

**BY-LAWS OF
THE KNOX COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
CENTRAL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES**

ARTICLE I

Duties and Powers of the Central Committee

The duties of the Central Committee shall be those prescribed by the laws of Ohio and to elect two (2) of its members to serve on the Executive Committee from those nominated from the floor during the biennial organizational meeting.

The Central Committee shall have the power to make endorsements for elective offices, providing that no elective endorsement shall be made before a primary election without an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present. The secretary of the Central Committee shall notify by mail not more than fourteen (14) days nor less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting called for endorsement all members of the Central Committee.

An endorsement, once made, may be rescinded by a majority vote of the Central Committee.

ARTICLE II

Officers of the Central Committee

The officers of the Central Committee shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Central Committee at the biennial organizational meeting.

The Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman in the event of the death or resignation of the Chairman.

The officers shall serve until the next biennial organizational meeting.

The Chairman shall have the authority to nominate persons to fill vacancies on the Central Committee. These nominations must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Central Committee before the vacancy is filled.

The Chairman shall not become a candidate for elected office, other than member of the Republican State Central Committee or delegate to the Republican National Convention, without first resigning the office of Chairman.

ARTICLE III

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Central Committee and sixteen (16) other members:

Two (2) elected by the Central Committee, and fourteen (14) additional members appointed by the six (6) elected by the Central Committee.

At least fifteen (15) of the members of the Executive Committee must also be members of the Central Committee.

ARTICLE IV

Duties and Powers of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall have all of the powers and authority granted by law to the Central Committee, except endorsement of candidates and those powers and duties which cannot legally be delegated by the Central Committee, including but not limited to the filling of vacancies created by the death or resignation of elected officials. Such vacancies can only be filled by action of the Central Committee.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to make policies, promote party interest, collect and distribute funds, sponsor clubs, and carry on the work of the Republican Party in Knox County.

The Executive Committee shall have the authority to make party appointments and to endorse applications for patronage positions.

ARTICLE V

Officers of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee, when fully constituted, shall elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall serve until the next biennial organizational meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Vacancies on the Executive Committee

Vacancies on the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Executive Committee, upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII

Dismissal from the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall have the power to dismiss from its membership any member for negligence, non-attendance at meetings, misconduct, or for any other just cause and to fill the vacancy created by the dismissal.

ARTICLE VIII

Ex Officio Members of the Executive Committee

Any chairman or president of any Republican organization in Knox County, which is recognized by the Executive Committee, and any office holder elected or appointed on a partisan ballot may become an ex officio member of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments to the By-Laws

These by-laws may be amended only by action of the Central Committee at the time of the biennial organizational meeting or at a special meeting duly called for the express purpose of amending these by-laws. Such amendment shall require a majority vote.