

# **REPUBLICAN PARTY OF KAUA'I RULES**

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## ARTICLE I

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### SECTION A. NAME:

In these rules for its own government, the Kaua'i County Committee of the Hawaii Republican Party, known as the Kaua'i Republican Party, or the Republican Party of Kaua'i, is referred to as "the Party".

#### PURPOSE:

The Party is established as a political committee under the Republican Party of Hawaii. The Party is an association of voters united to promote these common goals:

Greater individual freedom;

Better county and state governments;

More effective participation by the people of Kaua'i in the government of the county of Kaua'i, the State of Hawaii and the United States of America.

To further this end, the Party promotes governmental policies consistent with the philosophy of its members, the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and the Constitution of the United States of America. The Party nominates, and supports for election, candidates for public office who will carry out such policies and will effectively govern and represent the people of the County of Kaua'i.

#### LOCATION:

The headquarters of the Party shall be the residence (or business address) of the elected Chairman.

**POWERS:** The Party may exercise all lawful powers reasonably necessary and incidental to the fulfillment of its purpose.

#### SECTION B. MEMBERSHIP:

**VOTERS:** Members of the Party include all persons residing in Hawaii who are United States citizens registered to vote in Hawaii Federal or State elections, subject to the Rules adopted by the Republican National Convention, and subject to the Rules adopted by the Hawaii Republican Party. Membership in the Party may also include United States citizens who are Kaua'i registered voters living in areas other than Kaua'i.

#### SECTION C. DUES AND DONATIONS:

The Party may establish such dues in accord with State Party rules.

**SECTION D. RULES:**

These rules will remain in effect continuously, as amended from time to time, without necessity for ratification.

**SECTION E. AMENDMENTS:**

These rules may be amended at any duly-called County Convention by a two-thirds vote in favor, but if the rule change was not favorably introduced by the Rules Committee in its report, it will require a two thirds vote of all delegates present. Party Offices created by an amendment of these Rules shall be filled immediately by authorized election or appointment, and any newly adopted selection procedure or qualification for those new offices will also apply immediately.

**SECTION F. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE:**

- 1) At any meeting of the Party, the Executive Committee, Districts, Precincts, etc. Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern.
- 2) The Chair of all meetings has the prerogative to remove any non-member who behaves in a disorderly fashion at a meeting. The members may vote to remove a disorderly member.

**ARTICLE II**

**OFFICERS**

The Executive Officers of the Republican Party of Kaua`i shall be:

- 1. Elected at the County Convention held in odd-numbered years.
- 2. Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer position may be a combined position if deemed thereof.
- 3. In a contested election, voting by secret ballot.
- 4. Any officer covered under this section who, upon filing nomination papers for elective public office, shall be granted, if requested, a leave of absence, creating a vacancy for the duration of the election period.

**ARTICLE III**

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**SECTION A. PURPOSES, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE KAUA’I COUNTY COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

The County Executive Committee shall:

- 1. Supervise the affairs of the Republican Party within Kaua`i.
- 2. By active participation and involvement:
  - a. Advise and assist with the implementation within Kaua`i County, during each two-year period

between public elections, an action plan including:

- \* A voter identification and preference survey,
- \* Registration of voters favorable to Republican governmental policies, programs and candidates, \* Delivery to such voters with any absentee ballot applications needed,
- \* Transportation of voters to the polls on election day,
- \* Staffing of polling places as permitted by law and provided for.

- b.** Assist to develop and promote the philosophy, policy and platform of the Party.
- c.** Assist campaign activities of the Republican candidates in the County of Kaua`i.
- d.** Raise the funds necessary for the operation and activities of Kaua`i County and assist in the fundraising programs of the state.
- e.** Provide a communication link between the people, the Party, its Officers, Republican elected officials and other Republicans in Government.
- f.** Carry out a public relations program relative to Kaua`i.
- g.** Develop, promote and carry out programs to create interest in and provide information about politics and government at all levels.
- h.** Advance the purpose of the Party as set forth in these Rules and the Hawaii Republican Party Rules and Regulations.
- i.** Recruit and train candidates and provide analysis and management for the Party campaigns for Kaua`i County elections.
- j.** Promote a County platform not inconsistent with the Platform of the State Party.
- k.** The Committee shall keep the official Party roster.
- l.** Upon the election of the County Executive Officers, a binder will be given to each Executive Officer. Each binder shall be returned to the County Secretary upon the completion of the term of office.
- 3.** Be subject to the Rules of the Republican Party of Hawaii.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The County Executive Committee shall be composed of the following:

1. The officers as elected by the delegates at the County Convention held in each odd-numbered year, i.e. Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. 2. Immediate Past Chairman.
3. Each House District Chair.
4. All Precinct Presidents.
5. Republican elected officials from the County of Kaua`i.
6. President or Chairman of any organized group within the Party (i.e. Woman`s Club).

## **ARTICLE V**

### **VACANCY IN OFFICE**

A vacancy in office is filled per State Rules, however if an office is vacant temporarily due to the Party's leave of absence rule for electoral candidates, the vacancy if filled is for the remaining term of the absent officer, if elected to public office, or until the election result is that they were not elected, whichever occurs first.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **MEETINGS**

The Chair shall call meetings of the County Executive Committee every three months. The Chair shall also promptly call a meeting of the Party Executive Committee if 5 members of the Kauai Executive Committee together ask for a meeting. No member may hold or act as a proxy for another. Members may send an alternate per State rules.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **SECTION A. CHAIRMEN:**

The County Chair with the approval of the County Executive Committee shall appoint the Chairs of all Committees to function toward the fulfillment of the Purpose of the Republican Party of Kaua'i.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **PRECINCT ORGANIZATION**

#### **SECTION A. OFFICERS:**

Precinct Officers shall be elected in accordance with the Hawaii Republican Party Rules,

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **COUNTY CONVENTIONS**

#### **SECTION A. MEETINGS:**

A County Convention shall be held not less than one (1) month prior to the State Republican Convention. The County Chairman shall issue the call of the Convention thirty (30) days prior to the date selected for the County Convention.

**SECTION B. PURPOSE:**

The Convention is held for the purpose of:

- 1) Adopting Republican Party of Kaua`i Rules in odd-numbered years, and formulating and adopting a platform for the Party in even-numbered years;
- 2) Organizing the delegation to the State Convention;
- 3) Electing, in odd-numbered years, the County Chairman, the Vice Chairmen, Secretary and Treasurer.

**SECTION C. DELEGATES:**

The delegates to the County Convention shall be those who are delegates to the State Convention provided, however, that in such cases where the County Executive member from each precinct, the Precinct Presidents, are not ex officio delegates from their precincts to the State Convention, they shall be ex-officio delegates, with vote to the County Convention.

**SECTION D: VACANCY**

After the Precinct Election Meetings if there is a delegate/alternate vacancy in the precinct and there is a qualified member in the precinct who notifies the precinct president that they wish to be appointed, the precinct president shall appoint the member immediately to fill any vacancy. If there is no president in that precinct, the District Chair shall appoint, and if there is no District chair, the County Chair shall appoint. All delegate appointments shall be first come, first served.

**SECTION E. PROXIES:**

All delegates and alternates will vote in person and not by proxy.

**SECTION F. RESOLUTIONS:**

All resolutions presented to the Convention shall be in writing and signed by the delegates presenting the resolution.

**SECTION G RULES:**

Changes to these Rules may be made only at a County Convention for that purpose.

**SECTION H. PROCEDURES:**

Organizing of the County Convention shall follow State Convention procedures.

**SECTION I. PRE-CONVENTION CAUCUS:**

The Chairman shall call a caucus of the Rules Committee in odd-numbered years at within two weeks of the completion of the Precinct Election Meeting period, prior to the County Convention for the purpose of reviewing and, if necessary, proposing changes to Convention Standing Rules and these Party rules, for recommendation to the Convention in its report.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

#### **SECTION A. REMOVAL:**

Any Officer of the Executive Committee or Precinct organization or Delegate may be removed from office as follows:

- 1) The failure without excuse from the supervising body to call the required quarterly meeting of any committee.
- 2) Any officer or delegate from any organized body of the Party may be removed for cause or neglect by the affirmative vote of 2/3 (two-thirds) of the members present at a meeting duly called for the purpose of the body which elected him to office. Notice of such meeting shall be provided to the officer, and to members of the supervising body at least ten (10) days in advance..
- 3) If an officer remains unresponsive to normal contact for a period of 60 days without notice or excuse, or does not attend 2 duly called meetings without excuse, the office will be considered vacant.

#### **SECTION B. APPEAL:**

An appeal in writing may be filed by the person removed from office as provided herein within ten (10) days of the removal with the supervising body. The appellate body shall act on the appeal at its next regular meeting or within 30 days of removal, whichever is sooner. The officer removed shall remain in that office until the appeal is concluded. An office declared vacant per Article VIII, Section A-3 cannot be appealed unless the office remains vacant at the next County Executive Committee meeting and the body votes to hear an appeal before electing another officer.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **INCONSISTENCIES**

In case of inconsistency between the Kauai Republican Party Rules and those of the Hawaii Republican Party, or where Kauai Republican Party Rules are silent, the Hawaii Republican State Party Rules shall supersede and shall be applied.