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**ARTICLE I**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION A. NAME:**

In these rules for its own government, the Republican Party of Kaua`i is hereinafter 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. The mailing address shall be P.O. Box 223889, Princeville, Hawaii 96722.

**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 registered voters living in areas other than Kaua`i.

**SECTION C. DUES AND DONATIONS:**

The Party may establish such dues as it deems fit for membership in the Republican Party of Kaua`i.

**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 favorable vote of 2/3 (two-thirds) of the 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. PARLIMENTARY PROCEEDURE:**

1) At any meeting of the Party, the Executive Committee, Districts, Precincts, etc. Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern.

2) The Chair of all meetings has the prerogative to remove any attendant of such meeting who behaves in a disorderly fashion.

**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 a leave of absence for the duration of the election period.

**ARTICLE III**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RULES**

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

The 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 provide 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.** Upon the election of the Executive Committee Officers, a binder will be given to each Executive Committee elected Officer. Each binder shall be returned to the Executive Committee upon the completion of term of office.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The 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 OR RESIGNATION OF AN OFFICER**

In the event of the vacancy or resignation of an Officer, Sections #315 and #316 of the Rules of the Hawaii Republican Party, Amended May 1997, shall prevail.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **MEETINGS**

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

The Executive Committee shall meet at least every three months or at such times as may be deemed necessary at the call of the County Chairman or on written request of not less than five (5) members, filed with the Executive Secretary. Notice of such meetings may be called by the chairman.

#### **SECTION B. PROXIES:**

No Proxies shall be used at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

#### **SECTION C. QUORUM:**

Five (5) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Republican Party of Kaua`i within the County of Kaua`i subject to the Rules of the State Party and the general supervision of the State Central Committee. The Executive Committee shall keep the official Party roster.

#### **SECTION D. DUTIES:**

The Executive Committee shall organize and supervise the functioning of the Republican Party within the County of Kauai subject to the Rules of the State Party and the general supervision of the State Central Committee. The Executive Committee shall keep the official Party roster.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **COMMITTEES**

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

The County Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee shall appoint the Chairmen of all Committees to function toward the fulfillment of the Purpose of the Republican Party of Kaua`i.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **PRECINCT ORGANIZATION**

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

Precinct Officers shall be elected in accordance with Section #325 of the Hawaii Republican Party Rules, Amended May 1997.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **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 two (2) weeks 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 County Rules in odd-numbered years, and formulating and adopting a platform for the Kaua`i County Party in even-numbered years;
- 2) Organizing the delegation to the State Convention;
- 3) Electing, in odd-numbered years, the District Chairmen, 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 elected under Section #332 of the Hawaii Republican Party Rules (Amended May, 1997), provided, however, that in such cases where the County Executive member from each precinct, the Precinct Presidents, are not delegates from their precincts to the State Convention, they shall be ex-officio delegates, with vote to the County Convention.

Elected Republican Officials holding County, State and National offices and Republican members of the cabinet of the Republican Governor of the State who are permitted by law to attend and participate in Conventions of the Republican Party shall be delegates, except as provided in Section #219 of the State Party Rules, to all State and County Conventions from their respective precincts, but their attendance as delegates shall be in addition to the number of delegates to which their precinct would be entitled under the provisions of these Rules.

Note: Section #219 of the State Party Rules stipulates: "There shall be no automatic delegates at any level of the delegate selection procedures who serve by virtue of Party position or elective office in the National Presidential election year."

**SECTION D. PROXIES:**

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

**SECTION E. RESOLUTIONS:**

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

**SECTION F. RULES:**

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

**SECTION G. PROCEEDURES:**

Organizing of the County Convention shall follow State Convention procedures.

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

The Chairman shall call a caucus of the Rules Committee in odd-numbered years at least two weeks prior to the County Convention for the purpose of revising same and thus expedite the work at the convention.

**ARTICLE X**

**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 a quorum present at a meeting duly called for the purpose of the body which elected him to office. Notice of such meeting shall be telephoned to members of the supervising body at least ten (10) days in advance of such meeting.

**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 of that which removed him or her. 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.

**ARTICLE XI**

**INCONSISTANCIES**

In case of inconsistency in the Rules of the Republican Party of Kaua`i, or where the Rules are silent on a matter, the State Hawaii Republican Party Rules shall supercede and shall be applied.