

DEMOCRATIC PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

To Supersede 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.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

First Method: Precinct Meetings.

Sec. 21—If at the meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee it shall be determined by a majority of the full committee, to nominate candidates by delegates chosen at the precinct meetings, then the said precinct meetings shall be held under the following rules and regulations:

Sec. 22—At the meeting held in each precinct in pursuance of said notice, delegates and alternates to represent it in the County Convention shall be elected from the body of the Democratic voters of the precinct; and said delegates or alternates or such of them as shall attend the County Convention, shall be entitled to vote the full Democratic strength of their precinct in the nomination of candidates and upon all questions which may come before said County Convention.

If there is a failure to hold a precinct meeting in pursuance of said notice, or if said meeting shall fail to elect delegates to represent it in said convention, the precinct executive committee shall appoint delegates and alternates from the Democratic voters of the precinct.

At every precinct meeting there shall (if requested) be a vote taken for the different candidates for office whose names may be presented and the delegates shall vote in the County Convention of their respective counties in accordance with this vote; that is to say, each candidate shall receive in the County Convention that proportion of the vote to which the precinct may be entitled which he received in the precinct meeting shall not be changed unless by two-thirds vote of the delegates representing said candidate from said precinct. The chairman or presiding officer and secretary of the precinct meeting shall certify to the County Convention the vote received by each candidate at the precinct meeting, together with the names of delegates and alternates selected by said meeting.

Sec. 23—Each precinct shall be entitled to cast in the County Convention one vote for every 25 Democratic votes, and one vote for fractions over 12 Democratic votes cast by the precinct for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election; provided, that every precinct shall be entitled to cast at least one vote in the County Convention and each precinct may appoint as many delegates to said convention as it may see fit, not exceeding three delegates and 3 alternates for each vote to which said precinct may be entitled in the County Convention.

Sec. 24—The chairman of the Precinct Executive Committee shall preside at all precinct meetings; but in the absence of the chairman of said committee, any other member thereof may preside.

Sec. 25—The County Executive Committee shall have power to make any rules with regard to holding precinct meetings, which it may deem proper, not inconsistent with the rules prescribed in this plan; it shall be the duty of said committee to prepare and furnish all forms and blanks needed in making the returns from said precinct meetings, and any reported challenges and appeals therefrom; and it shall have the power to raise the funds necessary to pay the expenses thereof.

Second Method: Primary Elections

Sec. 26—If at the meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee, provided for in this plan of organization, it shall be determined by a majority of the full committee, proxies not counted, to nominate candidates by direct primary election and select delegates to the County Convention, then the same shall be held under the following rules and regulations:

Sec. 27—At all primary elections held under this plan the county shall be the unit, and the total vote cast

throughout the county shall control the nomination or the percentage of said county's vote in any State or District Convention.

Sec. 28—At least five days preceding such primary election every person desiring to become a candidate for any county or legislative office shall signify his intentions in writing, to the chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, and at the same time shall deposit such fee as the said chairman may determine to be his prorate part of the expenses of printing and distributing proper tickets, and every such person shall also subscribe to a pledge that he will abide by the result of the primary election and support the successful candidate or candidates chosen in said primary election.

Sec. 29—When a primary election under this plan shall be ordered, notice thereof giving the date and the various balloting places and the names of the persons appointed to hold the same, shall be published in the Democratic press of said county, and copies posted at three public places in each precinct or township, and such other notice given as the County Executive Committee may think proper which notice shall not in any case be less than 20 days. In such primary election the County Executive Committee shall designate the places where voting shall be had, and they shall select, as far as practicable, the places provided by law for holding the general State elections. They may, however, select other places if the convenience of Democratic voters justifies such change, but there shall be at least one voting place in each precinct.

Sec. 30—For the purpose of holding such primary election the said committee shall appoint three well known Democratic electors of intelligence and reputation for honesty and fair dealing, for each precinct or other voting district in the county, one of whom shall be the secretary and record the names of all the persons voting, who shall conduct such election, receive the ballots, count them, declare the result and make a written statement thereof. If any person appointed to hold a primary election shall decline to serve, become incapacitated, or become a candidate before the primary, the chairman of the Executive Committee of that township or precinct shall have power to designate some qualified Democrat to fill such a place and if the chairman of the committee shall not be present, then the remaining poll-holders may designate some person to assist them in holding the same, and such substituted person shall have the same right and authority therein as if he had been originally appointed by the County Executive Committee.

Sec. 31—The said poll-holders shall provide such boxes for the reception of ballots as may be necessary, but there shall be separate boxes for the following classes of candidates to-wit: Candidates for the State, Congressional, and Judicial offices shall be voted for in one box; candidates for General Assembly and all county offices in one box; all township office in one box; the Township Executive Committee in one box, and the delegates to the County Convention in one box. The hours for holding such primary election shall be as follows: From 10 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m., provided that the County Executive Committee may designate other hours within which said primary election may be held; but in no case shall the time for holding said election be less than four hours.

Sec. 32—Any Democratic candidate who is voted for in said primary election may attend the same in person or by representatives, and be present during the conduct of said election and counting the vote. Every Democrat shall have the right to vote at his proper polling place, and in case the vote of a man claiming to be a Democratic elector or will not be on election day is challenged on the ground that he is not qualified as an elector, or is not a Democrat, he shall not be denied the privilege of voting except by the judgement of a majority of the poll-holders. Every challenge shall be recorded, and any candidate or his representative dissatisfied with the result shall have the right to appeal to the County Convention and the County Convention shall hear the same and allow or disallow the vote, and shall amend the returns from that precinct in accordance with its judgement.

Sec. 33—At the close of the voting it shall be the duty of the poll-holders, in the presence of such candidates or their representatives and any Democrat who wishes to attend, to proceed at once to count the ballots and make a list of all persons voted for the offices for which they were voted, and the number of votes received by each and they shall sign such list and send the same immediately to the chairman of the County Executive Committee, who shall

transmit the same to the chairman of the County Convention. They shall give any candidate or his representatives upon his request, a copy of the said list and they shall also give to the chairman of the County Executive Committee a statement of the number of challenges allowed or disallowed and how said challenged voter voted or how he offered to vote when challenged. They shall also preserve the list of voters or pollbooks, the tally-sheets and the tickets until after the County Convention.

Sec. 34—At the meeting of the County Convention following the holding of such primary election the said convention shall ascertain and declare the result of the said primary election. All candidates for county and legislative offices, and all delegates and committeemen receiving a majority of the votes cast in such primary election shall be declared the nominees of the party for said offices; provided, that at the time the primary election is called the County Executive Committee shall prescribe the rules and regulations for a second primary if one shall be deemed necessary.

Sec. 35—it shall be the duty of the chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee to prepare all tickets for county and legislative offices, and distribute them, as it is his duty to distribute tickets for the State and district offices. All names voted for in the same box shall be printed on one ticket, and the ballot shall be checked with a cross mark opposite the name or names he wishes to vote for, or the names he does not wish to vote for shall be stricken out. If more names are voted for than is proper for any office the said ticket for such office shall not be counted.

Sec. 36—The County Democratic Executive Committee may, at its discretion order a registration of all Democratic electors for each precinct in any town or city in said county having a population of 2,000 or over, by giving the same notice and complying with the regulations prescribed by law for the registration of voters at general elections, as nearly as may be practicable.

Sec. 37—The County Executive Committee shall have the right to make any rules with regard to holding primary elections which it may deem proper not inconsistent with the rules prescribed in this plan. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to prepare and furnish all blanks and forms needed in making the returns from said challenges and any reported challenges and appeals therefrom. It shall have power to provide for raising the funds necessary to pay the expenses thereof.

Third Method: County Convention (in Mass)

Sec. 38—If at the meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee it shall be determined by a majority of the full committee to select delegates to the State and District Conventions and to nominate candidates for county and legislative offices, or either of them, by a convention of all Democratic electors in said county, then the said convention, in mass, shall be held under the following rules and regulations:

Sec. 39—The chairman of the County Executive Committee shall give at least 20 day notice of such convention in the Democratic press and by posters at the court house door and three public places in each precinct or township.

Sec. 40—In such convention the voting strength of each precinct or township shall be preserved as a unit, and all Democratic electors present from any precinct or township shall segregate themselves from the rest of the convention and express their choice for the several candidates and delegates by count or ballot, as may be deemed most practicable, and the vote of such precinct or township shall be cast accordingly.

Sec. 41—The chairman shall provide the convention with a sufficient number of secretaries or ready accountants, who shall reduce the vote to decimals and tabulate the same, disregarding all fractions after the second or hundredth column.

Sec. 42—Nothing herein contained shall prevent the convention from making nominations by viva or acclamation where a vote by township or precinct is not demanded by any Democratic elector present.

Sec. 43—The County Democratic Executive Committee shall have power to make such other rules and regulations for the holding of county convention in mass, not inconsistent herewith, as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

Sec. 44—The District and State Convention shall be composed of delegates appointed by the several County Conventions. Each county in the State shall be entitled to elect to the State Convention one delegate

and one alternate for every 150 Democratic votes, and one delegate and one alternate for fractions over 75 Democratic votes, cast therein for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election.

Each County Convention in the district shall be entitled to elect to its Senatorial, Judicial, and Congressional Conventions one delegate and one alternate for every 50 Democratic votes, and one delegate and one alternate for fractions of over 25 Democratic votes cast therein for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election, and none but delegates or alternates so elected shall be entitled to seats in said State and District Conventions; provided, further, that in all County Conventions in which delegates shall be selected to attend any State, Senatorial, Judicial, Congressional, or other convention, a vote shall be taken as provided in this plan of organization as to candidates whose names may be presented to such County Convention, and the delegates to such State or District Convention shall be selected from the friends and supporters of each candidate voted for, in proportion, as near as may be to the number of votes he shall receive, and no other instructions shall be given; provided, further that when only one candidate for office is presented and voted for at a County Convention, it shall be lawful to instruct for such candidate.

Sec. 45—At every County Convention (before delegates to the State, Congressional, Judicial, Senatorial, or other conventions are chosen a vote shall be taken as provided in this plan of organization for the different candidates for office whose names may be presented to said County Convention and the delegates there after appointed shall cast the vote of their respective counties in accordance with this vote; that is to say, each candidate shall receive in the State, Congressional, Judicial, Senatorial or other convention the proportion of the vote to which the county may be entitled which he received in the County Convention.

Sec. 46—The chairman and secretary of the County Convention shall certify to the nominating convention, the vote received by each candidate voted for. At all State District and County Conventions the delegates shall continue to cast the vote according to said instructions, or to vote received by each candidate, until two-thirds of the delegates so instructed to support any candidate shall decide to change said vote.

Sec. 47—All County, Senatorial, Judicial and Congressional Conventions shall be called to order by the chairman of the Executive Committee of such County, Senatorial, Judicial and Congressional districts and in his absence by any member of the Executive Committee who may be present at the convention, and in case neither the chairman nor a member of the Executive Committee is present then by any delegate to said convention, and he shall preside until a permanent chairman is elected by the convention.

Convention Rules

Sec. 48—A preliminary meeting of the delegates shall be held by each Congressional district on the morning of the State Convention, at rooms to be designated by the State Executive Committee for the purpose of selecting the following committees and officers of the Committee on Credentials and Appeals.

1. One member of the Committee on Credentials and Appeals.
2. One member of the Committee on Permanent Organization, Rules and Order of Business, which committee will nominate a permanent president and secretary of the convention.
3. One vice-president of the convention.
4. One district assistant secretary.
5. One member of the Committee on Resolutions and Platform.
6. Six members of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Sec. 49—At all conventions the delegates shall be selected as near as may be from the friends and supporters of the candidates voted for.

Sec. 50—Such delegates for alternates of absent delegates as may be present at any Democratic convention shall be allowed to cast the whole vote to which their precinct or county may be entitled.

Sec. 51—In all conventions provided for by this plan, after a vote is cast, there shall be no change in such vote until the final result of the ballot shall be announced by the chairman of said convention.

Sec. 52—The chairman of the different county conventions shall certify the list of delegates and alternates to the different District and State conventions, and at certified list of said delegates and alternates to the secretary of the State Executive Committee and to the conven-

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Sec. 53—The secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee, shall make up a roll of all delegates and alternates from the several counties and transmit the same to the chairman of the State Convention, and in like manner the secretaries of the several district committees shall furnish a proper roll of the delegates and alternates to the chairman of their respective district conventions.

Sec. 54—In all conventions a nomination may be made by any majority even though it be a fraction of a vote.

Sec. 55—In all State and district conventions it shall be the duty of the delegates from the several counties to choose one of the number chairman, whose name shall be reported to the president of such convention, and whose duty it shall be to cast the vote of his county as directed, and the vote as announced by him shall be recorded unless some delegate from that county shall challenge its accuracy, in which event it shall be the duty of the president of the convention to cause the roll of delegates from that county to be called, when the vote of such county shall be tabulated and recorded according to the response of its delegates; but in no event shall the vote of one county be challenged by a delegate from another county.

Sec. 56—In the several counties of the State where primaries are provided for by law, whether optional or mandatory this plan of organization shall nevertheless be followed in all matters not inconsistent with such laws.

Sec. 57—In the nomination of candidates for municipal offices to be voted for in the town and city elections where the same is not controlled by charter or legislature enactment of the Democratic Executive Committee of such town or city shall by a majority vote of the full committee, determine whether to hold precinct meetings, a primary election or mass convention under the appropriate rules and regulations prescribed in this plan of organization for the same.

Sec. 58—In the event of a vacancy occurring after the nomination of a candidate and before the election, the committee whose duty it would be to call a convention shall fill said vacancy except in cases where there is more than one candidate for the office and in such cases shall determine the manner in which such vacancy shall be filled.

Sec. 59—The right of appeal shall be from subordinate committees of convention to the committee or convention next superior thereto, and in all county, district or State conventions appeals shall be first referred to the Committee on Credentials and Appeals or a special committee provided by the convention, and the finding and report of such a committee had before action thereon by the convention.

Sec. 60—It shall be the duty of the County Executive Committee and their chairman to make such reports and furnish such information to the chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee and the chairman of the several district committees as the said State and district chairman may desire.

Sec. 61—It shall be the duty of every precinct Democratic Executive Committee in the State for the use of the county, district, and State chairman to make or cause to be made, not later than October 31st in each election year, a complete roll of all qualified voters in its precinct. This shall be furnished to the county chairman and he shall tabulate the same and transmit without a copy thereof to the district and the State chairman.

At a meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee held in the city of Raleigh on the 10th day of March 1910 the foregoing was adopted as the plan of organization of the Democratic party of North Carolina, repealing the existing plan from this day.

Saved A Soldier's Life

Facing death from shot and shell in the civil war was agreeable to J. A. Stone, of Kemp, Tex., than facing it from what doctors said was consumption. "I contracted a stubborn cold," he writes, "that developed a cough, that stuck to me in spite of all remedies for years. My weight ran down to 130 pounds. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery which completely cured me. I now weigh 178 pounds. For Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Asthma, Hemorrhage, Hoarseness, Croup, Whooping Cough and lung trouble, its supreme. 50¢ \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by The Standard Drug Company."

Mrs. C. C. Barnard and her daughter, Mary Clifton, spent some time this week in Shawboro, visiting friends.