



BY –LAWS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I

A. Meetings

1. The District of Columbia Democratic State Committee Shall hold regular meetings on the first Thursday of the month in which meetings are scheduled during the year.
2. The Chair may cancel any regular meeting if any of the following conditions exist:
 - a. There is no business requiring a meeting
 - b. No quorum will be possible for a meeting
 - c. Another meeting of the Committee will be held within (40) days of the date on which the regular meeting would have been held
3. Written notice, stating the place, day and hour of any meeting of the State Committee shall be delivered personally or by mail to each member in accordance with the provisions in Article V, Section A.3.a of the Constitution.
4. If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the US mail and addressed to the member's address as it appears on the official record.
5. One-third (1/3) of the actual members present and voting at a regular or special meeting constitutes a quorum.
6. One-third (1/3) of the members of the Executive Committee present and voting shall at an Executive Committee meeting constitutes a quorum.
7. Conduct of all meetings of the DC Democratic State Committee shall be governed by the Rules of Order.
8. Votes shall be by voice in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws, with the result determined by the Chair. If a State Committee member calls for a division of the house, the Chair will take a standing vote on the issue. If one-third (1/3) of the members present and voting demand a roll call vote, the Chair shall cause the Recording Secretary to call the roll of members in rotating alphabetical and ward order. The names of those voting "Yes", "No", or "Present" shall be recorded. The above provision shall not be used in elections.

ARTICLE II

A. Filling of Vacancies

1. Upon resignation of any member from any position on the State Committee, the Chair shall within thirty (30) days send a copy of the resignation with a copy of the acceptance to the Board of Elections and Ethics of the District of Columbia.
2. Vacancies of At-Large or Ex-Officio Representative State Committee members shall be filled by a majority vote of the State Committee at a regular meeting provided notice that the vacancy will be filled has been given no less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting.
3. Vacancies of Ward Representative State Committee members shall be filled by an election within the Ward Democratic Committee within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs.
4. Vacancies of Affiliated Organization Representative State Committee members shall be filled within the Affiliated Organization within (30) days after the vacancy occurs.
5. Upon the filling of a vacancy in accordance with these by-laws, the Chair shall notify the Board of Election and Ethics of the District of Columbia the name and address of the person so elected.

B. Removal of State Committee members

1. Pursuant to Article III, F. of the Constitution shall follow the procedures listed in this section.

- a. A petition for removal must be presented to the Chair of the State Committee.**
 - 1. If it is for a Ward Representative member, it must contain at least ten percent (10%) signatures of the registered Democrats in the Ward in which said member resides.**
 - 2. If it is for an At-Large Representative member, it must contain at least ten percent (10%) signatures of registered Democrats in the city.**
 - 3. If it is for an Ex-Officio Representative member, it must contain at least forty percent (40%) of the members of the State Committee.**
- b. The petition for removal must cite the grounds for disqualification and removal.**
- c. Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of any petition for removal, the chair shall refer said petition to the Party Organization and Function Committee for review, investigation and recommendation.**
- d. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of petition for removal, the Party Organization and Function Committee shall hold a hearing on said petition affording the member an opportunity to confront the petitioners, present evidence to rebut the grounds for removal and cross examine any witness testifying against said member. The said member against whom a petition for removal is filed may be represented by legal counsel.**
- e. Within fifteen (15) days after the hearing, the Party Organization and Function Committee shall make a recommendation for action on the petition to the Executive Committee of the State Committee.**
- f. The Executive Committee shall notify the member in writing of the decision of the Party Organization and Function Committee.**
 - 1. In the event there is a decision for disciplinary action, the proposed action shall be implemented unless the member files a request within ten (10) days to have the membership of the State Committee review the proposed action at a regular or special meeting.**
 - 2. In the event of such a request, the membership of the State Committee shall vote affirmatively or negatively on the proposed action. The decision of the Committee shall be final.**

ARTICLE III

A. Annual Meeting

- 1. The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall alternate in calling the first meeting of the State Committee after the Primary election at which they and the Ward and At-Large State Committee Representatives are elected.**

ARTICLE IV

A. Election of Officers

- 1. Election of Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of State Committee members present and voting at the annual meeting pursuant to Article V, A. of the Constitution.**
- 2. Voting of Officers shall be by open ballot.**

ARTICLE V

A. Committees

- 1. The Standing Committee Chairpersons and members of the Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Chair of the State Committee with approval of the Executive Committee of the State Committee.**
- 2. Ad hoc Committees shall be appointed as needed by the Chair of the State Committee with the approval of the Executive Committee of the State Committee.**

ARTICLE VI

A. Endorsements

- 1. The State Committee shall vote to endorse candidates for the offices of Congressional Delegate, Mayor, Chairman and At-Large Representatives of the City Council of the District of Columbia, Senators, Representative, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, Alternate National Committeeman and Alternate National Committeewoman.**
- 2. Voting shall be by open ballot.**
- 3. Prior to the meeting to consider endorsement, a candidates forum will be sponsored by the State Committee with those candidates who have filed their Statement of Candidacy and Campaign Committee with the DC office of Campaign Finance**
 - a. The candidate who receives sixty (60%) percent of the votes cast will the official candidate of the DC Democratic State Committee and will be eligible for financial and in-kind contributions from the State Committee and will be placed on the ballot without filling petitions.**
 - b. The Candidate who receives twenty five (25%) of votes cast will be placed on the ballot without filling petitions.**
- 4. When voting for endorsement, a vote for "no endorsement" will equally count as a vote for a candidate.**
- 5. Chartered Ward Democratic Organizations and Affiliated Democratic Organizations shall not be bound by the provisions of this Article.**

ARTICLE VII

A. Amendments

- 1. These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the State Committee upon proper notice of an amendment.**
- 2. No amendment may be adopted by unless thirty (30) days notice containing the text of the proposed amendment has been given. However, amendments to proposed amendments shall be considered debatable.**
- 3. No amendment to a proposed amendment may be adopted unless there has been seven (7) days notice containing the text of the amended amendment.**

(These By-Laws of 02/28/02 contain amendments adopted on 11/02/95 and 05/02/99.)