

**THE BYLAWS OF THE
CUMBERLAND COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
REVISED AS OF
MAY 25, 2000**

The official name of the Republican organization in Cumberland County shall be **THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.**

The Cumberland County Republican Committee shall be an association, which acting through its officers, shall have the power to acquire, own, hold, sell, mortgage or otherwise encumber, lease and manage real estate, to acquire and own or lease personal property, to incur obligations and indebtedness and to hire and fire employees, and to conduct all business transactions involving the Republican Party. The Cumberland County Republican Committee shall have control of the Republican Party of Cumberland County and in the election districts, and shall have authority to put into effect such measures as shall promote its interest and that of its candidates in accordance with the following bylaws:

RULE I - COUNTY COMMITTEE

SECTION 1.

The Cumberland County Republican Committee shall be composed of two (2) members from each election district of Cumberland County, one of whom shall be a woman and one a man. Such members shall be elected at the Primary Election held in each even-numbered year by the Republican electors of the district and in each instance shall be a qualified elector and a registered Republican residing in such district.

SECTION 2.

Should any vacancy occur in the membership of The Cumberland County Republican Committee, the County Chairman may fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term, by appointment of any qualified Republican elector residing within the district wherein such vacancy exists, regardless of gender. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the members of The Cumberland County

Republican Committee shall serve from the date of their election until the succeeding Primary Election held in an even-numbered year, unless sooner disqualified under these bylaws.

SECTION 3.

In order for a member of the Cumberland County Republican Committee to be duly elected by write in votes, that member must receive at least as many write in votes as the required number of signatures on a valid election petition for the same office.

SECTION 4.

The duties of a member of the Cumberland County Republican Committee shall consist of the following:

- a. To faithfully attend meetings of the Cumberland County Republican Committee;
- b. To support endorsed party candidates;
- c. To arrange for appropriate distribution of campaign literature, posters and other election materials;
- d. To arrange for appropriate coverage of polling places on primary and general election days;
- e. To attempt to register new Republican voters;
- f. To faithfully support the official functions and fund-raising events of the Cumberland County Republican Committee; and
- g. To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the County Chairman.

SECTION 5.

Any member of the Cumberland County Republican Committee who fails to attend in person or by proxy, at least one half of the scheduled meetings of the Cumberland County Republican Committee, as called by the County Chairman, within a given one year period commencing at the time of the primary election shall, effective upon written notice by the County Chairman, cease to be a member of the Cumberland County Republican Committee, and a vacancy shall be declared by the County Chairman. Excused absences from the regularly

scheduled meetings of the Cumberland County Republican Committee may be granted at the sole discretion of the County Chairman, if requested in advance and for good cause.

RULE 2 - OFFICERS

- SECTION 1.** The officers of The Cumberland County Republican Committee shall consist of a County Chairman, a Deputy County Chairman, five Vice Chairmen, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer, all of whom shall be qualified Republican electors residing in Cumberland County.
- SECTION 2.** The County Chairman shall be elected on a secret ballot by a majority of the Cumberland County Republican Committee present in person or represented by valid proxies at the biennial reorganization meeting.
- SECTION 3.** The Deputy County Chairman, the Vice Chairmen, the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Assistant Treasurer shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the County Chairman.
- SECTION 4.** None of the aforesaid officers need be members of The Cumberland County Republican Committee.
- SECTION 5.** Should a vacancy occur in the office of County Chairman by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled by the Cumberland County Republican Committee within thirty (30) days.
- SECTION 6.** Any vacancy occurring in any office appointed by the County Chairman shall be filled by appointment made by said County Chairman.

RULE 3 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1.

County Chairman. The County Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Cumberland County Republican Committee and, as such, shall put into operation the resolutions and actions of the Cumberland County Republican Committee and shall preside at its meetings and be an ex-officio member of all committees. In the absence of the County Chairman, the Deputy Chairman shall preside. The County Chairman shall have the responsibility for the supervision of the county, state and federal election campaigns in the county and shall be responsible for the training and standards of performance for committee members.

SECTION 2.

Deputy Chairman. The Deputy Chairman, in the absence of the County Chairman, shall have charge of the conduct of the affairs of the Cumberland County Republican Committee and preside at the meetings of the Cumberland County Republican Committee. The Deputy Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

SECTION 3.

Vice Chairman. The five Vice Chairmen appointed by the County Chairman shall perform such duties as directed by the County Chairman.

SECTION 4.

Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Cumberland County Republican Committee in books provided for that purpose and shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the County Chairman. All papers, documents and data in the Recording Secretary's possession shall be turned over to his or her successor.

SECTION 5.

Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall maintain an accurate roll of committee members and their mailing addresses and shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the County Chairman. All papers, documents and data in the Corresponding Secretary's possession shall be turned over to his or her successor.

SECTION 6.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse, upon proper written authorization from the County Chairman or his designee, all monies contributed for Party purposes. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all

receipts and expenditures, and shall report them quarterly to the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall submit the books for the annual review as provided in Rule 4, Section 3. The fiscal year shall be January 1 to December 31. All funds, books, documents and other data in the Treasurer's possession shall be turned over to his or her successor. The Treasurer shall comply with the provisions of all state and federal election laws. The Treasurer shall provide an annual report to the Cumberland County Republican Committee. The County Chairman shall designate the banking institution or institutions in Cumberland County in which the Party's funds shall be deposited. The records of the receipts and expenditures of the Treasurer shall be open for inspection by any member of the Cumberland County Republican Committee upon reasonable notice.

SECTION 7.

Assistant Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer shall perform any duties delegated to him by the Treasurer, or assigned by the County Chairman, and shall report concerning Party finances in the absence of the Treasurer.

RULE 4 - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1.

Standing Committees. The Standing Committees shall be an Executive Committee, a Finance Committee, a Registration and Training Committee a Candidate Interview Committee, and a Governor's Club Committee. Any other committee may be established at the discretion of the County Chairman.

SECTION 2.

Executive Committee. Within sixty (60) days after the biennial reorganization meeting of the Cumberland County Republican Committee at which the County Chairman has been elected, said Chairman shall appoint an Executive Committee of not less than ten (10) members to serve until the next succeeding biennial reorganization meeting unless removed in accordance with these bylaws. At least one-half of the members of the Executive Committee must be members of the Cumberland County Republican Committee. All members must be qualified Republican electors. The Executive Committee shall act in an advisory capacity and shall consider all the matters referred to it by the County Chairman or delegated to it by these bylaws.

SECTION 3.

Finance Committee. Within sixty (60) days after the biennial reorganization meeting of the Cumberland County Republican Committee at which the County Chairman has been elected, said Chairman shall appoint a Finance Committee of not less than seven (7) members to serve until the next succeeding biennial reorganization meeting unless removed in accordance with the bylaws and shall designate one such appointee as Chairman. Members of the Finance Committee need not be members of the Cumberland County Republican Committee, but must be qualified Republican electors. The Finance Committee shall annually review the accounts of the County Chairman and the Cumberland County Republican Committee. The Finance Committee shall supervise fund-raising programs. Any monies collected by the Finance Committee shall be reported to and promptly paid over to the Treasurer and receipt taken therefor.

SECTION 4.

Registration and Training Committee. Within sixty (60) days after the biennial reorganization meeting of the Cumberland County Republican Committee at which the County Chairman has been elected, said Chairman shall appoint a Registration and Training Committee of not less than seven (7) members to serve until the next succeeding biennial reorganization meeting unless removed in accordance with these bylaws and shall designate one such appointee as Chairman. Members of the Registration and Training Committee need not be members of the Cumberland County Republican Committee, but must be qualified Republican electors. The Registration and Training Committee shall insure that the Cumberland County Republican Committee members, especially those newly elected, are indoctrinated into duties and responsibilities of the office. Further, the Registration and Training Committee shall effect the necessary organization to maintain an active Republican voter registration program.

SECTION 5.

Candidate Interview Committee. The County Chairman shall annually, at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day to file nominating petitions, appoint a Candidate Interview Committee of not less than ten (10) nor more than thirteen (13) members: at least five (5) shall be members of the Cumberland County Republican Committee. The County Chairman shall designate one such appointee as Chairman. It shall be the duty of this Committee to interview any potential candidate for any county-wide office, state senator, state representative or national representative whose election district shall include all or a portion of Cumberland County. This Committee shall report its recommendations to the Cumberland County Republican Committee for endorsement or other appropriate action. Unless otherwise directed by the

County Chairman, the Committee shall vote on Candidate endorsements by secret ballot.

SECTION 6.

Governor's Club Committee. Within sixty (60) days after the biennial reorganization meeting of the Cumberland County Republican Committee at which the County Chairman has been elected, said Chairman shall appoint a Governor's Club Committee Chairman. The Committee shall oversee the operation of the Governor's Club, or any successor organization, the purpose of which shall be to raise funds for the Cumberland County Republican Committee, and to encourage greater involvement of qualified Republican electors in the affairs of the Cumberland County Republican Committee.

RULE 5 - MEETINGS

SECTION 1.

Reorganization Meeting. In even-numbered years, the incumbent County Chairman shall, within sixty (60) days after the Primary Election held in such years, call a meeting of the Cumberland County Republican Committee for the purpose of reorganization. Such meeting shall be called to convene at a place within Cumberland County at a time to be selected by the incumbent County Chairman. At such reorganization meeting, the Cumberland County Republican Committee shall elect a County Chairman to serve until the next biennial reorganization meeting and transact any additional business properly presented for consideration.

SECTION 2.

Regular Meetings. The County Chairman shall call at least two (2) regular meetings of the Cumberland County Republican Committee annually.

SECTION 3.

Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called at any time by the County Chairman. Upon written request of fifty (50) members of the County Committee, the County Chairman shall call a special meeting to consider the matters specified in the request. The County Chairman shall designate the time and the place within Cumberland County for said special meeting.

SECTION 4.

Notice. Notice of all meetings of the Cumberland County Republican Committee shall be given by written notice signed by the County Chairman

specifying the purpose for which said meeting is called. Notice shall be mailed to the members of the Cumberland County Republican Committee at their respective mailing addresses as listed on the roll prepared and in the custody of the Corresponding Secretary and mailed at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting.

SECTION 5. Executive Committee Meetings. Meetings of Executive Committee shall be called by the County Chairman.

SECTION 6. Finance Committee Meetings. Meetings of the Finance Committee may be called by the Chairman of the Finance Committee or the County Chairman from time to time as required.

SECTION 7. Registration and Training Committee Meetings. Meetings of the Registration and Training Committee may be called by the Chairman of the Registration and Training Committee or the County Chairman from time to time as required.

SECTION 8. Parliamentary Procedure. The proceedings of all meetings of the Cumberland County Republican Committee shall be regulated by the provisions of Robert's Rules of Order. The County Chairman may appoint a Parliamentarian and an Assistant Parliamentarian, who shall advise the County Chairman on parliamentary matters.

SECTION 9. Order of Business - Reorganization Meeting. The order of business of the biennial reorganization meeting of the Cumberland County Republican Committee shall be as follows:

- A. Roll call of members and validation of proxies.
- B. Nomination and election of County Chairman.
- C. Report of officers to include Treasurer's report.
- D. Other business.
- E. Adjournment.

SECTION 10.

Order of Business - Regular Meetings. The order of business of the regular meetings of the Cumberland County Republican Committee shall be as follows:

- A. Roll call of members and validation of proxies.
- B. Reading of minutes of preceding meeting.
- C. Reports of officers to include Treasurer's report.
- D. Reports of standing committees.
- E. Unfinished business.
- F. New business.
- G. Adjournment.

SECTION 11.

Order of Business - Special Meetings. The order of business of a special meeting of the Cumberland County Republican Committee shall be as follows:

- A. Roll call of members and validation of proxies.
- B. Consideration of matters specified in request for special meeting.
- C. Adjournment.

RULE 6 - QUORUM

SECTION 1.

Quorum. A quorum of the Cumberland County Republican Committee shall consist of a majority of its duly elected or appointed members in person or by proxy.

RULE 7 - PROXY

SECTION 1. Proxy. Any absent member of the Cumberland County Republican Committee shall have the power to substitute by proxy any registered Republican elector residing in his or her election district. The proxy shall be in writing, signed and witnessed by at least one person. The proxy holder shall be present in person at the meeting. No person may vote more than two proxies. Committee members may hold one proxy and be entitled to vote his or her vote and the vote of the proxy.

RULE 8 - WATCHERS

SECTION 1. Watchers. Watchers for the Cumberland County Republican Committee at the general election or any primary election shall be designated by the County Chairman who shall insure that proper watchers' certificates are issued.

RULE 9 - CANDIDATE VACANCIES AND ENDORSEMENTS

SECTION 1. County. Any vacancy occurring on the Republican ticket for an office to be voted for by the electors of Cumberland County at large, whether said vacancy arises by reason of death, withdrawal, failure to nominate or any other cause whatsoever, shall be filled by the Cumberland County Republican Committee.

SECTION 2. Republican State Committee. Any vacancy occurring in a Cumberland County seat on the Pennsylvania Republican State Committee shall be filled by the County Chairman.

SECTION 3. Legislative Districts. Any vacancy occurring on the Republican ticket for an office to be voted for solely by the electors of one of the Legislative Districts of Cumberland County shall be filled by the Cumberland County Republican Committee members representing the election districts within said Legislative District. Said members shall be convened for the purpose upon written notice to

each member within such group by the County Chairman. Any vacancy in the nomination for the State Legislature, after the Primary Election in the Legislative District, of which Cumberland County, or a portion thereof is a part, shall be filled by conferees selected by the Cumberland County Republican Committee from registered voters residing in the Legislative District. The number of conferees shall be fixed as provided by law, or by the Rules of the Republican Party of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In the absence of any such law, or any such provision in the Rules of the Republican Party of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Cumberland County or a portion thereof, shall have its proportionate share of conferees in the same ratio as Republican votes cast by the electors of Cumberland County in the last state-wide election bear to the Republican votes cast for the Legislative District in the last state-wide election.

SECTION 4.

Municipal. Any vacancy occurring on the Republican ticket for an office to be voted for solely by electors of any borough, township, ward, precinct or single election district within Cumberland County may be filled by the members of the Cumberland County Republican Committee representing said borough, township, ward, precinct or voting district, as appropriate, at a meeting to be convened as the members thereof may determine.

SECTION 5.

Congressional. Any vacancy in the nomination for Congress after the Primary Election in the congressional district of which Cumberland County or a portion thereof is a part, shall be filled by conferees selected by the Cumberland County Republican Committee from registered Republican voters residing in the congressional district. The number of conferees shall be fixed as provided by law, or by the Rules of the Republican Party of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In the absence of any such law, or any such provision in the Rules of the Republican Party of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Cumberland County or a portion thereof, shall have its proportionate share of conferees in the same ratio as Republican votes cast by the electors of Cumberland County in the last state-wide election bear to the total Republican votes cast for the congressional district in the last national election.

SECTION 6.

Special Election. In the event that a special election shall be called to fill a vacancy in any office to be voted for by the electors of Cumberland County at large, nomination for such office shall be made in accordance with Section 1 of this Rule.

In the event a special election shall be called to fill a vacancy in any office to be voted upon by the electors of any legislative district of Cumberland County, nomination for such office shall be made in accordance with Section 3 of this Rule.

In the event a special election shall be called to fill a vacancy in any office to be voted upon by the electors of any congressional district of which Cumberland County or a portion thereof is a part, nomination for such office shall be made in accordance with Section 5 of this Rule.

SECTION 7.

For the purpose of the party endorsement process for Legislative Congressional Districts, representing portions of Cumberland County, for each such office to be considered, only those members of the Cumberland County Republican Committee who reside in, and represent, the election districts or precincts within the geographical boundaries of the District in question shall have standing for the purposes of voting to endorse a candidate for the District in question. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, all members of the Cumberland County Republican Committee may speak on the issue of endorsement of any candidate representing any part of Cumberland County.

RULE 10 - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

SECTION 1.

Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by the Bylaws Committee or by any member of the Cumberland County Republican Committee. Any proposed amendment shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the County Chairman. The County Chairman may refer the proposed amendment to committee for review and recommendation. Any proposed amendment submitted may be presented to the Cumberland County Republican Committee for action at the next meeting of the Cumberland County Republican Committee provided the proposed amendment is submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to said meeting. If the proposed amendment is not submitted within thirty (30) days prior to the next meeting of the Cumberland County Republican Committee, then the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Cumberland County Republican Committee for action at the next subsequent meeting of the Cumberland County Republican Committee. Provided that there are sufficient members of the Cumberland County Republican Committee present to constitute a quorum, these Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Cumberland County

Republican Committee present, whether in person at the meeting or represented by valid proxies.

RULE 11 - SUSPENSION OF RULES OR BYLAWS

SECTION 1. Suspension of any Rule or Bylaw shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present in person or represented by valid proxies.

RULE 12 – RECALL OR REMOVAL

SECTION 1. Upon petition signed by a majority of all members of the Cumberland County Republican Committee a special meeting shall be convened for the purpose of replacing the County Chairman elected under the Bylaws. The Deputy County chairman shall preside. Recall of the Chairman shall be by two-thirds affirmative vote of the entire County committee. No proxy shall be allowed. A new County Chairman shall be selected at the recall meeting in accordance with these Bylaws.

SECTION 2. Appointed officers, Chairman or members of a Committee may be removed at the pleasure of the power by whom they have been appointed.

RULE 13 - MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1. The County Chairman shall insure that at least ten (10) copies of the current Bylaws are available at all meetings of the Cumberland County Republican Committee.

SECTION 2. Every Committee member shall be provided with a copy of the current Bylaws by the County Chairman.

SECTION 3.

These bylaws shall be deemed severable and separately enforceable and should any provision be invalidated or declared void all of the other provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing Bylaws were adopted, as amended, by the Cumberland County Republican Committee at a regular meeting held on May 25, 2000.

Victor P. Stabile, Chairman