

HUDSON COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUB, INC.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1

The name of this organization shall be "Hudson County Young Republican Club, Inc.", which shall be referred to in this document as "**HCYRs**".

Section 2

The purposes and objectives of **HCYRs** shall be as follows:

To foster awareness and allegiance to American principles of government and public service; to promote individuals best qualified for public office in order to insure sound legislation and competent administration; to resist and oppose political corruption; to prompt honest and free electoral methods; to encourage public attention to and discussion of the conduct of government and civic concerns; to engage the interest and activity of young voters in support of the purposes and objectives stated above to the end that the condition of American politics shall continuously improve through the medium of the Republican Party.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Any legal resident of Hudson County between the ages of eighteen and forty years, inclusive, who is a citizen of the United States, being a registered voter in the Republican Party, who shall adhere to the purposes and objectives of **HCYRs** as expressed herein, shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2

Any person not eligible for membership, as per Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution, may be voted Associate Members. Associate Members shall not be eligible to vote on any matter before the **HCYRs**.

Section 3

Rules and regulations regarding admission to membership shall be provided for in the By-Laws of the **HCYRs**.

ARTICLE III - AFFILIATE CHAPTERS

Section 1

In order to further the purposes and ideals of **HCYRs** and of the Hudson County Republican Organization, this club is hereby authorized to accept Young Republican clubs within Hudson County as affiliate chapters.

Section 2

Any eligible Municipal Young Republican club may apply for recognition and standing as an affiliate chapter by submitting an application to the Executive Committee of **HCYRs** in such form as shall be designated by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall vote upon the application at its next meeting immediately following

receipt of the application, provided the members of the Executive Committee have been given seven days "written notice", meaning the written notice was postmarked seven days before the aforementioned meeting. In order for an affiliate chapter to be approved, a majority of the entire Executive Committee must vote in favor of the applicant. If the Executive Committee approves an application, the Chairman shall report this fact to the membership at its next regular meeting at which time there shall be a vote of the membership on the admission of the applicant as an affiliate chapter. The Chairman will allow discussion of the issue, allowing any member to make presentations concerning the application, pro or con, of no longer than five minutes. Questions may be fielded at the discretion of the Chairman. A simple majority vote of the members present, with a minimum of fifteen members, or 50% of the active membership, whichever is less, present needed for quorum, will decide the issue. Approval of the application shall not operate to make individual members of the affiliate chapters members of **HCYRs**.

Section 3

An affiliate chapter shall remain in good standing until recognition is withdrawn upon good cause shown. "Good cause" shall mean performance of any act or acts or the advocacy of any policies contrary to the objectives and purposes of **HCYRs**. Charges made against an affiliate chapter shall be in writing signed by the person or persons bringing the charges and shall be submitted to the Executive Committee. Thereafter, the Executive Committee shall hear the charges at its next meeting, provided the members of the Executive Committee have been given seven days written notice, that being defined under Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution. If a majority of the entire Executive Committee votes to consider the charges, the Chairman shall report such fact to the membership at the next regular meeting, at which time the membership will vote on the issue of withdrawing recognition from the affiliate chapter. The chairman will allow discussion on the issue, as outlined in Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution. A simple majority vote, with a minimum of fifteen members present needed for quorum, will decide the issue.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1

The officers of **HCYRs** shall be divided as follows:

Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

Those officers shall hold office until the annual meeting next following their election or appointment, or until their successor shall be elected or appointed. Nomination and election of officers, as well as their qualifications to hold office, shall be provided in the By-Laws of **HCYRs**.

Section 2

Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the **HCYRs** officers. Members of the Executive Committee shall hold office until the annual meeting next following their election or appointment, or until their successors shall be elected and qualify. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be as provided as per Article IV of the By-Laws.

As per Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution of "Young Republicans of New Jersey, Inc.", four delegates and their alternates shall be provided to the State Association. Aforementioned delegates and alternates are to be nominated and elected at the annual meeting. The delegates and alternates do not have to be members of the Executive Committee, nor do they have a vote on the Executive Committee based on their appointment as delegates and alternates.

The annual meeting shall not be held later than the last day of February of each year and the election of officers shall be held that night. The date for the annual meeting shall be provided in the By-Laws of **HCYRs**.

ARTICLE V – ENDORSEMENTS

The **HCYRs** shall not endorse candidates for office in a primary election, nor shall the **HCYRs** endorse any non-Republican candidate for office unless it is a nonpartisan election. After the primary election, the candidate or candidates who have been nominated by the Republican Party may receive the endorsement and support of the Executive Committee and the **HCYRs**. An endorsement may be approved by a two-thirds vote of a qualified quorum at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI- AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee or by petition, signed by no less than ten members in good standing. If approved by the Executive Committee with a two-thirds majority of members present, the Chairman shall present the proposed amendment at the next regular meeting of the **HCYRs**, where discussion will take place at the discretion of the Chairman, as outlined in Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution. At the meeting following, the Chairman will present the proposed amendment for a vote, in which a two-thirds majority vote, with a quorum present of twenty members in good standing, or 50% of the active membership, whichever is less, determines whether or not the amendments will be adopted under the Constitution so amended. The Secretary shall give written notice to all members in good standing that the proposed amendment will be voted upon by the membership at the regular meeting at which such amendment shall be presented for adoption or rejection by the membership.

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