

MARION COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROPOSED BY-LAWS

Date: 06/27/2024

ARTICLE I NAME

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be the Marion County Republican Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as the CEC.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

SECTION 1. The purpose of the CEC shall be:

- A. To establish general policy of the Republican Party in the county, subject to direction of the biennial County/Senatorial District Convention;
- B. To represent the Republican Party of this county, state, and nation, articulating the party's candidates;
- C. To cooperate in carrying out the programs initiated by the Republican Party of Texas, including but not limited to:
 1. Conducting a Republican Primary in as many election precincts within the county as practicable, but at a minimum, having a voting location in each County Commissioner's precinct; and
 2. Organizing a coordinated effort, including Get-Out-The-Vote, preceding each general election, to publicize the party's candidates.

SECTION 2. The CEC is charged with the responsibility of observing all laws of the State of Texas and the United States in fulfilling the purpose stated in this Article.

ARTICLE III MEMBERS

SECTION 1. The voting members of the CEC when conducting official business required by the Texas Election Code, Republican Party of Texas, or any business of the CEC shall be the County Chairman and the Precinct Chairmen. Officers and Committee Chairmen who are not Precinct Chairmen may serve as ex-officio (non-voting) members of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. To qualify to hold the office of Precinct Chairman, a candidate must be a qualified voter residing within the bounds of the entity represented and cannot be a candidate for another elected office.

SECTION 3. The term of office shall be for two (2) years, commencing on the twentieth (20th) day after the Run-Off Primary Election Day, as provided for in Section 171.022 of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 4. Any vacancy in the office of County Chairman or Precinct Chairman shall be filled by the CEC. A majority of the total membership of the CEC must participate in filling a vacancy and the person

selected must receive a majority of the votes cast of those members participating in the election, as provided by Section 171.024(a) of the Texas Election Code [see Section 171.024(c) for exception.]

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Officers of the County Executive Committee (CEC) shall be the County Chairman, County Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The County Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be appointed by the County Chairman at the Organizational Meeting, and in no case shall the office of Vice Chairman or Treasurer be vacant for more than ninety (90) days.

SECTION 2. The term of office of the officers shall be concurrent with that of the CEC, except in the event of a vacancy in the office of the County Chairman at which time the Vice Chairman shall serve as the interim Chairman until the CEC votes in a new Chairman. The Vice Chairman will then revert back to the Vice Chairman position.

SECTION 3. A vacancy in the office of County Chairman shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of the Section 171.025 of the Texas Election Code. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the CEC following notice of the vacancy, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

SECTION 4. Duties of the officers shall be those prescribed by the parliamentary authority, by the CEC, and by these by-laws, as listed below:

- A. COUNTY CHAIRMAN.** The County Chairman shall be the CEC's presiding officer and official spokesperson. He/she shall perform these duties required by the statute and by these by-laws and by the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all county Standing and Special Committees. The County Chairman may be a member of the Texas Republican County Chairman's Association and any assessments or dues are to be paid by the County Executive Committee (CEC).
- B. COUNTY VICE CHAIRMAN.** The County Vice Chairman shall assist the Chairman as requested in the performance of the duties of the office, and, in the event of the death of the Chairman, or his/her inability or unwillingness to serve, the Vice Chairman shall serve as acting Chairman until the Chairman resumes his/her duties or until the election of a new County Chairman. The office of County Vice Chairman does not necessarily have to be a precinct chair.
- C. TREASURER.** The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping systematic records and for complying with any applicable state and federal statutes with regard to reporting contributions and expenditures. The Treasurer shall prepare a quarterly report of financial condition for presentation to the CEC. The Treasurer shall send annual notices for payment of dues and keep an up-to-date roster of members in good standing. The Treasurer shall keep the Secretary informed of changes in membership.
- D. SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall carry out the usual duties of that office, keeping an up-to-date role of the CEC's members and ensuring that each member receives timely notices of meetings. A permanent file containing minutes of the CEC meetings and General Membership meetings shall be maintained. In the event of a vacancy in the office of County Chairman, the Secretary shall call a meeting of the CEC for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman, as provided for in Section 171.025 of the Texas Election Code. The

Secretary is authorized to receive applications for a place on the Primary Ballot, as provided for in Section 172.022(a)(2) of the Texas Election Code. The Secretary shall maintain an up-to-date roster, which includes address and telephone number, of all members in good standing.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The CEC shall meet at least once each quarter. If necessary, the quarterly meeting may be conducted in the month preceding or succeeding any given quarter.

SECTION 2. In the year in which the CEC is elected, one of the regular quarterly meetings shall be an organizational meeting, to be held within sixty (60) days following the date of the Primary Run-Off Election.

SECTION 3. There will be allowance for Zoom or other electronic means for CEC members to visualize documents and conduct, participate, and vote in meetings when necessary dependent upon available technology to support said electronic means.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The County Chairman shall appoint the chairman and members of any Standing Committees deemed necessary to carry out policies of the local party.

SECTION 2. Each committee is authorized to develop procedures for conducting the business within that committee's jurisdiction, subject to review and amendment by the CEC.

SECTION 3. Any committee member, including the committee chairman, may be removed from a committee upon request by the committee member or voted on by the CEC with a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

ARTICLE VII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1. The rules contained in the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the CEC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws and any special rules promulgated by the Republican Party of Texas, or any state or federal statutes.

ARTICLE VIII FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

SECTION 1. The Treasurer shall maintain the General and Primary Checking Accounts for the organization. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman (when appointed), and Treasurer shall have signature authority for disbursement of funds from the General and Primary Checking Accounts. The Chairman may direct the Secretary to be granted signature authority if no Vice-Chairman is appointed. Only the

Treasurer has single signature check writing authority for the Primary Account. The General Checking Account and Scholarship Fund shall have dual signature check writing authority.

SECTION 2. The Treasurer shall ensure that the Primary Checking Account is closed not later than the last business day preceding the General Election. All funds exceeding \$100.00 shall be returned to the Secretary of State. The Primary Checking Account may remain open past the General Election only if the balance is less than \$100.00. The Treasurer shall ensure that the Primary Checking Account has been reconciled as directed by the SOS.

SECTION 3. Any expenditures of the General Checking Account over \$100.00 shall be voted on by the CEC with a two-thirds (2/3) vote approval of precinct chairs in attendance.

**ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

SECTION 1. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of (2/3) of the CEC membership at a properly called meeting of the CEC, by giving notice at the previous regular meeting, through email if all email addresses are known, or by mailing written notice to each CEC member at least seven (7) days in advance of a Regular or Special Meeting called for that purpose.

**ARTICLE X
RPT RULE 8A COUNTY CHAIR PETITION OPT-OUT**

The Marion County CEC opts-out of the petition requirement for candidates for County Chairman since the population of Marion County is less than 300,000.

Adopted on this date: 06-27-2024

Hunter Bonner, Chairman: 