

RULES OF THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION
Shelby County, Tennessee
July, 2017

1. These Rules are promulgated by the Shelby County Ad Hoc Democratic Reorganization Committee (“Ad Hoc Committee”), appointed by the Tennessee Democratic Party, and are subject to By-laws also promulgated by the Ad Hoc Committee.
2. The Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Committee are Carlissa Shaw and David Cocke, and these two Co-Chairs will also serve as Co-Chairs of the Convention to be held on July 22, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (registration) at Mississippi Blvd. Church, 70 North Bellevue Blvd., Memphis, TN 38104, the purpose of re-establishing the Shelby County Democratic Party (“Convention”).
3. The Co-Chairs are authorized to appoint sergeants at arms at the Convention as they deem necessary.
4. The Co-Chairs shall appoint three (3) standing committees for the Convention:
 - a. A Convention Committee shall oversee the operation of the Convention, conduct training of personnel, prepare materials necessary for the Convention, comply with Tennessee Party Rules, and supervise other matters relating to the venue for the Convention;
 - b. A Rules Committee shall be responsible for interpretation and enforcement of the Bylaws and Rules promulgated by the Ad Hoc Committee. It shall be responsible for review of all complaints and grievances relating to the Convention other than credentials. All decisions of the Rules Committee may be appealed to the Ad Hoc Committee, which shall have the right to review or not review such appeals.
 - c. A Credentials Committee shall be responsible for determining the eligibility of all delegates to the convention pursuant to the By-laws, and for issuance of credentials. All decisions of the Credentials Committee may be appealed to the Ad Hoc Committee, which shall have the right to review or not review such appeals.
5. The Co-Chairs shall appoint a person from each county commission district in Shelby County to act as Chair for each commission district caucus. The selections shall be based upon such factors as prior leadership experience in Democratic Party activities, objectivity, honesty, familiarity with the Convention Rules and Party Bylaws and attendance at special training for the position to be conducted by the Ad Hoc Committee in advance of the Convention.
6. The Co-Chairs may allow currently elected Democrats from Shelby County to have one (1) minute each to speak at the Convention. The Co-Chairs are authorized to recognize the presence of other prominent Democrats.
7. The Credentials Committee shall be responsible for creating an identification system and distribution of appropriate badges and other designations for delegates or attendees to wear, indicating

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their eligibility to vote in specific county commission district caucuses and to otherwise participate in the Convention.

8. Commission Caucus Chairpersons shall meet separately with the delegates from their county commission district to conduct elections to the Democratic Grassroots Council and the Executive Committee.

9. The order and process of elections at the Convention shall be as follows:

a. Each caucus will first elect members of the Democratic Grassroots Council (“DGC”) to which their commission district is entitled (see attached calculations made by the Ad Hoc Committee). Following selection of the DGC Members, each caucus shall be entitled to elect two (2) members of their DCG members to serve on the Executive Committee, one male and one female.

b. All persons in attendance and who have been deemed eligible to participate at that particular caucus shall have a right to vote on all elections in that caucus. Since the elections must choose representatives with an equal number of males and females as is possible, the chair of the caucus shall first determine the order of elections by gender with a coin toss, a male or female, to be conducted in alternate succession. Separate elections will then be conducted for each of the members of the Grassroots Council to be elected beginning with a male or female position as determined by the coin toss. The Chair shall then call for nominations for each Commission District for the Executive Committee positions, and the reorganized Grassroots positions which shall be selected as equally as possible by gender. After the nominations cease, the ballot is closed and the voting shall commence. A plurality of votes shall prevail for each election. In the case of a tie, a runoff between those tied shall be held to decide the winner. No more than two (2) persons may be elected from the same ward and precinct to the Grassroots Council from each County Commission caucus unless there are no eligible nominees from other wards and precincts in the caucus. Persons to be nominated must be in attendance even if there are insufficient numbers of persons available and participating to fill out the allotment of persons to be elected.

c. At the conclusion of the election of Grassroots Council members, the participants in the caucus shall then elect from the people elected to the Grassroots Council, two (2) members to serve on the Executive Committee, one male and one female.

10. The Caucus Chair is responsible for obtaining the names and contact information of those elected, the office for which they were elected at the caucus, and the vote tally for each such election, and for turning that information over to the Credentials Committee and the Co-Chairs as soon as possible after the caucus.

11. While participants may leave the Convention at the conclusion of the voting in each particular caucus, the Convention will be reconvened after the caucus to announce the results and to complete all obligatory duties as outlined by the State Democratic Party.

12. The persons elected as DGC members from all of the commission districts shall convene no less than two (2) weeks and no more than three (3) weeks after the Convention to vote on a chairperson for the Shelby County Democratic Party. The time and place of this meeting shall be decided and

promulgated by the Co-Chairs no later than the end of the Convention. The Co-Chairs will conduct this election.

13. The By-laws and Rules promulgated by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Shelby County Democratic Party shall govern all phases of these proceedings and may not be changed at the Convention.

14. Registration for the Convention shall be between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., the day of the Convention. All participants, including those who have pre-registered, must be present and in line to check in or register by 11:30 a.m. of the day of the Convention in order to participate in the Convention and elections.

15. Elected member of the EC and DGC must be “bona fide” Democrats as set forth in the By-laws of the Shelby County Democratic Party.

16. Participants must be registered voters in Shelby County, Tennessee who will make the appropriate pledge of party loyalty required by the Tennessee Democratic Party. In the event that a participant has a new or updated registration status that is not reflected on the Election Commissions website, it is the responsibility of the participant to provide appropriate documentation of such changes. If no documentation is provided by the participant, the Elections Commission website information will be used to determine eligibility.

17. Any grievance that must be resolved at the time of the Convention is to be made to the Rules and Credentials Committees immediately. Any grievance that may be resolved after the Convention must be presented to the Rules and/or Credentials Committees within five (5) calendar days following the Convention. The Rules and Credentials Committees will convene to resolve grievances within ten (10) calendar days following the Convention.

18. Those persons elected at the Convention shall be announced publicly from the podium following the elections and a list shall be posted to the Party website by the end of the following day. Email or paper copies of the list of participants in the Convention shall be available from the Credentials Committee within six (6) calendar days following the Convention, or two (2) days after a request is made for such a list, whichever is later.

19. Nominations for the position of Chair may be made by any delegate at the Convention after the announcements of those elected to the EC and DGC. If a nominee is not registered at the Convention, the nominator shall supply contact information person nominated to the Co-Chairs. Further nominations, after the Convention, can be made by any delegate by sending an email to the Co-Chairs at dcocke@evanspetree.com and cshaw0305@yahoo.com, on or before Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at 5 p.m. sharp. Only those persons so nominated will be eligible to run for Chair at the second convention. The Committee will post the names of the nominated persons for Chair on the website, www.ShelbyDem.org, and a list of those nominated shall be updated daily. The Credentials Committee will promptly provide contact information about the DGC members to all properly and timely nominated persons. All nominated persons shall provide notice of their intent to run for Chair to the Co-Chairs no later than July 26, 2017 on or before 5 p.m. sharp