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# **BYLAWS OF THE KANSAS DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE**

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*As Amended March 5, 2005*

### ARTICLE I. PARTY ORGANIZATION

Section 1. State Committee Members. The state committee shall consist of thirty-six (36) members (18 of each sex) elected by each congressional district committee; two (2) members (1 of each sex) elected by each ancillary organization as defined in Article I Section 6b; each Democratic member of the state board of education, state senate, and state house of representatives; and each member of the state executive committee as prescribed in Section 6. All members shall be registered Democrats.

Section 2a. District Committees of Congressional Districts. The District committee for each congressional district shall consist of the county chairperson and vice-chairperson of each county in the district and two additional members, of opposite sex, to be elected by each of the county central committees in the district at their respective organizational meetings for each one thousand (1,000) votes or major fraction thereof in excess of one thousand five hundred (1,500) votes cast in the county by the party for all candidates for the state-wide officer receiving the highest party vote at the preceding primary election.

In the event a county is partly in each of two or more congressional districts, the county chairperson and vice-chairperson shall be members of each such district committee, but the county's entitlement to additional members shall be computed separately for each such district as herein before specified on the basis of the votes cast by the party in each district at such primary election. Such district party committees shall organize by electing a chairperson, vice-chairperson, a secretary and a treasurer (the last two of whom may be the same person). The vice-chairperson shall be of the opposite sex as that of the chairperson. A meeting for such purpose shall be called by the district chairperson, or if the chairperson fails to do so for any reason, by the district vice-chairperson. Such meeting shall be called by mailing a notice of such meeting to each member and alternate member of the district committee at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting. Such meeting shall be held within the district not later than ninety (90) days after the general election following the organization of county committees. The person calling such meeting shall serve as temporary chairperson thereof.

Section 2b. When the additional members are chosen by each county central committee, there shall also be chosen an alternate for each. Additionally, an alternate shall be chosen for the chairperson and vice-chairperson of each county. Alternates must be equally divided by sex. Alternate members shall represent their respective regular member in the absence of the regular member. No member of a district committee shall be represented by proxy at its meetings. All members shall be registered Democrats.

At a district committee meeting, alternates shall be chosen to represent their respective regular members in the following manner:

a. If only one alternate is present who is from the same county and is of the same sex as the absent regular member, that alternate shall replace the absent regular member.

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b. If only one alternate is present who is from the same county but is of the opposite sex as the absent regular member, that alternate shall replace the absent regular member.

c. If more than one alternate of the same sex is present, or if no alternate of the same sex is present but more than one alternate of the opposite sex is present, the county chair or his/her designee shall choose which alternate shall replace the absent regular member.

d. If no alternate from the same county as the absent regular member is present, the county loses that vote on the district committee at that meeting.

Section 3a. County Central Committee Members. The whole number of precinct committeemen and precinct committeewomen shall constitute the county central committee. All persons elected to the office of precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman shall constitute as members of the county central committee to the end of the term to which they were elected when their precinct designation is eliminated by consolidation of precincts or changes in precinct boundaries. Each county central committee shall meet not later than two weeks after each primary election. At such meeting such committee shall vote on whether to organize at that time by electing a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer or whether to organize by electing such officers at a meeting to be held within two weeks after the state general election. It shall not be necessary for any of the officers of a county central committee to be a precinct committeeman or committeewoman and one person may hold both the office of secretary and the office of treasurer. The vice-chairperson shall be of opposite sex as that of the chairperson. All such meetings shall be called by the county chairperson or if the county chairperson fails to do so for any reason, by any other officer of the county central committee. Such meetings shall be called by mailing a notice of such meeting to each precinct committeeman and precinct committeewoman at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting. No proxy may be voted at any meeting of a county central committee unless the person named proxy is a resident of the same precinct as the committeeman or committeewoman appointing such proxy. Each proxy shall be signed by the appointing committeeman or committeewoman and witnessed by at least one person other than the named proxy. All members shall be registered Democrats.

Section 3b. If no precinct people are elected at the regular August primary in any county, a reorganization meeting shall be called by the county chairperson, or if the county chairperson fails to do so, by the congressional district Democratic Chair or his/her designee or by the Democratic State Chair or his/her designee. Such reorganization meeting shall be publicized by news releases to all print and electronic media outlets in that county and any duly registered Democrat in that county who attends the reorganization meeting will be entitled to vote on the election of officers to the central committee. If the reorganization meeting has not occurred during the time periods specified by statute, the meeting shall be held as soon as possible thereafter. Upon election as county chair, the county chair may appoint people to fill precinct committee vacancies and, in all other ways, be empowered and recognized as a duly-elected county chair.

Section 4a. Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen. At each primary election the members of the party residing in each precinct in each county of the state shall elect a man of their number as precinct committeeman and a woman of their number as precinct committeewoman. No person shall be eligible to be a candidate for or hold the office of precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman in any precinct unless such person actually lives, resides and occupies a place of abode in such precinct, and is in all other respects a qualified elector and is shown as a member on

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the party affiliation list, in the office of the county election officer. Vacancies occurring in the office of precinct committeeman or committeewoman shall be promptly filled by appointment by the county chairperson, except that any vacancy which occurs because the party had no elected candidate at such primary election shall not be filled until the county central committee has elected or reelected its chairperson under Section 2 of this act (these by-laws). As used in this act (these by-laws), "primary election" means the state-wide election held in August of even-numbered years. (K.S.A. 25-3801).

Section 4b. Although State statutes prohibit a county chair's appointment of people to vacant precinct committeeperson positions until after the central committee reorganizes, if a central committee chooses to postpone its reorganization until after the November general election, the county chair may appoint provisional precinct committeepople to vacant positions. Such provisional appointees shall have all powers and duties of precinct committeepople except that those provisional appointees shall not be entitled to vote on any matter until after the central committee has reorganized and elected its officers. At that time, the newly elected (or re-elected) county chair may officially appoint the provisional precinct people to regularly-appointed status.

Section 5a. State Committee Officers. The state committee of shall organize by electing a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer. The vice-chairperson must be of the opposite sex as that of the chairperson. Each person elected to the office of chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary or treasurer of the state committee shall thereupon become a member of the state committee with full voting rights as such a member or shall retain membership and voting rights if such person is a member of the state committee at the time of such person's election. A meeting for such purpose, to be held at Topeka, Kansas, not sooner than all of the district party committee organization meetings required to be held have been held and not later than 120 days after each general election, shall be called by the state chairperson, or if the chairperson fails to do so for any reason, by the state party vice-chairperson. Such meetings shall be called by mailing a notice to each member and alternate member of the state committee at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the meeting. The person calling such meeting shall serve as temporary chairperson thereof.

Section 5b. When the 28 members are elected by each congressional district committee, there shall also be elected an alternate for each. Alternate members shall represent their respective regular member in the absence of the regular member. No member of the state committee shall be represented by proxy at its meetings.

At each state committee meeting, alternates shall be chosen to represent their respective regular members who are absent in the following manner:

1. If only one alternate is present who is from the same county and is of the same sex as the absent regular member, that alternate shall replace the absent regular member.
2. If only one alternate is present who is from the same county but is of the opposite sex as the absent regular member, that alternate shall replace the absent regular member.
3. If more than one alternate of the same sex is present, or if no alternate of the same sex is present but more than one alternate of the opposite sex is present, the county chair or his/her designee shall choose which of those alternates shall replace the absent regular member.
4. If no alternate from the same county as the absent regular member is present, the district chair or his/her designee shall choose any alternate elected from that district who is present

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at that meeting to represent the absent regular member, but giving first priority to alternates of the same sex.

Section 5c. Incumbent state committee officers whose offices are being filled at a given state committee meeting are not entitled to vote on the election of their respective successors by virtue of the office they hold unless they are otherwise entitled to vote as a duly elected member of the newly-elected state committee. However, as provided by statute and restated above, as soon as an officer is elected or re-elected, that officer has full voting rights including the right to vote on the election of other officers to be subsequently elected at that meeting. Additionally, since the terms of the national committeeman and committeewoman do not officially begin until adjournment of the subsequent Democratic National Convention, the incumbent national committeeman and woman may vote on the election of their successors, and their successors will not be able to vote at state committee or executive committee meetings by virtue of their election as national committee members until they officially take office upon adjournment of the Democratic National Convention.

Section 5d. Whenever a regular voting member of the state committee is elected to a state committee officer position, he/she shall immediately assume that office and shall be deemed to have resigned his/her position as a regular voting member, and a duly selected state committee alternate may immediately take that person's place as a regular voting member of the state committee and vote on any subsequent matters at that meeting. Until such time, if any, as the district committee is reconvened to permanently fill the vacancy created by that person's election to an officer position, at any subsequent meetings of the state committee held during the remainder of that term of the state committee, any duly selected state committee alternate may take that person's place as a regular voting member.

As outlined above in this subsection, the same procedure shall apply to a regular voting member who is elected national committeeman or committeewoman except that persons elected to the national committee don't officially accede to that office until adjournment of the subsequent Democratic National Convention. Therefore, at the state committee meeting during which a national committeeman and committeewoman are elected, the incumbent national committeepeople retain their votes throughout that meeting and at any subsequent meetings held before adjournment of the Democratic National Convention.

Section 5e. No member of the state committee or executive committee shall be entitled to vote more than one vote. When elected to an officer position which carries with a vote, a regular state committee member may be replaced by an alternate pursuant to Subsection 5d. above. However, if any person shall be elected or appointed to two positions which carry with them a state committee/state executive committee vote, he/she may cast only one vote and the other vote may not be cast since the statutes and bylaws do not provide for alternates for any state executive committee members.

Section 6a. The Executive Committee. The executive committee shall consist of the state chairperson, state vice-chairperson, state secretary, state treasurer, the representatives elected to the national committee by the respective state committees, the chairperson and vice-chairperson of each of the congressional district committees, the chair of each standing committee created under Article II, and the Chairperson or President of the ancillary organizations described in Section 6b.

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In addition, Democrats who are elected as: the president of the senate or a senator designated by the president, the majority leader of the senate or a senator designated by the majority leader, the speaker of the house of representatives or a member of the house designated by the speaker, the majority leader of the house of representatives or a member of the house designated by the majority leader, the minority leader of each house, or a member of the same house designated by the minority leader, the assistant minority leader of each house or a member of the same house designated by the assistant minority leader, one person designated by each member of the United States Congress, one person designated by the governor, one person designated by the lieutenant governor, one person designated by the secretary of state, one person designated by the attorney-general, one person designated by the state treasurer and one person designated by the state insurance commissioner shall be members of the executive committee. When the majority leader and minority leader of each house have been selected under K.S.A. 46-142 et seq. and any amendments thereto, such officers shall serve in lieu of the previous majority leader and minority leader on the state committee and state executive committee. When the majority party candidates for president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives have been nominated under K.S.A. 46-142 et seq. and amendments thereto, such candidates shall serve in lieu of the named officers on the state committee and state executive committee. The state chairperson shall be chairperson of the executive committee.

Section 6b. Executive and State Committee Representation by Ancillary Organizations. No more than 12 ancillary organizations shall be entitled to positions on the executive and state committees. The ancillary organizations shall include but not be limited to the party's official organization for African-Americans; the party's official organization for Hispanics; the party's official state organization for women; the party's official state organization for young persons; the party's official state organization for county chairs; the party's official state organization for veterans; the party's official state organization for local elected officials; party's official state organization for Asians; and party's official state organization for progressives.

At the Washington Day state committee meeting in election years, each organization shall be considered for continued inclusion on the state committee and executive committee. At the same time, additional organizations may petition to be given the same status. The vote for continued inclusion or new membership on the Executive Committee shall require a majority vote of a quorum of the State Committee.

In order to be included on the state committee and executive committee, an organization must show the following in an application which shall be available for inspection by any Democrat at the State Committee headquarters:

1. Membership rosters showing a statewide membership (actual membership in at least four counties with a policy of attempting to recruit members in other counties would be a minimum).
2. At least one annual statewide meeting at which any members are allowed to vote.
3. Election of a Chairperson or President by the membership to server as a representative to the state committee/executive committee, at least once every two years.
4. An Election cycle plan in which the organization shows how it will function in the party's overall election effort and effectively only support Democrats.

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Section 7. Party Platform Committee. There shall be one platform committee, and it shall consist of the following: The Democratic nominees for the various federal and state offices including, United States senator, United States representative, Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Insurance Commissioner, state board of education, state senator and state representative; each United States senator, state board of education member, and state senator whose term of office extends beyond January of the next year; each member of the state executive committee; and each county chairperson and vice-chairperson. The platform committee shall meet upon the call of the state chairperson no later than the last day of the month in which is held a primary election which nominates candidates for the office of governor and no earlier than that primary election. Members of the platform committee shall be given fifteen (15) days notice of the meeting..

Such platform committee shall be called to order by the state chairperson or the state chairperson's designee. Thereupon, the platform committee shall organize by electing a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary. The platform committee shall thereupon consider recommendations of, formulate and adopt the state platform, and shall perform such other business as may properly be brought before such a meeting. No member of such platform committee shall be represented by proxy.

The approved platform shall be made public at a time not later than six o'clock in the afternoon of the day following adjournment of the platform committee.

A. The platform adopted by the Platform Committee shall consist of two parts: Section 1, "The Statement of Principles", shall be a general statement of party principles and beliefs, which section shall not exceed fifteen hundred (1,500) words. Section II, "Issues Section", shall consist of the party's position on particular issues, and said section shall not exceed thirty (30) issues or planks. Each paragraph, subparagraph, section and/or subsection shall be considered as an issue or plank in computing the thirty (30) issue/plank limitation.

B. Members of the Platform Committee may submit proposed "Statements of Principles" or proposed portions or sections of the "Statements of Principles" or proposed issues or planks for the "Issues Section". Such proposals shall be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Kansas Democratic State Committee no less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting of the Platform Committee.

C. Any person registered as a Democrat in the State of Kansas may submit proposals in writing as set out in (B) above to the Chairperson of the Kansas Democratic State Committee or any member of the Platform Committee no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting of the Platform Committee.

Section 8a. Powers and Duties of Committees and Officers; Vacancies. Each committee provided for in these by-laws, and its officers, shall have the powers usually exercised by such committees and by the officers thereof, insofar as is consistent with these by-laws. The various officers and committees now in existence shall exercise the powers and perform the duties herein prescribed until their successors are chosen in accordance with these by-laws. The duties of the

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chairperson or secretary of any committee when the committee is not in session, may be performed by members of such committees selected by such chairperson or secretary. Any vacancy in any committee office shall be filled in the same manner as that in which such officer was originally chosen. (K.S.A. 25-3808).

Section 8b. Any county party officer other than the county chair may effect resignation of party office by notifying the county chair. A county chair may resign by notifying the county vice-chair, the district chair and the state chair. If a resigning county chair shall fail to so notify the district chair and the state chair, the vice-chair shall so notify them.

Section 8c. All vacancies in county party office shall be filled within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy. The vacancy shall be filled by a vote of the county central committee. The county chair shall call the meeting pursuant to these by-laws unless the county chair's office is the vacancy being filled, in which circumstance the meeting shall be called by the vice-chair or any other county party officer. If all county officers fail to call such a meeting, the meeting may be called by the district chair or state chair's designee. If a vacancy has not been filled within the 30 days specified hereunder, it shall be filled as soon as possible thereafter, and the person filling such vacancy shall be recognized as having been duly and legally elected.

Section 9. Terms of Committee Members. All committee officers elected under these by-laws shall serve for two (2) years and until their successors are elected.

Section 10. Additional Officers. The state chair may appoint one or more parliamentarians or sergeants at arms. The parliamentarian shall advise the chair on parliamentary procedure, and the sergeant at arms shall maintain order at state committee meetings and perform such other duties as directed by the state chair. The parliamentarians and/or sergeants at arms shall have no vote on the state committee or state executive committee unless they are already otherwise entitled to a vote on such committee.

Section 11. The Democratic National Committeeman and Committeewoman shall be elected (every four years) in the year of a Presidential election. Said election shall take place at the State Committee meeting at which the State Committee elects delegates to go to the National Convention to nominate the President and Vice-President. However, the Committeeman and Committeewoman elected shall not serve until the adjournment of the Democratic National Convention held that year.

### **ARTICLE II. OTHER COMMITTEES**

In addition to the committees provided for in these bylaws there shall be the following committees of the Kansas Democratic State Committee and may be other committees necessary to the proper functioning of the Kansas Democratic State Committee.

Section 1. The Resolutions Committee. The resolutions committee shall receive and consider all resolutions proposed by a member of the Kansas Democratic State Committee on

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matters of policy proposed for adoption by the Kansas Democratic State Committee and shall report in writing. Said report shall contain the text of each resolution recommended by the committee for adoption and shall identify resolutions considered but not recommended for adoption.

Resolutions shall be submitted to the secretary of the Kansas Democratic State Committee at least 10 days prior to the meeting of the Kansas Democratic State Committee, and copies of all such resolutions shall be submitted to each member of the resolutions committee by the secretary no less than 5 days prior to the Kansas Democratic State Committee meeting, provided that the executive committee may vote to submit urgent timely resolutions to the Kansas Democratic State Committee even though not submitted within these time periods.

Section 2. Rules and By-Laws Committee. The rules and by-laws committee shall receive and consider all recommendations for adoption of the amendment to the rules and by-laws of the Kansas Democratic State Committee.

A. Recommendation for amendment of the by-laws or adoption of rules for the Kansas Democratic State Committee shall be submitted to the rules and by-laws committee no less than 10 days prior to the meeting of Kansas Democratic State Committee, and the secretary of the state committee shall cause to be mailed such recommendations to the members of the rules and by-laws committee no less than 5 days prior to the meeting of the Kansas Democratic State Committee.

B. The rules and by-laws committee will formulate such supplementary rules as it finds necessary to augment these by-laws insofar as they are not contrary or in derogation of these by-laws, the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States, the bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, the rules for delegate selection adopted by the Kansas State Democratic Party and in effect at the time. The rules and by-laws committee will conduct the balloting and decide on any question presented to it by the chair regarding the rules and by-laws, parliamentary procedure, balloting, or other questions excluding credentials challenged.

Section 3. The Credentials Committee. The credentials committee shall determine the eligibility of the members of the Kansas Democratic State Committee in accordance with these by-laws and rules on any supplementary rules that are formulated by the rules and by-laws committee. The credentials committee will rule on any challenges that are referred to it by the chair.

Section 4. Finance Committee. The finance committee shall consist of the chairperson, the treasurer, and four members of the executive committee, one from each of the four congressional districts. Membership of the finance committee may vary in accordance with the availability of its members and the amount of notice that can be provided. The finance committee shall review the state chairperson's recommended budget pursuant to the requirements of Article III, below.

Section 5. Membership of Committees. There shall be a chair, and at least four members of each of the committees set out in this article. An equal number of members shall be appointed from each of the four congressional districts. Each committee shall be divided as equally as possible as to gender. All of the committees shall be divided as equally as possible as to gender. All of the committees specifically provided for in this article and any other committees shall be chosen by the chairperson and shall serve during the tenure of the person appointing such members. It shall not

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be necessary for any member of a committee to be a member of the Kansas Democratic State Committee. The chairperson may appoint such other committees as deemed necessary.

Section 6. The State Party shall establish an Administrative Council which consists of the six executive committee members elected by the body as a whole: the state chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, national Committeewoman and national Committeeman, and all the congressional district chairs (or the vice chairs in their absence). The administrative council should be available on the call of the state chair and in between meetings of the executive committee to conduct the business that would be ordinarily be conducted by the executive committee, to meet in person or by conference call on a regular, perhaps monthly basis.

### **ARTICLE III. BUDGET/EXPENDITURE LIMIT**

Once each calendar year, the finance committee will review the chairperson's recommended biennial budget the Kansas Democratic State Committee. Beginning in 1993, the budget shall be prepared for an election cycle starting on January 1 of each odd-numbered year and ending on December 31 of the following even-numbered year.

At the meeting held prior to the adoption of each biennial budget, following analysis and review of the budget, its program of expenditures, detailed by accepted budgetary categories, and the sources of funds to be collected or raised in any manner to finance the budget, the finance committee will recommend a budget and any proposed revisions to the state executive committee for approval.

At the meeting held prior to the beginning of the second year of each biennial budget period, the finance committee will consider any proposed revisions and recommend revisions, if any, to the executive committee for approval.

After receiving the recommendations of the finance committee, the state party executive committee shall adopt a cycle. Again, after receiving the recommendations of the finance committee, the state party executive committee shall consider revisions to the budget at a meeting held approximately midway through the biennial election cycle.

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The chairperson, or any member of the staff of the Kansas Democratic State Committee, is prohibited from exceeding the total expenditure limit as established in the budget as approved by the state executive committee and are further prohibited from obligating the Kansas Democratic State Committee for any debt or expenditure which is not provided for in the budget as approved; provided however in the event of any emergency which significantly affects the integrity and welfare of the Kansas Democratic Party, the chairperson may with approval of a majority of the members of the state executive committee, create expenditures or obligations which are not otherwise provided for in the budget.

### **ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS**

Section 1. Executive Committee. Meetings of the executive committee of the Kansas Democratic State Committee shall be called by the chairperson, or in his or her failure or refusal to call, by any other officer. No later than 10 days before each meeting of the executive committee the secretary of the Kansas Democratic State Committee should cause to be mailed written notice of the date, time and place of such meeting, and the tentative agenda, to all members of the executive committee. The executive committee should meet at least four (4) times per annum.

Section 2. Kansas Democratic State Committee. Meetings of the Kansas Democratic State Committee shall be called by the chairperson, or on his or her failure or refusal to call, by any other officer. No later than 14 days before each meeting of the Kansas Democratic State Committee the secretary of the Kansas Democratic State Committee shall cause to be mailed written notice of the date, time and place of such meeting, and the tentative agenda, to all members and alternates of the Kansas Democratic State Committee.

Upon the written request of 25% or more of the members (excluding alternates) of the Kansas Democratic State Committee filed with the chairperson, it shall be the duty of the chairperson, within 30 days from receipt of such request, to issue a call for a meeting of the Kansas Democratic State Committee. The Kansas Democratic State Committee shall meet at least two times per annum.

### **ARTICLE V. QUORUM**

Section 1. Kansas Democratic State Committee. A majority of the members elected by the congressional district committees of the Kansas Democratic State Committee present in person or by an alternate shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Executive Committee. A majority of the full membership of the executive committee of the Kansas Democratic State Committee present in person shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. District Committees. Twenty-five percent of the full membership of any congressional district committee shall constitute a quorum so long as all members of the committee were sent proper notice of the meeting.

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Section 4. County Central Committees. Absent a duly adopted county central committee rule concerning quorums, twenty-five percent of the full membership of any county central committee shall constitute a quorum so long as all members of the committee were sent proper notice of the meeting.

### **ARTICLE VI. VOTING AT STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Section 1. At All Meetings. Voting shall be by voice vote except for the election of delegates, alternates, officers and members of the Democratic National Committee. Each delegate shall be entitled to one full vote. The election for State Party officers shall be by secret ballot, unless only one person has been nominated, in which case a voice vote shall be conducted.

Section 2. Nominations. Except as provided by state law or National Party rules, nominations for all elective party positions shall be made from the floor, and secret written ballots shall be cast in a central ballot box.

Section 3. By Mail. The chairperson of the Kansas Democratic State Committee may refer matters to the members of the Kansas Democratic State Committee, the executive committee and the finance committee for consideration and vote by mail, provided, however, that if members aggregating at least 25% of the members (excluding alternates) of the committee being polled shall so request, the matter shall be presented to the next meeting of the committee.

### **ARTICLE VII. PROCEDURE--ROBERT'S RULES**

Except as otherwise provided in these by-laws, Robert's Rules of Order (the most recent revised edition), shall be the rules of procedure in all meetings of the Kansas Democratic State Committee and all other committee meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Kansas, provided that debate on any question may be limited or closed by a majority of those voting.

### **ARTICLE VIII. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The order of business at all meetings, including committee meetings, at all levels of the Democratic Party in Kansas, shall be determined by the officers of the particular committees and be contained in the agenda prepared for said meeting and shall include reports of the chairperson and treasurer of all active committees.

### **ARTICLE IX. PARTICIPATION**

Section 1. Discrimination. Discrimination in the conduct of Kansas Democratic Party affairs on the basis of sex, race, age (if of voting age), religion, economic status, physical handicap, or ethnic origin is prohibited at all levels of the Democratic Party in Kansas.

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## BYLAWS

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Section 2. Action Programs. The Kansas Democratic State Committee shall undertake affirmative action programs designed to encourage the fullest participation of all Democrats in all party affairs at all levels of the Democratic Party in Kansas.

### **ARTICLE X. AMENDMENT**

Section 1. Majority Vote. Amendment of these by-laws for the sole purpose of making them comply with the laws of the United States, the State of Kansas, or rules, regulations or quotas of the Democratic National Committee may be by majority vote of the executive committee of the Kansas Democratic State Committee, subject to the ratification of the Kansas Democratic State Committee at its next meeting.

Section 2. Other. Any other amendment to these by-laws shall be in accordance with Article II, Section 2, of these by-laws and shall be by a vote of at least 66 2/3% of the members or their alternate of the Kansas Democratic State Committee present.

### **ARTICLE XI. CONFLICTS**

Section 1. In the event of a conflict between these by-laws and the laws of the United States, the state of Kansas, or any rules or regulations or the Democratic National Committee, these other laws or regulations will supersede these by-laws.

Section 2. In the event that a local county or district committee adopts bylaws which conflict with these bylaws, these state bylaws will supersede the county or district bylaws.

### **ARTICLE XII. SELECTION OF ELECTORAL COLLEGE VOTES**

The State Committee shall elect, by a majority vote of its members, six electors. Any registered Democrat in the state of Kansas who is a member of the State Committee may be nominated so long as such person is present and accepts said nomination. At least six persons who are present and accept said nomination shall be nominated (three must be males and three must be females). If there are only three males and three females nominated, then voting for said electors shall be by acclamation. If more than three males or females are nominated and accept said nominations, then a vote shall be conducted in which every member of the State Committee shall be eligible to vote for up to six persons, three (3) men and three (3) women, to be electors. Each person voting may not vote for more than six persons and may not vote use more than one of their votes for each elector candidate. The three males and three females receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed to have been elected as electors, with names submitted to the Kansas Secretary of State pursuant to K.S.A. 25-304.