

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS OF THE MISSISSIPPI TEA PARTY

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Mississippi Tea Party (hereinafter referred to as the Mississippi Tea Party or “MSTP”).

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1. The Mississippi Tea Party exists to defend the unalienable rights spelled out in the Declaration of Independence, to protect and preserve the constitutional foundations of our nation, to advance conservative principles on governance and to influence the development of public policy in accord with those principles. The Mississippi Tea Party is dedicated to the promotion of the doctrines of constitutionally limited government, fiscal discipline and free market economics.

Section 2. The Mississippi Tea Party will achieve the stated objectives contained in Article II, Sec. 1, through planned activity designed to educate, motivate and activate its Member Chapters, elected officials and the general public.

ARTICLE III. MEMBER CHAPTERS

Chapter 1 – Member Chapters

Section 1. The Mississippi Tea Party shall consist of the original signatory Member Chapters to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2. Each Member Chapter shall maintain autonomy over any activity it conducts independent of the Mississippi Tea Party.

Section 3. Each Member Chapter shall independently maintain membership records and by-laws.

Section 4. Each Member Chapter shall have exclusive control of its membership records, and accordingly, can independently decide whether to provide the Mississippi Tea Party with access to its membership records. This provision does not prohibit any Member Chapter from sharing its membership records with the Mississippi Tea Party.

Section 5. Each Member Chapter shall be independently responsible for operating in accord with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations and ordinances, and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the MSTP for any and all liability or damages which may occur as the result of each Member Chapter’s conduct, if said conduct is not sanctioned by, or occurs independent of, the Mississippi Tea Party.

Section 6. New Member Chapters may be admitted to the Mississippi Tea Party in accord with Article V.

Chapter 2 - Chapter Chairmen

Section 1. Each Member Chapter shall select a Chapter Chairman. The process for selecting a Chapter Chairman is under the exclusive auspice of each Member Chapter, though the Mississippi Tea Party strongly encourages each Member Chapter to select its Chapter Chairman through a properly sanctioned election.

Section 2. Within two (2) weeks of the selection of any Chapter Chairman, a Member Chapter shall notify the State Secretary of the MSTP and shall provide to the State Secretary of the MSTP the name, address, email address and telephone number of its Chapter Chairman.

ARTICLE IV. STATE COALITION COMMITTEE

Chapter 1 – Purpose & Form

Section 1. The State Coalition Committee shall serve as the governing body of the Mississippi Tea Party when it is in session.

Section 2. The State Coalition Committee shall consist of five (5) “Delegates” from each recognized Member Chapter. The process for selecting Delegates is under the exclusive auspice of each Member Chapter.

Chapter 2 - Delegate Certification, Terms & Discipline

Section 1. The designated Chapter Chairman from each Member Chapter shall certify the five (5) Delegates selected to represent the respective Member Chapter in the State Coalition Committee by sending written notice (by traditional mail or email), including each individual Delegate’s name, address, email address and telephone number, to the State Secretary of the MSTP at least two (2) weeks in advance of the first scheduled meeting of the State Coalition Committee in a calendar year.

Section 2. Each Delegate selected by his or her Member Chapter to serve on the State Coalition Committee shall serve a term of one (1) year, with the term to commence on January 1st and expire on December 31st.

Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting a Member Chapter from re-selecting any Delegate for consecutive terms, nor should anything in this section be construed as creating term limits on any Delegate duly selected by his or her Member Chapter to serve on the State

Coalition Committee. Selection of Delegates is under the exclusive auspice of each Member Chapter, and accordingly, implementation of any restrictions or terms limits is under the exclusive auspice of each Member Chapter.

Section 3. Removal of any duly certified Delegate is under the exclusive auspice of the Member Chapter that certified said Delegate.

Chapter 3 - Delegate Vacancies

Section 1. If during the course of his or her term, an individual selected to serve on the State Coalition Committee as a Delegate is removed by his or her Member Chapter, resigns or becomes otherwise unable to serve, a replacement Delegate from that individual's respective Member Chapter shall be selected to serve for the remainder of his or her term. The process for selecting a replacement Delegate is under the exclusive auspice of each Member Chapter.

Section 2. The Chapter Chairman shall certify any replacement Delegate by sending written notice (by traditional mail or email), including the replacement Delegate's name, address, email address and telephone number, to the State Secretary of the MSTP as soon as possible, but in no event, later than two (2) weeks before the next scheduled meeting of the State Coalition Committee.

If written notice is delivered through a traditional mail carrier, it shall be post-marked at least two (2) weeks before the next scheduled meeting of the State Coalition Committee.

Chapter 4 – Meetings

Section 1. The State Coalition Committee shall meet annually in January (hereinafter referred to as the "Annual Meeting"), with the exact date(s), time(s), and location(s) to be determined by the Board of Directors of the MSTP (discussed *infra* in Article **I**) and to be announced via official correspondence (by certified mail) from the State Secretary of the MSTP to the Chapter Chairman of each respective Member Chapter.

The Annual Meeting correspondence shall be post-marked at least forty-five (45) days in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. In advance of the Annual Meeting of the State Coalition Committee, the Board of Directors shall certify an "Agenda" to be announced via official correspondence (by certified mail) from the State Secretary of the MSTP to the Chapter Chairman of each respective Member Chapter.

The Agenda correspondence shall be post-marked at least two (2) weeks in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. In addition to the Annual Meeting of the State Coalition Committee, “Special Meetings” of the State Coalition Committee may be called by the State Chairman of the MSTP or by a three-fourths vote of the Board of Directors of the MSTP, subject to the exception contained in [1]. Any Special Meeting called shall be announced via official correspondence (by certified mail) from the State Secretary of the MSTP to the Chapter Chairman of each respective Member Chapter and shall include a summary description of any items to be discussed and/or voted upon at the Special Meeting.

Any Special Meeting correspondence shall be post-marked at least two (2) weeks in advance of the Special Meeting.

Section 4. Whether in its Annual Meeting or any Special Meeting, the State Coalition Committee may only operate with a quorum, to be defined as fifty percent, plus one, of the certified Delegates to the State Coalition Committee.

Section 5. Each certified Delegate of the State Coalition Committee shall be apportioned one vote for all matters properly brought on for a vote before the State Coalition Committee at any scheduled meeting of said body, with no right of proxy.

Section 6. Only certified Delegates are permitted to vote and address the State Coalition Committee while in session, subject to the limitations of Robert’s Rules of Order and with the limited exception that both the Chaplain and Parliamentarian (discussed *infra* in [1]) may address the State Coalition Committee within the parameters of their defined roles.

Section 7. Any vote taken at a duly called meeting of the State Coalition Committee, wherein quorum exists, shall be decided by a simple majority of the Delegates present and voting, with the exception of those votes specifically identified herein which require a super-majority.

Section 8. In any vote taken at a duly called meeting of the State Coalition Committee, an “abstention” vote shall count as a “nay” vote.

Chapter 5 – Meeting Order & Discipline

Section 1. The presiding officer at any meeting of the State Coalition Committee shall appoint a “Chaplain” to open and close the session of the State Coalition Committee in prayer. The appointed Chaplain may be a Delegate, although he or she need not be a Delegate in order to be appointed as Chaplain for the meeting.

Section 2. All meetings of the State Coalition Committee shall be conducted pursuant to the most recent version of Robert’s Rules of Order.

Section 3. The presiding officer at any meeting of the State Coalition Committee shall appoint a “Parliamentarian” to address questions of parliamentary procedure pursuant to Robert’s Rules of Order. The appointed parliamentarian shall not be a Delegate, and accordingly, shall not count towards quorum or be permitted to vote.

The Parliamentarian’s right to address the State Coalition Committee is limited to addressing questions of order and points of parliamentary procedure.

Section 4. Any rule of Robert’s Rules of Order may be suspended by motion of the State Coalition Committee, but in no event may the suspension of any rule of Robert’s Rules of Order last beyond the meeting of the State Coalition Committee at which the suspension occurs. The suspension of any rule of Robert’s Rules of Order requires a super-majority vote of two-thirds of the Delegates present and voting.

Section 5. The presiding officer at any meeting shall appoint as many “Sergeants-at-Arms” as he or she deems necessary to preserve order. The appointed Sergeants-at-Arms shall not be Delegates, and accordingly, shall not count towards quorum, be permitted to address the State Coalition Committee or be permitted to vote.

Section 6. All meetings of the State Coalition Committee shall be open to the public, but may be closed to the public by a super-majority vote of two-thirds of the Delegates present and voting.

Section 7. Any Delegate who refuses to operate within the confines of the applicable rules of order or who engages in disorderly conduct may be expelled from a meeting of the State Coalition Committee by a super-majority vote of four-fifths of the Delegates present and voting.

In no event may the expulsion of a Delegate last beyond the meeting of the State Coalition Committee at which the expulsion occurs.

Section 8. Any non-Delegate who engages in disorderly conduct may be expelled from a meeting of the State Coalition Committee by a simple majority of the Delegates present and voting.

ARTICLE V. APPLICANT CHAPTERS

Section 1. Any conservative grassroots organization wishing to be admitted to the Mississippi Tea Party as a Member Chapter (hereinafter referred to as an “Applicant Chapter”) shall select a Chapter Chairman. The process for selecting a Chapter Chairman is under the exclusive auspice of each Applicant Chapter, though the Mississippi Tea Party strongly encourages each Applicant Chapter to select its Chapter Chairman through a properly sanctioned election and may consider the process through which a Chapter Chairman is selected in determining whether to admit the Applicant Chapter as a Member Chapter.

Section 2. The Applicant Chapter shall provide to the State Secretary of the MSTP the name, address, email address and telephone number of the Chapter Chairman as a prerequisite to consideration of the State Coalition Committee on whether to admit the Applicant Chapter as a Member Chapter.

Section 3. An Applicant Chapter shall submit to the State Secretary of the MSTP an application for membership (by traditional mail or email), signed by its Chapter Chairman, at least (30) days before the scheduled meeting of the State Coalition Committee at which the State Coalition Committee will vote on the Applicant Chapter’s admission as a Member Chapter.

If the application for membership is submitted through a traditional mail carrier, it shall be post-marked at least thirty (30) days before the scheduled meeting of the State Coalition Committee at which the State Coalition Committee will vote on the Applicant Chapter’s admission as a Member Chapter.

Section 4. In submitting its application, the Applicant Chapter shall attest to a belief in, and shall swear to adhere to, the doctrines of constitutionally limited government, fiscal discipline and free market economics.

The application submitted by the Applicant Chapter shall be sent (by traditional mail or email) by the State Secretary of the MSTP to each existing Member Chapter at least two (2) weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting at which the State Coalition Committee will consider whether to admit the potential new Member Chapter as a Member Chapter.

If the application is sent by the State Secretary of the MSTP through a traditional mail carrier, it shall be post-marked at least two (2) weeks before the scheduled meeting of the State Coalition Committee at which the State Coalition Committee will vote on the Applicant Chapter’s admission as a Member Chapter.

Section 5. Any Applicant Chapter shall certify five (5) Delegates selected to represent the Applicant Chapter in the State Coalition Committee should the State Coalition Committee vote to admit the Applicant Chapter as a Member Chapter.

Section 6. Certification of the potential Delegates shall be accomplished by sending written notice (by traditional mail or email) signed by the Applicant Chapter's Chapter Chairman, including each individual potential Delegate's name, address, email and telephone number, to the State Secretary of the MSTP at least two (2) weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting at which the State Coalition Committee will vote on the Applicant Chapter's admission as a Member Chapter.

If the certification is sent through a traditional mail carrier, it shall be post-marked at least two (2) weeks before the scheduled meeting of the State Coalition Committee at which the State Coalition Committee will vote on the Applicant Chapter's admission as a Member Chapter.

Section 7. Applicant Chapters may be admitted as Member Chapters by a super-majority vote of three-fourths of the Delegates of the State Coalition Committee of the MSTP present and voting at any scheduled meeting, in accord with Article II.

Section 8. Upon admission, the Applicant Chapter shall immediately be deemed a Member Chapter of the MSTP and the certified potential Delegates from the Applicant Chapter shall immediately be seated as Delegates to the State Coalition Committee and quorum shall be recalculated.

ARTICLE VI. REMOVAL OF MEMBER CHAPTERS

Section 1. Any Member Chapter may request that the State Coalition Committee remove another Member Chapter by submitting a formal "Removal Petition" (by certified mail) to the State Secretary of the MSTP.

Section 2. Any Removal Petition shall be signed by every Delegate of the submitting Member Chapter and shall contain specific allegations of misconduct and/or conduct inconsistent with the purposes of the Mississippi Tea Party spelled out in Article II.

Any Member Chapter filing a Removal Petition may also submit to the State Secretary of the MSTP, as an attachment to its petition, any evidence which it contends supports the allegations of the Removal Petition.

Section 3. Within five (5) days of receiving any Removal Petition, the State Secretary of the MSTP shall send to each and every Member Chapter, copies of the Removal, and any evidence submitted in support thereof (by traditional mail or email).

If the Removal Petition, and any evidence submitted in support thereof, is sent through traditional mail it shall be post-marked no later than five (5) days from receipt by the State Secretary of the MSTP.

Section 4. The State Secretary of the MSTP shall send via official correspondence (by certified mail) a copy of the Removal Petition, and any evidence submitted in support thereof, to the Chapter Chairman of the accused Member Chapter.

The Removal Petition correspondence to the accused Member Chapter shall be post-marked no later than five (5) days from receipt by the State Secretary of the MSTP.

Section 5. Within two (2) weeks of receipt of the Removal Petition, and any evidence submitted in support thereof, the accused Member Chapter shall submit to the State Secretary of the MSTP a written response to the allegations contained in the Removal Petition (by traditional mail or email).

The accused Member Chapter may also submit to the State Secretary of the MSTP, as an attachment to its response, any evidence which it contends supports its response.

If the response to the Removal Petition, and any evidence submitted in support thereof, is sent through traditional mail it shall be post-marked no later than two (2) weeks from receipt of the Removal Petition by the accused Member Chapter.

Section 6. Within five (5) days of receiving the response of the accused Member Chapter, and any evidence submitted in support thereof, the State Secretary of the Mississippi Tea Party shall send to every Member Chapter copies of the response, and any evidence submitted in support thereof (by traditional mail or email).

If the response to the Removal Petition, and any evidence submitted in support thereof, is sent through traditional mail it shall be post-marked no later than five (5) days from receipt by the State Secretary of the MSTP.

Section 7. If the petitioning Member Chapter desires for the Removal Petition to be heard and voted upon at an already scheduled meeting of the State Coalition Committee, its Removal Petition shall be submitted to the State

Secretary of the MSTP at least forty-five (45) days prior to the scheduled meeting of the State Coalition Committee.

Section 8. If the Removal Petition is not submitted at least forty-five (45) days prior to the scheduled meeting of the State Coalition Committee, the State Chairman of the MSTP shall be required to schedule a Special Meeting to address the allegations of the Removal Petition.

The Special Meeting to address the allegations of the Removal Petition shall be scheduled at least forty-five (45) days from the submission of the Removal Petition, but shall, in no event, be scheduled later than sixty (60) days for the submission of the Removal Petition.

Section 9. Any vote taken at a duly called meeting of the State Coalition Committee, wherein quorum exists, to remove an existing Member Chapter shall require a super-majority of three-fourths of the Delegates present and voting for passage.

ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chapter 1 - Purpose & Form

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the Mississippi shall serve as its governing body when the State Coalition Committee is not in session.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of the MSTP shall be comprised of the Executive Board described in Article [] and the Committee Chairmen of each of the respective Standing Committees described in Article [].

Section 3. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be apportioned one vote for all matters properly brought on for a vote before the Board of Directors at any scheduled meeting of said body, with no right of proxy.

Chapter 2 - Meetings of the Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly (hereinafter referred to as “Quarterly Meetings”), with at least four (4) meetings in a calendar year.

Section 2. In addition to its Quarterly Meetings, “Special Meetings” of the Board of Directors may be called by the State Chairman of the MSTP or by three-fourths of the members of the Board of Directors submitting, in writing (by traditional mail or email), a request for a Special Meeting to the State Secretary of the MSTP, subject to the exception contained in [].

Section 3. Under the direction of the State Chairman of the MSTP, the State Secretary of the MSTP shall announce (by traditional mail or email) at

least two (2) weeks in advance of any scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, the date(s), time(s) and location(s) of the meeting to each member of the Board of Directors.

If the meeting announcement is sent through traditional mail it shall be post-marked at least two (2) weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Board of Directors may only operate with a quorum, to be defined as five (5) of the nine (9) members of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Any vote taken at a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors, wherein quorum exists, shall require a simple majority of the members present and voting for passage., with the exception of those votes discussed in [§](#).

Section 6. In any vote taken at a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors, an “abstention” vote shall count as a “nay” vote.

Section 7. Meetings of the Board of Directors are limited to the members of the Board of Directors and closed to the public, though invitations to attend may be extended by the State Chairman of the MSTP in special circumstances.

Chapter 3 – Spending Limitation

Section 1. Provided the funds are available in the bank account of the Mississippi Tea Party, the Board of Directors is authorized to spend up to a total of \$10,000.00 in a calendar year to plan/fund events, including, but not limited to, expenses for venue, permits, sound and visual aid equipment, speakers, concessions and marketing and advertisements. Expenditures on events exceeding a total of \$10,000.00 in a calendar year require approval from the State Coalition Committee.

Section 2. Provided the funds are available in the bank account of the Mississippi Tea Party, the Board of Directors is authorized to spend up to \$2,000.00 on general expenses.

Chapter 4 – Impeachment

Section 1. Any member of the Board of Directors, whether a member of the Executive Committee or a Committee Chairman of a Standing Committee may be impeached for dereliction of duty and/or conduct inconsistent with, or detrimental to, the purposes of the Mississippi Tea Party spelled out in Article II.

Section 2. An “Impeachment Petition” may be filed by any Member Chapter, if signed by all five Delegates of that respective Member Chapter, or may be filed by any member of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Impeachment Petition shall specifically allege any and all violations of duty and/or conduct inconsistent with, or detrimental to, the purposes of the Mississippi Tea Party spelled out in Article II. The filer of the Impeachment Petition may also submit, as an attachment to the petition, any evidence which the filer contends supports the allegations of the Impeachment Petition.

Section 4. The Impeachment Petition, and any supporting evidence, shall be filed with the State Secretary of the MSTP, unless the State Secretary of the MSTP is either the filer of, or the subject of, the Impeachment Petition. If the State Secretary of the MSTP is the filer of, or the subject of, the Impeachment Petition, it shall be filed with either the State Chairman of the MSTP or the State Executive Director of the MSTP.

Section 5. The recipient of the Impeachment Petition (whether the State Secretary, State Chairman or State Executive Director) shall notify through official correspondence (by certified mail) the accused member of the Board of Directors and shall attach a copy of the Impeachment Petition, and evidence submitted in support thereof.

The Impeachment Petition correspondence shall be post-marked no later than five (5) days after receipt of the Impeachment Petition.

Section 6. Within five (5) days of receiving the Impeachment Petition, and any evidence submitted in support thereof, the accused member of the Board of Directors shall send (by traditional mail or email) to the State Secretary of the MSTP a written response to the Impeachment Petition, along with any evidence in support of the response.

If the response to the Impeachment Petition, and any evidence submitted in support thereof, is sent through traditional mail it shall be post-marked no later than five (5) days from receipt of the Impeachment Petition.

If the accused member is the State Secretary of the MSTP, the response to the Impeachment Petition, and any evidence in support of the response, shall be sent to either the State Chairman of the MSTP or the State Executive Director of the MSTP.

Section 7. Upon receipt of the response to the Impeachment Petition, the recipient (whether the State Secretary, State Chairman or State Executive Director) shall send (by traditional mail or email) copies of the Impeachment Petition, and any evidence in support thereof, and the response to the

Impeachment Petition, and any evidence in support thereof (collectively referred to herein as the “Impeachment Packet”), to each member of the Board of Directors within two (2) days.

If the Impeachment Package is sent through traditional mail it shall be post-marked no later than two (2) days from the receipt of the response to the Impeachment Petition.

Section 8. Upon submission of the Impeachment Packet to each member of the Board of Directors, the State Chairman of the MSTP shall call a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors to occur at least two (2) weeks from the date of submission of the Impeachment Packet, but not later than (3) weeks from the date of submission of the Impeachment Packet.

Section 9. If the State Chairman is the accused member, then the Vice Chairman will be authorized to call the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors as spelled out in **8**.

Section 10. At the Special Meeting, the filer of the Impeachment Petition shall be given time in which to explain the merits of the Impeachment Petition and the accused party shall be given equal time to respond. Following consideration and discussion of the merits of the Impeachment Petition, the Board of Directors shall take a vote.

Section 11. The accused member of the Board of Directors does not receive an impeachment vote and does not count towards quorum.

Section 12. Any vote taken at a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors, wherein quorum exists, to impeach a member of the Board of Directors shall require a super-majority of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors present and voting for passage.

Chapter 5 – Continuation of Duty

Section 1. An impeached member of the Board of Directors shall continue in his or her duties unless and until removed from the Board of Directors, with the exception that an impeached member of the Board of Directors shall not be authorized to spend any funds of the Mississippi Tea Party or to cast a vote on a decision that would require expenditure of any funds of the Mississippi Tea Party, unless and until a decision is made not to remove the accused member.

Chapter 6 - Removal & Censure

Section 1. If the Board of Directors votes to impeach a member of the Board of Directors who serves as a Committee Chairman of a Standing Committee,

the Board of Directors shall then vote, at that same meeting, on whether to rescind the accused member’s chairmanship and remove him or her from the respective Standing Committee and the Board of Directors or censure the accused member.

Section 2. Any vote taken at a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors, wherein quorum exists, to remove a Committee Chairman of a Standing Committee shall require a super-majority of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors present and voting for passage.

Section 3. Any vote taken at a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors, wherein quorum exists, to censure a Committee Chairman of a Standing Committee shall require a simple majority of the members of the Board of Directors present and voting for passage.

Section 4. If the Board of Directors votes to impeach a member of the Executive Committee, the State Chairman shall within two (2) days of the impeachment vote schedule a Special Meeting of the State Coalition Committee, to be held at least two (2) weeks from the date of notice, but no later than thirty (30) days from the date of notice.

Section 5. If the State Chairman is the impeached member of the Executive Committee, the State Vice Chairman shall provide notice as spelled out in Section 4.

Section 6. Any vote taken at a duly called meeting of the State Coalition Committee, wherein quorum exists, to remove an impeached member of the Executive Committee shall require a super-majority of two-thirds of the Delegates of the State Coalition Committee present and voting for passage.

Section 7. Any vote taken at a duly called meeting of the State Coalition Committee, wherein quorum exists, to censure an impeached member of the Executive Committee shall require a simple majority of the Delegates of the State Coalition Committee present and voting for passage.

ARTICLE VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chapter 1 – Purpose & Form

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Tea Party shall serve as its governing body when neither the State Coalition Committee nor the Board of Directors is in session.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of a State Chairman, State Vice Chairman, State Treasurer, State Secretary and State Executive Director.

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Section 3. Each member of the Executive Committee shall serve as a Delegate to the State Coalition Committee and shall still count as one of five certified Delegates from his or her respective Member Chapter.

Section 4. As a Delegate to the State Coalition Committee, each member of the Executive Committee shall be empowered with the same rights as other certified Delegates, excepting the presiding officer, who may only cast a vote as a tiebreaker.

Section 5. Each member of the Executive Committee shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Chapter 2 – Eligibility

Section 1. In order to be eligible for nomination to one of the five Executive Committee offices of the Mississippi Tea Party, a potential nominee must have been selected and certified as a Delegate of a Member Chapter to the State Coalition Committee for the year in which the election will take place.

Chapter 3 – Elections

Section 1. Each of the five Executive Committee offices of the Mississippi Tea Party carries a term of approximately two (2) years from the date of the election until the next election is complete.

Section 2. An election will be held for the five Executive Committee offices at the Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Tea Party in even years. The election shall occur at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. A selected and certified Delegate of a Member Chapter may be nominated for a single office and may not be nominated for multiple offices.

Section 4. A selected and certified Delegate of a Member Chapter may nominate himself or herself, or may be nominated by another selected and certified Delegate of a Member Chapter, including his or her own Member Chapter.

Section 5. Nominations will be received by the State Secretary of the MSTP up until two (2) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting of the State Coalition Committee at which the election will be held. The State Secretary of the MSTP will confirm the eligibility of the nominee and will then confirm that the nominee wishes to accept the nomination and be placed on the ballot as a candidate.

- Section 6.** Sample ballots for each of the five Executive Committee offices will be sent by email by the State Secretary of the MSTP to the Chapter Chairman of each of the Member Chapters at least one (1) week prior to the Annual Meeting of the State Coalition Committee at which the election will be held. The sample ballots shall indicate the name of each candidate for each office, as well as that candidate’s Member Chapter.
- Section 7.** The office of State Chairman shall be elected first. Each candidate for the office of State Chairman shall be provided five minutes to address the State Coalition Committee prior to conducting the vote. The vote shall be conducted by secret ballot from those certified Delegates present and voting, with the winner having to receive a majority of the votes cast. If there are more than two candidates and no one receives a simple majority of the vote on the first ballot, a runoff between the top two vote-getters will be conducted by secret ballot from those certified Delegates present and voting.
- Section 8.** Following the election of a State Chairman, the election of the State Vice Chairman, State Treasurer, State Secretary and State Executive Director shall be completed, in that order and subject to the same process and procedure used to the elect the State Chairman.

Chapter 4 – Vacancies on the Executive Committee

- Section 1.** If for any reason a vacancy occurs in the office of the State Chairman, the State Vice Chairman shall assume the duties of the State Chairman for the remainder of his or her term.
- Section 2.** If for any reason a vacancy occurs in any other office of the Executive Committee, the State Chairman shall appoint an interim replacement and shall schedule a Special Meeting of the State Coalition Committee to hold a special election to fill the vacant office or offices for the remainder of the term. The Special Meeting of the State Coalition Committee shall be scheduled at least two (2) weeks from the date of notice, but no later than thirty (30) days for the date of notice.
- Section 3.** Nominations for the vacant office or offices will be taken from the floor of the State Coalition Committee Special Meeting. If multiple offices are vacant, elections shall be held in order specified in [].
- Section 4.** Any special election conducted to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee shall be conducted in the same manner specified in [].

Chapter 5 – Spending Limitation

Section 1. Provided the funds are available in the bank account of the Mississippi Tea Party, the Executive Committee is authorized to spend up to a total of \$5,000.00 in a calendar year in furtherance of its duties. Expenditures exceeding a total of \$5,000.00 in a calendar year require approval from the either the Board of Directors or State Coalition Committee, dependent upon the amount requested.

Chapter 6 – General Duties of Executive Committee

Section 1. Each member of the Executive Committee has a duty to conduct himself or herself, whether acting in his or her official or individual capacity, in a manner which reflects positively on the Mississippi Tea Party, which adheres to the purposes spelled out in Article II, which promotes the growth of the organization and which is consistent with the concept of servant-leadership.

Chapter 7 – Duties of State Chairman

Section 1. The State Chairman is the chief executive officer of the Mississippi Tea Party and shall serve as the public representative of the organization.

Section 2. The State Chairman shall serve as the presiding officer at all scheduled meetings of the State Coalition Committee, the Board of Directors and the Executive Board.

Section 3. The State Chairman may relinquish his post as presiding officer at a scheduled meeting of the State Coalition Committee to the State Vice Chairman for purposes of addressing the State Coalition Committee and as may otherwise be necessary for the efficient operation of any scheduled meeting of the State Coalition Committee.

Section 4. The State Chairman shall be responsible for setting the agenda at meetings of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors, and shall be responsible for developing, under the direction and guidance of the Board of Directors, and subject to its approval, an agenda for any meeting of the State Coalition Committee.

Section 5. The State Chairman shall be responsible for creating and appoint Committee Chairman to Ad Hoc Committees.

Section 6. In the event that any vacancy occurs in the offices of State Vice Chairman, State Treasurer, State Secretary of State Executive Director, the State Chairman shall appoint an interim replacement to fill the vacant office

until such time as a special election is held, in accord with Article [], Sec. [].

- Section 7.** The State Chairman shall serve as one of only three signatories to the bank account of the Mississippi Tea Party and is authorized to spend up to a total of \$1,000.00 a year, in the furtherance of his or her duties (provided that said funds are available). Expenditure of any amount above a total of \$1,000.00 a year requires the approval of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors or the State Coalition Committee, dependent upon the amount requested.

Chapter 8 – Duties of State Vice Chairman

- Section 1.** The State Vice Chairman shall, in the absence or incapacitation of the State Chairman, serve as the presiding officer at all scheduled meetings of the State Coalition Committee, the Board of Directors and the Executive Board, and shall, in the event of a vacancy in the office of State Chairman assume the role of the State Chairman for the remainder of the term.

Chapter 9 – Duties of State Treasurer

- Section 1.** The State Treasurer is the chief financial officer of the Mississippi Tea Party and shall be responsible for all financial affairs of the organization, subject to the oversight of the State Coalition Committee, Board of Directors, Executive Committee and/or State Chairman.
- Section 2.** The State Treasurer shall serve as the Committee Chairman of the Finance Committee.
- Section 3.** The State Treasurer is authorized to open and maintain a bank account on behalf of the Mississippi Tea Party. The State Treasurer shall serve as one of only three signatories to the bank account of the Mississippi Tea Party.
- Section 4.** The State Treasurer shall present to the Executive Committee a monthly transactional accounting report of all monies received and all monies spent by the Mississippi Tea Party. The State Treasurer shall present to the Board of Directors a quarterly transactional accounting report of all monies received and all monies spent by the Mississippi Tea Party. The State Treasurer shall present to the State Coalition Committee, at its Annual Meeting, an overview of the Mississippi Tea Party’s finances, including the amount of money raised and spent by the Mississippi Tea Party in the preceding year and the balance of the Mississippi Tea Party’s bank account.
- Section 5.** The State Treasurer shall be responsible for developing and maintaining an annual fundraising plan for the Mississippi Tea Party, subject to the

oversight of the State Coalition Committee, Board of Directors, Executive Committee and State Chairman.

Section 6. The State Treasurer shall maintain copies of any and all financial documents obtained, submitted or prepared by, or on behalf of, the Mississippi Tea Party, including, but not limited to: bank statements; transactional accounting reports; fundraising plans; work orders; invoices; and receipts. Where feasible, the State Treasurer shall maintain both a hard copy and an electronic copy of any and all financial documents obtained, submitted or prepared by, or on behalf of, the Mississippi Tea Party.

Chapter 10 – Duties of State Secretary

Section 6. The State Secretary shall be responsible for taking minutes at any meeting of the State Coalition Committee, Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

Minutes taken at any meeting of the State Coalition Committee shall include: a copy of the meeting’s Agenda (if an Annual Meeting) or the correspondence describing the subject of the meeting (if a Special Meeting); a list of Member Chapters present, the name of each present Member Chapter’s Chairman and the Delegates present from each Member Chapter; the number of Delegates required for quorum and a statement of whether quorum exists; a list of Member Chapters not present and the name of each non-present Member Chapter’s Chairman; a list of any Applicant Chapter seeking admission as a Member Chapter, the name of the Applicant Chapter’s Chairman and the potential Delegates present from the Applicant Chapter; the name of the appointed Chaplain; the name of the appointed Parliamentarian; the name(s) of any appointed Sergeants-at-Arms; a description of any motion made or amendment proposed, identification of the mover and his or her Member Chapter, identification of any party seconding the motion and his or her Member Chapter; a description of any discussion or debate, by motion or subject; and a recordation of any vote, including ayes, nays and abstentions. Minutes taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall include: a copy of the meeting’s agenda; a list of the members of the Board of Directors present; the number of members of the Board of Directors required for quorum and a statement of whether quorum exists; a list of the members of the Board of Directors not present; a description of any motion made, identification of the mover and his or her title; identification of any party seconding the motion and his or her title; a description of any discussion or debate, by motion or subject; and a recordation of any vote, including ayes, nays and abstentions. Minutes taken at any meeting of the Executive Committee shall include: a copy of the meeting’s agenda, a list of the members of the Executive Committee present; a statement of whether quorum exists; a list of the members of the Executive Committee not present; a description of

any motion made, identification of the mover and his or her title; identification of any party seconding the motion and his or her title; a description of any discussion or debate, by motion or subject; and a recordation of any vote, including ayes, nays and abstentions.

The State Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining records, in both hard copy and electronic versions, of the following:

- (1) The Constitution & By-Laws and any adopted amendments to the Constitution & By-Laws;
- (2) Proposed amendments to the Constitution & By-Laws;
- (3) Filings with the Mississippi Secretary of State, filings necessary to obtain or maintain legal status, and correspondence or documentation associated with the maintenance of legal status;
- (4) Filings with the Internal Revenue Service, filings necessary to obtain or maintain tax status, and correspondence or documentation associated with the maintenance of tax status;
- (5) Minutes from each meeting of the State Coalition Committee, Board of Directors and Executive Committee;
- (6) Each Member Chapter, its Chapter Chairman and its Delegate certification, including contact information (address, email address and telephone number) for each Chapter Chairman and each certified Delegate;
- (7) Each Applicant Chapter, its application, its Chapter Chairman and its proposed Delegate certification, including contact information (address, email address and telephone number) for each Chapter Chairman and its certified proposed Delegates;
- (8) Any membership records shared by any Member Chapter or obtained through the independent efforts of the Mississippi Tea Party;
- (9) Any Removal Petition, the Member Chapter filing the Removal Petition, the certified Delegates signing the Removal Petition and any evidence submitted in support of the Removal Petition;
- (10) Any response to a Removal Petition, the Member Chapter filing the response and any evidence submitted in support of the response;

- (11) Any Impeachment Petition, the Member Chapter or Board of Directors' member filing the Impeachment Petition and any evidence submitted in support of the Impeachment Petition; and
- (12) Any response to an Impeachment Petition and any evidence submitted in support of the response.

Chapter 11 – Duties of State Executive Director

- Section 1.** The State Executive Director shall, under the direction of the State Chairman, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, be responsible for the day to day operation of the Mississippi Tea Party.
- Section 2.** The State Executive Director shall, working in conjunction with the State Treasurer and State Secretary, be responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations and ordinances, and for maintaining the legal and tax status of the Mississippi Tea Party.
- Section 3.** The State Executive Director shall, under the supervision of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, be responsible for developing and/or maintaining a Member Chapter guidebook which contains sample by-laws and instructions on how to apply for an employer identification number (EIN), how to register with the Mississippi Secretary of State and obtain non-profit status and how to obtain tax status as a 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) or 527.
- Section 4.** The State Executive Director shall, under the supervision of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, be responsible for the development and maintenance of forms to be used by the Member Chapters, including, but not limited to: an application for membership form designed to elicit information from an Applicant Chapter sufficient to determine if the Applicant Chapter should be admitted; a Removal Petition form for petitioning to remove a Member Chapter; an Impeachment Petition form for petitioning to have a member of the Board of Directors impeached; a nomination form for potential candidates for one of the five Executive Committee offices; and a membership form for individuals interesting in becoming involved in a Member Chapter of the Mississippi Tea Party.
- Section 5.** The State Executive Director shall, under the supervision of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, working in conjunction with the Communication Committee, be responsible for the development and maintenance of the official the Mississippi Tea Party website.
- Section 6.** The State Executive Director shall, at the behest of the State Chairman, be responsible for obtaining a venue for all scheduled meetings of the State

Coalition Committee, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

Section 7. The State Executive Director shall serve as one of only three signatories to the bank account of the Mississippi Tea Party and is authorized to spend up to a total of \$3,000.00 a year, in the furtherance of his or her duties (provided that said funds are available). Expenditure of any amount above a total of \$3,000.00 a year requires the approval of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors or the State Coalition Committee, dependent upon the amount requested.

Chapter 12 - Meetings of the Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least monthly, either in person or telephonically.

Section 2. In addition to its monthly, “Special Meetings” of the Executive Committee may be called by the State Chairman of the MSTP or by three-fifths of the members of the Executive Board submitting, in writing (by traditional mail or email), a request for a Special Meeting to the State Secretary of the MSTP.

Section 3. The State Chairman of the MSTP shall schedule and announce, via email, the date(s), time(s) and location(s) of any meeting of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The State Chairman shall provide an agenda for any meeting of the Executive Committee, by email, to each member of the Executive Committee at least two (2) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Section 5. The Executive Committee may only operate with a quorum, to be defined as at least three (3) members of the Executive Committee.

Section 6. If all five (5) members of the Executive Committee are present at a duly called meeting of the Executive Committee, any vote taken shall require a simple majority for passage.

Section 7. If less than five (5) members of the Executive Committee are present at a duly called meeting of the Executive Committee, wherein quorum exists, any vote taken shall require unanimity for passage.

Section 8. In any vote taken at a duly called meeting of the Executive Committee, wherein quorum exists, an “abstention” vote shall count as a “nay” vote.

Section 9. Meetings of the Executive Committee are limited to the members of the Executive Committee and closed to the public, though invitations to attend

may be extended by the State Chairman of the MSTP in special circumstances.

ARTICLE IX. STANDING COMMITTEES

Chapter 1 – Purpose & Form

Section 1. Standing Committees are permanent committees integral to the success of the Mississippi Tea Party in fulfilling the purposes spelled out in Article II.

Section 2. Standing Committees work under the supervision of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and the State Coalition Committee.

Section 3. There are five Standing Committees, including:

- (1) The Policy Committee
- (2) The Event Planning Committee
- (3) The Finance Committee
- (4) The Communications Committee
- (5) The Membership Committee

Section 4. Each Member Chapter may appoint up to two (2) of its members to serve per Standing Committee. The process for selecting Standing Committee Members is under the exclusive auspice of each Member Chapter.

Section 5. Standing Committee Members need not be certified Delegates to the State Coalition Committee.

Section 6. Standing Committee Members shall serve a term of one (1) year, with the term to commence on January 1st and expire on December 31st.

Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting a Member Chapter from re-selecting any Standing Committee Member for consecutive terms, nor should anything in this section be construed as creating term limits on any Standing Committee Member duly selected by his or her Member Chapter to serve on a Standing Committee. Selection of Standing Committee Members is under the exclusive auspice of each Member Chapter, and accordingly, implementation of any restrictions or terms limits is under the exclusive auspice of each Member Chapter.

Section 7. Standing Committee Members shall only serve on one Standing Committee per term.

Chapter 2 – Standing Committee Chairmen

Section 1. The State Chairman shall schedule the first meeting in the calendar year for each Standing Committee. At that first meeting, each Standing Committee will elect a Committee Chairman, excepting the Finance Committee which shall be chaired by the State Treasurer of the MSTP. The election will require that the winning candidate receive a majority of the vote, such that a runoff between the top two vote-getters may be necessary if more than two candidates initially ran.

Section 2. Each Chairman of a Standing Committees shall serve on the Board of Directors and shall provide a report on his or her Standing Committee at any scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Each Chairman of a Standing Committee shall maintain a list of every Standing Committee Member in his or her respective Standing Committee, including each Standing Committee Member’s name, address, email address and telephone number, and shall furnish that list, and any updates thereto to the State Secretary of the MSTP.

Section 4. If during the course of a term, a vacancy in the office of the Chairman of any Standing Committee, the respective Standing Committee shall hold a new election, in accord with the process and procedure spelled out in Section 1, to fill the vacancy.

Chapter 3 – Standing Committee Meetings

Section 1. Each Standing Committee shall meet at least once a month, either in person or telephonically, with additional meetings to be scheduled by the Standing Committee Chairman, as necessary.

Section 2. After the first meeting of the calendar year, which will be scheduled by the State Chairman of the MSTP, each Chairman of a Standing Committee shall be responsible for notifying the Committee Members of his or her respective Standing Committee at least one (1) week prior to a meeting and shall, to the extent feasible, provide Committee Members who are unable to attend with the opportunity to participate telephonically.

Chapter 4 – The Policy Committee

Section 1. The Policy Committee should be comprised of individuals who follow social, political and economic developments in the news and who

understand and can communicate the interplay between those developments and the doctrines of constitutionally limited government, fiscal discipline and free market economics.

Section 2. The Policy Committee shall be dedicated to identifying, researching and explaining key issues which are either advantageous or detrimental to the purposes of the Mississippi Tea Party spelled out in Article II.

Section 3. The Policy Committee shall work in conjunction with the Communications Committee in developing issue-specific literature, including, but not limited to, legislative action alerts, for dissemination to the Member Chapters of the MSTP, to our elected official and to the general public.

Section 4. The Policy Committee shall work in conjunction with the Event Planning Committee to plan issue-specific educational forums and debates for the benefit of the Member Chapters of the MSTP, our elected officials and the general public.

Chapter 5 – The Event Planning Committee

Section 1. The Event Planning Committee should be comprised of individuals who possess planning and organizational skills.

Section 2. The Event Planning Committee shall be dedicated to planning events, including, but not limited to forums, debates, speakers and rallies, consistent with the purposes of the Mississippi Tea Party spelled out in Article II.

Section 3. The Event Planning Committee shall work in conjunction with the Policy Committee on issue-specific events.

Section 4. The Event Planning Committee shall work in conjunction with the State Executive Director in planning the Annual Meeting of the State Coalition Committee.

Section 5. The Event Planning Committee shall work in conjunction with the Communications Committee in marketing any event it plans.

Chapter 6 – The Finance Committee

Section 1. The Finance Committee shall, under the chairmanship of the State Treasurer, be responsible for developing and maintaining a budget for the Mississippi Tea Party.

- Section 2.** The Finance Committee shall, under the chairmanship of the State Treasurer, be responsible for developing and maintaining a fundraising plan for the Mississippi Tea Party.
- Section 3.** The Finance Committee shall work in conjunction with the Communications Committee to develop direct solicitation mail pieces and a marketing strategy for any fundraising event it plans.
- Section 4.** The Finance Committee shall work in conjunction with the Event Planning Committee to determine the logistics of any fundraising event it plans.

Chapter 7 – The Communications Committee

- Section 1.** The Communications Committee shall work in conjunction with the State Executive Director to develop a marketing strategy for the Mississippi Tea Party.
- Section 2.** The Communications Committee shall work in conjunction with the Event Planning and the Policy Committee to develop a marketing strategy for any events sponsored or sanctioned by the Mississippi Tea Party.
- Section 3.** The Communications Committee shall work in conjunction with the Finance Committee to develop a marketing strategy for any fundraising efforts on behalf of the Mississippi Tea Party.
- Section 4.** The Communications Committee shall work in conjunction with the Policy Committee in developing issue-specific literature for dissemination to Member Chapters, our elected officials and the general public.
- Section 5.** The Communications Committee shall work in conjunction with the State Executive Director to develop and maintain the official website of the Mississippi Tea Party.
- Section 6.** The Communications Committee shall work in conjunction with the Membership Committee to develop a marketing strategy for increasing the membership of the Mississippi Tea Party and promoting outreach efforts made by the Mississippi Tea Party.
- Section 7.** The Communications Committee shall develop and maintain an email listserv of people who indicate an interest in receiving more information from the Mississippi Tea Party and shall use that listserv to promote the events, issue-specific literature and fundraising efforts of the Mississippi Tea Party.

Chapter 8 – The Membership Committee

- Section 1.** The Membership Committee shall work in conjunction with the State Executive Director to develop and implement a strategy to: encourage existing like-minded organizations to join as Member Chapters of the Mississippi Tea Party; assist individuals in the creation of new like-minded organizations that will join as Member Chapters of the Mississippi Tea Party; and plug into existing Member Chapters individuals interested in becoming involved in the Mississippi Tea Party.
- Section 2.** The Membership Committee shall work in conjunction with the State Secretary to develop and maintain membership rolls shared by Member Chapters, as well as a general contact list of individuals who sign up on the official website of the Mississippi Tea Party or at events sponsored, sanctioned or endorsed by the Mississippi Tea Party.
- Section 3.** The Membership Committee shall work in conjunction with the Communications Committee to develop a community outreach plan to draw attention to the Mississippi Tea Party.

Chapter 9 – Standing Committee Member Vacancies

- Section 1.** If during the course of a term, an appointed Standing Committee Member is removed or becomes unable to complete his or her term, the Member Chapter which initially appointed that Standing Committee Member may appoint a replacement Standing Committee Member to complete the term.

ARTICLE X. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Section 1.** The State Chairman, under the supervision of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, may appoint temporary or “Ad Hoc” Committees as he or she deems necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the Mississippi Tea Party.
- Section 2.** Ad Hoc Committees appointed by the State Chairman shall have a definite period of operation and shall not duplicate the purpose or objectives of any Standing Committee.
- Section 3.** Membership of any Ad Hoc Committee shall be chosen by the State Chairman, under the supervision of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.
- Section 4.** The State Chairman shall appoint a Chairman to preside over any Ad Hoc Committee created.

Section 5. The Chairman of any Ad Hoc Committee created shall report to the Board of Directors for so long as the Ad Hoc Committee is operational, but shall not receive a vote on the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Chapter 1. Amendments

Section 1. An amendment to the Constitution & By-Laws may be proposed by any Member Chapter by submitting a copy of the proposed amendment, in writing, to the State Secretary of the MSTP at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the State Coalition Committee.

Section 2. Any amendment proposed by a Member Chapter shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee upon receipt to determine if it is germane and what impact, if any, the proposed amendment might have on other articles, chapters and sections. If it is determined that the proposed amendment is not germane or it conflicts with other articles, chapters and sections, the State Chairman shall make contact with the Chapter Chairman of the Member Chapter proposing the amendment to determine if the proposed amendment might be modified to better comport with the entirety of the Constitution & By-Laws. If the Member Chapter proposing the amendment is not amenable to modification of the amendment and the Executive Committee still feels the amendment is not germane or conflicts with other articles, chapters and section of the Constitution & By-Laws, the State Secretary shall still circulate to each Member Chapter a copy of the proposed amendment (discussed *infra* at ¶), but may include a recommendation for amendment or failure of the proposed amendment.

Section 3. Any amendment proposed by a Member Chapter may only be considered at the Annual Meeting of the State Coalition Committee.

Section 4. An amendment to the Constitution & By-Laws may also be proposed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Any amendment proposed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors may be considered at any scheduled meeting of the State Coalition Committee, whether at the Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting.

Section 6. Any amendment proposed shall specify whether the amendment seeks to “add,” “subtract” or “substitute” language, shall specifically identify what article(s), chapter(s) and section(s) the amendment would alter, and shall specifically indicate what language is to be added, subtracted or substituted.

- Section 7.** The State Secretary of the MSTP shall send to each Member Chapter (by traditional mail or email) a copy of any amendment proposed at least two (2) weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting of the State Coalition Committee at which the proposed amendment shall be considered and said copy may contain comments or recommendations from the Executive Committee pursuant to [].
- Section 8.** Any amendment brought on for consideration at any duly called meeting of the State Coalition Committee shall be introduced by a Delegate of the Member Chapter proposing the Amendment.
- Section 9.** In accord with Robert’s Rules of Order and/or the applicable rules of order in operation at the time of the proposed amendment’s consideration, debate on the amendment may be permitted.
- Section 10.** Any vote taken at a duly called meeting of the State Coalition Committee, wherein quorum exists, to amend the Constitution & By-Laws of the Mississippi Tea Party shall require a super-majority of three-fourths of the Delegates present and voting for passage.

Chapter 2. Amendments to Amendments

- Section 1.** Any amendment brought on for consideration at any duly called meeting of the State Coalition Committee may, itself, be subject to amendment proposed from the floor of the State Coalition Committee.
- Section 2.** Any amendment to a proposed amendment must be presented to the State Secretary of the MSTP during the course of the introduction or debate on the proposed amendment. The State Secretary shall confer with the appointed Parliamentarian to determine if the amendment to the proposed amendment is germane. Upon such a determination and the call of the presiding officer of any motions or amendments, the State Secretary shall read the amendment to the amendment and the Delegate introducing the amendment to the amendment shall be afforded the opportunity to address the State Coalition Committee on the merits of his or her amendment to the amendment.
- Section 3.** In accord with Robert’s Rules of Order and/or the applicable rules of order in operation at the time of the amendment to the amendment’s consideration, debate on the amendment to the amendment may be permitted.
- Section 4.** Any vote taken at a duly called meeting of the State Coalition Committee, wherein quorum exists, to amend a proposed amendment to the Constitution & By-Laws of the Mississippi Tea Party shall require a simple majority of the Delegates present and voting for passage.

ARTICLE XII. ENACTMENT

- Section 1.** The Constitution & By-Laws of the Mississippi Tea Party shall be deemed in immediate effect upon the vote of two-thirds of the Delegates to the constitutional convention, held this the ____ day of _____, 2010.
- Section 2.** If enacted, each Member Chapter agreeing to membership in the Mississippi Tea Party shall designate a Delegate as to sign the Constitution & By-Laws on behalf of that Member Chapter.