

# DEMOCRATIC PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

To Supersee the Plans That Now Exist

## A REVISAL OF THE PLANS

State Democratic Executive Committee Give a New Plan of Organization to the Various Counties and Provide for the Elections of the Future With a Set of Rules Held to Be of Party Benefit.

Plan of Organization of the Democratic Party of North Carolina, Adopted at a Meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee in Raleigh, March 10, 1910, and Repealing the Existing plan from this Date.

### State and District Committee

Section 1. The State Democratic Executive Committee shall consist of six members from each Congressional District of the State, who shall be elected at the State Convention by the delegates from the several Congressional districts.

Sec. 2. That, as early as practicable after each State Convention the chairman shall call the State Democratic Executive Committee to meet for the purpose of electing a chairman and a secretary of said committee for the term of two years, and until their successors shall be elected.

Sec. 3. That the chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee shall, as early as practicable after his election, appoint advisory or campaign committee consisting of not less than five nor more than ten.

Sec. 4. The Congressional Democratic Executive Committee for each district in the State shall consist of one member from each county in said district, who shall be elected at the Congressional Convention by the delegates from the several counties.

Sec. 5. The Judicial Democratic Executive Committee for each district in the State shall consist of a member from each county in said district, who shall be elected at the Judicial Convention by the delegates from the several counties.

Sec. 6. The State Senatorial Executive Committee for each district in the State which comprises more than one county shall consist of one or more members at the discretion of the Convention, from each county in said district, who shall be elected at the Senatorial Convention by the delegates from the several counties. In districts composed of only one county the Executive Committee and Convention of said county shall have jurisdiction as in the matter of county candidates.

Sec. 7. The Executive Committee of the Senatorial, Congressional and Judicial district, respectively, shall at the call of their respective chairman, meet at some time and place in their respective districts, and select a time and place for holding the District Convention and the chairman of said respective committees shall immediately notify the chairman of the different county executive committees of the said appointment, and issue a call for said convention.

Sec. 8. All Democratic Executive Committees shall meet at such times and places at the chairman of the respective committees may appoint

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and designate in his call. If for any reason there should occur a vacancy in the chairmanship of any Executive Committee by death, resignation or removal, or if such chairman should be incapacitated, or should fail or refuse to act, the secretary of any such committee shall be vested with the power of vice-chairman for the purpose of calling meetings of such committee.

Sec. 9. All Executive Committees shall have the power to appoint sub-committees or special committees for such purposes and with such powers, in their respective jurisdiction as may be deemed necessary or desirable.

Sec. 10. In each election year the chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee shall convene said committee in the City of Raleigh during the month of March, and at said meeting the following business shall be transacted:

(a) The time and place of holding the State Convention shall be determined and duly published.

(b) A common day shall be fixed, on which all precinct meetings or primary elections shall be held for the purpose of ascertaining the choice of the Democratic electors for the several candidates for State, Congressional, Judicial and State Senatorial offices and for the election of delegates to the County Conventions

(c) A common day shall be fixed for the holding of a County Convention in each county in the State for the purpose of declaring the result of the precinct meetings or primary elections, or for ascertaining the choice of all electors in mass convention, and for appointing delegates to the State, Congressional, Judicial and State Senatorial Conventions.

Sec. 11. Immediately upon the adjournment of the said State Democratic Executive Committee it shall be the duty of the chairman of said committee to publish the same and of the secretary thereof to notify, in writing, the several chairmen of the County Democratic Executive Committees in the State of the respective dates or primary elections and County Conventions.

Sec. 12. Upon the receipt of such notice it shall be the duty of the chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committees in the State to call meetings of their respective County Democratic Executive Committees on a day to be named by him not exceeding fifteen days after the receipt by him of said notice, for the purpose of determining the manner of ascertaining the choice of the Democratic electors in his county for all candidates for State, Congressional, Judicial and State Senatorial office in conformity with the action of

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the State Executive Committee. The manner of ascertaining the choice of the Democratic electors for such candidates shall be one of the three method as follows:

1. By Precinct Meetings;
2. By Primary Election;
3. By County Convention (in mass)

Provided, that unless the Executive Committee shall adopt the second or third plan the first or precinct meeting plan shall be adopted.

Sec. 13. That at said meeting the County Executive Committee may, in its discretion, also determine the time and manner of nominating the candidates for legislative, county and township offices—appointing the same day and method as determined for the selection of State and district candidates; or it may appoint a different day and method for legislative, county and township candidates.

Sec. 14. In such counties as it may be determined to hold a Primary Election it shall be the duty of the county chairman to immediately notify the State, Congressional, and Judicial chairmen of such decisions; whereupon the respective chairmen of such committees shall furnish tickets to said county chairmen for all candidates to be voted for in said primary election for the respective offices, and no additional tax or fee shall be charged against such candidates by the county committee.

Sec. 15. That any person who wish to become a candidate for any State, Congressional, or Judicial office to be voted for in the county or counties where said primary election shall be held, shall at least 20 days for in case of county or legislative office five days before such primary election notify, in writing, the chairman of the proper committee of the office for which he has become a candidate, and at the same time deposit with him such fee, charge, or pro rate expenses as may be determined by said chairman to be necessary for printing and distributing tickets for such office: Provided, that after paying such expenses the residue shall be refunded by such chairman, to the respective candidates paying the same.

### County and Precinct Organization

Sec. 16. The unit of county organization shall be the voting precinct.

In each precinct there shall be an Executive Committee to consist of 5 active Democrats who shall be elected by the Democratic voters at the several precinct meetings or primary elections or county conventions in mass, first called by the County Executive Committee. And said Committee so elected shall elect one of its members as chairman, who shall preside at all committee meetings.

Sec. 17. The chairmen of the several precinct committee, which compose the County Executive Committee, which shall meet at the same time and place as the County Convention first held in each election year, and elect a chairman of said

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filled by the Executive Committee of the county in which said vacancy occurs. Precinct committees shall fill all vacancies occurring in their respective committees.

Sec. 20. The County Executive Committee shall appoint, all necessary precinct meetings and primary elections, and county conventions by giving at least twenty days notice by public advertisement at the courthouse door and at three public places

in each precinct and in such Democratic newspapers as may be published in said county, requesting all Democrats of the county to meet at the appointed place on a common day therein stated for the purpose of electing delegates, or nominating candidates, or both, as the case may be.

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