

RULES
OF THE
CATTARAUGUS COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Revised. as of February 28, 1984

Contained herein are the Rules for the Government of the Republican party within the County of Cattaraugus adopted as amended, pursuant to the provisions of the Election Law in conjunction with the rules of the New York State Republican Party.

ARTICLE 1

COUNTY COMMITTEE:

The Republican County Committee of Cattaraugus County shall consist of two members from each election district within the County. Each member of the County Committee shall be an enrolled voter of the Republican Party residing in the County and Assembly District from which or in the Assembly District containing the election district which such member is elected to represent. Each member of said committee shall be entitled to one vote for each one hundred (100) votes or fraction thereof cast in his or her district for the Republican candidate for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election.

The County Committee, in addition to the authority and duties conferred upon it by the Election Law of New York State, shall have full charge of all campaigns in the County of Cattaraugus except for local officers, as well as the determination and final settlement of all questions and disputes arising which in any way effect the welfare of the Republican Party within the County.

ARTICLE 2

TERM OF OFFICE:

Members of the County Committee shall be elected biennially in each even numbered year. They shall be elected at a Spring Primary in a year when electors of President and Vice President of the United States are to be elected, and at the Fall Primary in a year when such electors are not to be elected, and shall hold office until the next election at which members of the Committee are elected.

ARTICLE 3

ORGANIZATION MEETING:

A regular meeting of the Republican County Committee shall be held within twenty (20) days after each Primary Election at which members of the County Committee are elected, for the purpose of organizing said committee and for the election of officers thereof, and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

All other Republican Committees in the Cities, Towns, and Villages operating under the rules of the County Committee shall meet within twenty (20) days after each Primary Election at which members of the County Committee are elected, for the purpose of organizing said committee and for the election of officers thereof.

Duly elected officers certificates shall be filed in accordance with the New York State Election Law.

ARTICLE 4

OFFICERS:

The officers of the County Committee shall be a Chairman; two (2) Vice Chairmen- one male and one female; a Treasurer; a Vice Treasurer; a Secretary; a Vice Secretary, and the Republican Election Commissioner. They shall hold office until their successors have been elected. Such officers shall be enrolled members of the Party, but need not be members of the Committee.

ARTICLE 5

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the County Committee as provided for in Article 4 hereof; the State Committeemen elected for Cattaraugus County; eleven additional members, one from each Legislative District (with the exception of District #7 which has two) (as adopted by the Cattaraugus County Legislature); and one member from each County-wide Republican organization. Each Republican City Chairman shall be a member of the Executive Committee with all rights and powers prescribed in Article 5 of the Party rules, except his or her voting rights shall be one (1) vote under these rules.

Within ten (10) days following each Primary Election at which members of the County Committee are elected, or to fill any vacancy on the Committee due to death, disqualification, or removal from the district, members of each Executive District shall meet and appoint a representative from their number as their executive district representative on the Executive Committee.

If no representative is selected within the ten (10) day period, the Chairman of the Republican County Committee shall appoint a representative in order to fill the vacancy and his choice shall be final.

Voting on the Executive Committee shall be by weighted voting and those representatives from the legislative districts shall have two (2) votes for each voting district within the Executive District as follows:

- District 1- 10 votes- representing the Towns of Conewango, Dayton, Leon and Perrysburg.
- District 2- 16 votes- representing the Towns of E. Otto, Mansfield, Otto, Persia, New Albion
- District 3- 16 votes- representing the Towns of Coldspring, Little Valley, Napoli, Randolph, South Valley, T. of Salamanca
- District 4- 10 votes- representing the Towns of Ashford, Machias, and Yorkshire.
- District 5- 12 votes- representing the Towns of Ellicottville, Farmersville, Franklinville and Freedom
- District 6- 16 votes- representing the Towns of Hinsdale, Ischua, Lyndon, T. of Olean, Portville and Humphrey
- District 7- 14 votes- representing the Towns of Allegany, Carrollton and Great Valley
- District 8- 16 votes- all of the City of Salamanca
- District 9- 12 votes- representing Wards 4-1, 5-1, 5-2, 7,8,9 of the City of Olean
- District 10-14 votes- representing Wards 1,2,3,4-2,6,10,11 of the City of Olean.

Each officer, State Committee person, and Republican organization representative shall have twelve (12) votes.

Active County-wide Republican organizations now existing or hereafter created shall make application to the full County Committee for membership thereon.

In the choice of members of the Executive Committee the voting power within the Executive Committee District shall be determined according to the provisions of Article 1 of these rules.

ARTICLE 6

REMOVAL OF MEMBERS:

A member of the County Committee may be removed by such committee for disloyalty to the Party or corruption in office or enrollment in another party, after notice and a hearing, upon written charges, to be heard by the Committee or a sub-committee thereof appointed for that purpose, which shall report its finding to the full County Committee.

No member of said committee shall be removed by less than a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regularly called meeting of said committee. Nor shall any such member be removed unless notice in writing and a copy of the charges preferred against him or her be served upon him or her personally or by mail at least five (5) days before the meeting at which charges are to be heard and the vote taken. Such member shall retain all rights as a member of the County Committee until final removal.

ARTICLE 7

VACANCIES:

In the case of death, declination, disqualification, removal from the district, or removal from office of a member of the County Committee or the failure to elect a member, the vacancy created thereby shall be filled by the remaining members of the committee by the selection of an enrolled member of the Republican Party, qualified under these rules for election from the election district from which such vacancy shall have occurred. Any such vacancies in the County Committee shall be filled by a majority vote of the full County Committee as the last item of business at any regular meeting of the Republican County Committee.

ARTICLE 8

MEETINGS:

A meeting of the County Committee may be called by the Chairman at any time and shall be called by said chairman or by the secretary upon written request therefrom signed by twenty or more members of said committee. Written notice of each meeting shall be mailed not less than five days before each meeting to each member of the committee. Such notice shall contain a statement of the purposes of the meeting and any special business to be transacted.

ARTICLE 9

QUORUM:

A quorum of the County Committee shall consist of not less than a majority of the members of said committee and no business shall be transacted unless such quorum be present in person or by proxy, except that a smaller number may adjourn said meeting to a later date.

For the purposed of determining whether a quorum is present, the officers of the County Committee shall be considered as members of the Committee.

ARTICLE 10

PROXIES:

Any enrolled voter of the Republican Party within the Executive Committee District for which a member of the County Committee has been elected may act in the place of or represent any such member of the committee as his or her proxy, provided that he or she file with the secretary a written designation of authority signed by the member to be represented designating such person by name as his or her proxy. One person, otherwise qualified, whether or not he or she is a member of the County Committee may hold more than one proxy.

ARTICLE 11

VOTING:

A vote on any question before the committee shall be taken in the manner designated by the chairman of the meeting, except that the vote for the removal of a member shall be by roll call or except that the committee itself by a majority may overrule the chairman as to the manner of taking such vote.

ARTICLE 12

PARTY FUNDS:

No contribution made directly or indirectly to the County Committee or to any member thereof representing or acting on its behalf and no monies in the treasury of the County Committee shall be expended in aid of the designation or nomination of any person to be voted for at a Primary Election either as a candidate for nomination for public office or for any Party position.

Article 13

AMENDMENTS TO RULES:

The rules of the County Committee as herein adopted may be amended from time to time by majority vote of the committee provided a copy of the proposed amendment shall be sent with the notice of the meeting at which amendment is to be proposed. Such notice to be sent not less than five days before such meeting and to be mailed to the Post Office address of each member of the Committee.

Upon the adoption of any amendments or changes in the party rules, a copy of such amendments or changes shall be filed in the County Board of Elections within ten (10) days. Upon adoption of any rules, regulations or amendments which would relate to the nomination of candidates for town or village office, copies of such rules, regulations, or amendments shall also be filed in the appropriate town or village clerk's office within ten (10) days. No rule or amendment thereof shall be effective until filed in the appropriate office and in the County Board of Elections.

ARTICLE 14

REPEAL OF PREVIOUS RULES:

All rules and regulations heretofore existing for the government of the Republican Party in the County of Cattaraugus are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE 15

OTHER COMMITTEES:

The chairman of the Cattaraugus County Republican Committee may appoint special committees, or such number and composed in whole or part of persons not members of the County Committee, as he may deem advisable. No such committee shall solicit funds or contributions unless duly authorized as provided by law.

ARTICLE 16

DESIGNATION AND NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES IN THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF CATTARAUGUS COUNTY:

In the event that no town or village committee exists (vacant) DUE TO DEATH, declination, disqualification, removal from district or office of members of the town or village committee, the Chairman of the County Republican Committee may authorize the candidacy of non-party members to the Republican Party ballot.

If no Republican party candidates for the town or village are nominated at a primary election, Republican party nominations for candidates for such town or village offices shall be nominated at a town or village caucus.

ARTICLE 17

CAUCUS RULES:

RULE 1- The members of the County Committee elected for the election districts of the town shall be the Town Committee for that town. One additional member of the Town Committee shall be elected at the town caucus in every town.

The members of the County Committee elected for the election districts of the town shall be the Village Committee if their residence shall be within the Village. Additional members of the Village Committee may be elected at the village caucus in each village- not to exceed six (6) in total.

RULE 2- Caucuses for nomination of Town and Village officers shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the New York State Election Law.

RULE-3- No person shall participate in any Republican town or village caucus for the nomination of candidates for town or village officers unless his or her name shall appear as an enrolled Republican Party voter on the transcript of enrollments from the registration poll ledger of the respective towns and villages, or provides proof of registration and enrollment from the County Board of Elections.

RULE 4- Every town or village caucus shall be called by a notice in writing, signed by a majority of the members of the town or village committee of the town or village for which the caucus is to be held. A notice of any party caucus held for making nominations of candidates for town or village offices shall be given either by newspaper publication thereof once within the town or village at least one week, and not more than two weeks, or by posting the notice in ten public places in the town (notices must be posted in six public places in the villages) at least ten days preceding the caucus. The notice shall specify the time, place or places, and the purpose of the caucus.

RULE 5- All voting shall be by ballot, except if only one nomination has been made for an office and nominations are closed, approval of nomination may be obtained by voice vote.

RULE 6- There shall be an elected Chairman and elected Secretary and there may be two (2) or more appointed tellers. All the above shall verbally take the Constitutional Oath of Office before acting.

RULE 7- Town or Village caucuses shall be held at the expense of the Town or Village Party Committee.

RULE 8- CERTIFICATION of Party Caucus nominations must be completed by the chairman and secretary of the caucus. Each such Certification shall contain the name of the political party, the title of office and the name and address of each person nominated for each office. The signatures of the certifying officers must be acknowledged by a Notary Public. THE CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION AT THE TOWN CAUCUS SHOULD BE FILED WITH THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, LITTLE VALLEY, N.Y. 14755.

THE CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION AT THE VILLAGE CAUCUS SHOULD BE FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE.

RULE 9- An Official Listing of all registered Republicans in attendance at the caucus must be filed with the Town or Village Clerk.