

CONSTITUTION OF THE TENNESSEE YOUNG REPUBLICAN FEDERATION

Article I: Organization

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the “Tennessee Young Republican Federation, Inc.” hereinafter referred to as the "Federation" or “TYRF”.

Section 2. The affairs of the Federation shall be governed by the provisions of the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act, T.C.A. § 48-51-101, et seq., as it may be amended from time to time. The Charter of the TYRF, as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee on September 12, 2001, as it may be amended from time to time, is hereby adopted and ratified in all respects as the Charter of the Federation.

Section 3. This Constitution and the accompanying By-Laws are hereby adopted as the "Bylaws" of the Federation, of the Federation, as such quoted term is used in the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Constitution or the By-Laws and the terms of the Charter, the terms of the Charter shall prevail.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall perform the functions of the "Board of Directors" of the Federation, as such quoted language is used in the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act.

Section 5. In the event any provision of this Constitution or the By-Laws is found to be invalid or unenforceable under the Act or any other provision of applicable law, the invalid provision(s) shall be deemed to be altered in such manner as is necessary to conform to the provisions of the Act or such applicable law. Notwithstanding such alterations as may be necessary, all other provisions of this Constitution and the By-Laws shall remain in effect as written.

Article II: Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of the Federation shall be to promote the growth and acceptance of the Republican Party among the young people of Tennessee by soliciting and encouraging their active participation in Young Republican Clubs; to support the principles, objectives, and platform of the Republican Party; to develop leadership for our state, our communities, the Tennessee Republican Party, and the Young Republican National Federation; to secure the election of all duly nominated Republican candidates; and to secure an effective voice for young people in the affairs of the Republican party.

Article III: Governance

Section 1. All governing power of the Federation shall be vested in a Convention which shall be composed of a delegation from each duly chartered member club, hereinafter called Member Club.

Section 2. The Convention shall meet biennially to elect the officers of the Federation. The biennial meeting shall be held in the fourth quarter of even number years. The Convention shall take place in Nashville, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors. Each member club shall be given written notice of the time and place thereof at least 60 days in advance by the Executive Committee.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Director, Political Director, Chapter Development Director, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall administer the business of the Federation out of Convention. No member of the Executive Committee may ever cast more than one vote. It shall perform all duties required of it by the Constitution and such other duties as may be prescribed by the By-Laws or by proper direction of the Convention. All members of the Executive Committee must be active members of a chartered Young Republican club in Tennessee and the TYRF, and are expected to be actively involved in their home club.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Executive Committee, four Regional Directors, the Immediate Past Chair, a representative from the Tennessee College Republicans, a representative of each member club, and any officer the chair may appoint that is approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. No person shall be eligible to hold a position on the Executive Committee or Board of Directors under this Constitution who is not a citizen of the United States and the State of Tennessee and who is not a current dues paying member of his or her home club.

Section 5. In order to be eligible for election to the Executive Committee of the State Federation or of a member club, to be a delegate to any Convention or meeting of the Federation, to be a Convention delegate or to perform any other duty of the Federation, such person shall be 18 to 40 years old inclusive, provided however that any officer elected prior to his 41st birthday shall be allowed to fulfill his term in office even though such officer shall be over the age of 40 years prior to the termination of his elected term.

Article V: Membership

Section 1. Any county may have only one duly chartered Young Republican club per county.

Section 2. The Federation will only recognize active membership in one duly chartered Young Republican club per individual.

Section 3. The age limit for a member in a chartered club of the Federation shall be 18 to 40 years inclusive, and the chartered club shall not be required to send in state dues on any member falling

outside the aforesaid age group. For any members in a chartered club of the Federation who fall outside of the aforesaid age group or voting members of another member club, a special classification called "Associate Member" shall be created. Such members have all of the privileges of a regular member except those set forth under other provisions of Article VI and voting privileges in the chartered club.

Section 4. The residency requirement for a member in a chartered club is as follows: an individual may only be a member of the chartered club in the County in which that individual is registered to vote. For the purpose of a member seeking to join TYRF with the limited college republicans membership, the residency of an individual who is a bonafide member of a College Republicans organization as provided under the governing documents of the Tennessee College Republicans shall be determined in accordance with the requirements set forth in Article I, Section 17 of the TYRF By-Laws.

Section 5. Neither the Federation, the Convention, the Executive Committee, nor any officer or member club shall take any action that would invalidate or endanger the Federation's status as a nonprofit corporation.

Section 6. Any member of the Tennessee College Republicans shall be eligible for free membership in the Tennessee Young Republicans. Members who qualify for this membership category will have complete access to Tennessee Young Republican events and trainings. Members who join as free members will not count as members for the purpose delegate counts for voting purposes.

Article VI: Powers

Section 1. The Federation shall have all powers necessary or proper to direct, manage and control its business, property, and funds; and shall have all powers necessary or proper to do all things required to accomplish the purposes for which it was organized.

Section 2. At no time shall the Federation or a member club thereof endorse any specific candidate in a Primary election. The officers of the Federation or of a member club shall not permit the use of the title of their office in the Federation by an organization or person seeking the nomination of a candidate for an elective office in a Primary Election.

Section 3. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Young Republican National Federation, the Constitution of the State Federation and its minutes of the meetings, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the member clubs shall be made available to any officer or delegate of the Federation, to any officer or enrolled current dues paying member of a member club or to a representative of any organization contemplating the filing of a petition for a charter hereunder.

Article VII: Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a two-thirds vote of the Convention, provided that a written or electronic version of the proposed amendments shall be made available to the Bylaws Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the Convention. The Bylaws Committee shall meet between forty-five (45) and sixty (60) days prior to the Convention. The Bylaws Committee shall vote to recommend each amendment be adopted, rejected, or modified. The recommendations shall be provided to the Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. The Convention delegates shall then vote to adopt or reject the amendments. No additional proposals or amendments from the floor shall be considered.

Section 2. The Executive Committee, by a majority vote, may at any time call a Constitutional Convention, upon at least sixty (60) days notice, to consider and act upon amendments to this Constitution or the By-Laws. The call of the Convention shall set forth the proposed amendment(s) and any other business to be transacted. The provisions of Section 1 of this Article shall govern the submission and consideration of any other additional proposals, objections or amendments.

Section 3. Amendments to this Constitution may also be made at the regular Biennial Convention of the Federation if, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the seated delegates, the Convention adopts the written report of a Constitution Committee appointed by the Chairman of the TYRF. A written or electronic version of the report of the Constitution Committee must be submitted to each member club and to each member of the Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the Biennial Convention. Only those additional proposals or amendments from the floor which are germane to the proposals contained in the report of the Constitution Committee shall be considered by the Convention.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall be empowered, upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote, to amend this Constitution to correct any mistakes of grammar or spelling, in order to effectuate the intent and meaning of those documents.

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