, Vice Chairman, 2nd Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplin, and up to six at large members.

3.2. Eligibility for Office

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Any registered Fayette County Republican elector shall be eligible to be elected as an officer of the County Committee, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin, and as stated under Article 2.2.

3.3. Election and Appointments

(a) The Chairman and the Vice Chairman shall be elected at the County Committee Organizational Meeting as referred to in rule 2.6 and shall hold office until their respective successors have been **dully** elected. All other Executive Board members shall be appointed by the County Chairman, and shall hold office until their successors have been **dully** appointed.

(b) An appointed committee person can be removed by the Chairman and **three (30)** Executive Board members.

3.4. Term

The officers of the County Committee shall serve for two 4 year terms. The terms of all elected and appointed officers shall expire upon the certification or the results of the even numbered Primaries next following their election or appointment.

3.5. Vacancies

(a) In the event of a vacancy occurring for any reason in the office of County Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall become the Chairman and shall, within (10) days of said vacancy, give notice of a meeting of the County Committee, for the purpose of electing a new County Vice Chairman, which meeting shall be scheduled no later than thirty (30) days following the vacancy.

(b) If the vacancy shall occur within ninety (90) days prior to the Organizational Meeting, no special meeting shall be called and the Vice Chairman shall serve as the Chairman until the election of a new County Chairman.

(c) In the event vacancies should occur in the offices of County Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Secretary or any member of the County Committee shall issue a call for a meeting for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman and Vice chairman, consistent with the provisions of Rule 3.5 (a) above. A County Chairman and Vice Chairman elected under this Rule shall serve only for the unexpired term of the County Chairman and Vice Chairman whose vacancies are being filled.

(d) In the Event of a vacancy in any office of the County Committee other than the offices of County Chairman and Vice Chairman, the County Chairman shall appoint a successor within thirty days of the vacancy.

172 (e) In the event of an opening in a county elected office and a ballot opening occurs. A
173 candidate will be chosen to fill that ballot position by a majority of a quorum of those
174 present at a meeting held prior to the date that the opening needs to be filled.
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176 3.6. Duties of the County Chairman

177 (a) The County Chairman should he [sic] the Chief Executive Officer of the Republican
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180 (b) The Chairman shall:

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182 (1) Appoint a Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplin and up to 6 at large
183 members to the conduct of the affairs of [sic], the Republican
184 Party of Fayette County

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186 (2) Appoint Such other committees or persons as may be deemed
187 necessary and appropriate for the conduct and affairs of the
188 Republican Party of Fayette County.
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190 3.7. Duties of the Vice Chairman

191 The Vice Chairman shall assist the Chairman as the County Chairman shall designate
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193 the election of a new County Chairman.
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195 3.8. Duties of the Secretary

196 The Secretary of the County Committee shall:

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198 (a) Attend all meetings of the Executive Committee and County Committee
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200 (b) Insure that the minutes of the proceedings are recorded and will surrender these
201 records to his/her successor
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203 (c) **Insure** that the Executive Committee members of the County Committee are
204 furnished with the names and post office addresses of the current membership of
205 the Executive Committee and County Committee.
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207 (d) Preside at meetings in the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.
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209 (e) **Insure** that each member of the County Committee receives a complete copy of the
210 Bylaws and amendments subsequently made.
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212 3.9. Duties of the Treasurer

213 The Treasurer of the County Committee shall:
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- 215 (a) Control all funds of the County Committee and shall payout the same only at the
216 direction of the County Chairman or Executive Committee.
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218 (b) Keep records of all money received and paid out with the date of such receipts and
219 payments, from whom received, to whom paid, and for what purpose.
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221 (c) File with the appropriate authorities all statements and reports required by both
222 State and local Governments, and
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224 (d) At the end of his/her term, turn over to his/her successor all funds, books and other
225 papers of the County Committee in his possession.

226 3.10. Bonding

227 To insure the proper handling of Party funds, the Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary
228 shall be bonded at amounts determined by the executive.
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230 **4. Article IV: Executive Committee**

231 4.1. Composition

232 The Executive Committee shall consist of the following: County Chairman, County
233 Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplin, and up to six members at large
234 appointed by the County Chairman who do not have to be members of the County
235 Committee.
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237 4.2. Duties of the Executive Committee

238 (a) The Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly upon the call of the
239 County Chairman or any three (3) committee members thereof.
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241 (b) The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the planning and
242 development of the County Committee and the Republican Party of Fayette
243 County. It shall have the full authority to act for the County Committee on all
244 matters delegated to it, and shall be in charge of all day to day administrative
245 operations of the County Committee.
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247 **5. Article V: State Committee Members**

248 5.1. Membership

249 (a) The Republican County Chairman of Fayette County shall serve as a member of
250 the State Committee according to Rule 2.3 (a), of the State Committee Rules
251 adopted February 12, 1994 or amended.
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253 (b) Other members of the State Committee shall be elected in accordance with Rule
254 2.3 (b), of the State Committee Rules adopted February 12, 1997 or as
255 amended.
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257 5.2. Vacancies

258 In the event of a vacancy in any office of the State Committee Member from Fayette
259 County, the County Committee shall fill the vacancy using the procedure in Article 2.3(b)
260 by appointment of a Republican elector who meets all of the requirements for election
261 to such office to fill the remainder of the term in accordance with Rule 2.14 of the State
262 Committee Rules adopted February 12, 1997, or as amended.
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264 **6. Article VI: Removal or Resignation of Committee Members**

265 6.1. Grounds for Removal

266 The following shall be grounds for removing a person from membership or the County
267 Committee, or from any position as an officer of the County Committee.

268 (a) Not being a qualified Republican elector of the precinct from which the County
269 Committee member was elected or appointed;

271 (b) Republican Committee members can only support registered Republicans
272 electors as candidates that are so registered as of the date that an election
273 nomination process starts and that stay so registered. A Committee member
274 cannot show support for, assist, or contribute in any way to the candidacy of any
275 non-Republican candidate, even if that individual is an unopposed cross-filed
276 candidate in a primary election. A Committee Member cannot support a
277 non-Republican candidate in the fall election that wins the Republican Party
278 nomination in a cross-filed spring primary.

280 (c) Neglecting or refusing to attend to the duties of his/her office, or is guilty of
281 seriously unethical behavior

283 (d) Non-attendance at three (3) meetings without just cause as deemed by the
284 Executive Committee may be cause for removal.

286 6.2. Procedure for Removal

287 (a) Any Republican Committee Member shall be able to bring a complaint alleging a
288 violation of article 6.1. The complaint shall be made to the Chairman in writing,
289 be signed by the Complainant and must be specific enough to reasonably inform
290 the Executive Committee and Respondent of the exact nature of the charges.
291 Anonymous complaints shall not be accepted. If, in the opinion of the Executive
292 Committee, a complaint is not specific enough, it shall be returned to the
293 Complainant for clarification, more specificity and **refilling** at the discretion of the
294 complainant.

296 (b) Grievances will be heard by the Executive **Committee a majority** decision will be
297 rendered within ten (10) days of any hearing. The **Executive's Boards** decision is
298 binding unless appealed to the **committee body** at the next scheduled meeting.
299 The ruling may be overturned with a $\frac{2}{3}$ **voted** of the members.
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7. Article VII: Amendments to the Articles

7.1. Amendments

The foregoing Rules may be amended from time to time by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote in the affirmative by the members of the County Committee or their proxies present and voting at any meeting of the County Committee at one meeting and voted on at the next meeting. Amendments may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by written motion of ten (10) members of the County Committee and delivered to the Secretary.

8. Article VIII: Adoption and Repeal

8.1. Adoption

These Rules shall go into effect immediately after adoption.

8.2. Repealed Sections

All Rules, Regulations, and Resolutions heretofore regulating or purporting to regulate or govern the Republican Party and the Republican County Committee in and for Fayette County, Pennsylvania, are hereby repealed.

9. Article IX: Parliamentary Authority

9.1. **[MISSING]**