

# **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE KANSAS YOUNG DEMOCRATS**

This Constitution was adopted by the Kansas Young Democrats State Committee meeting in March of 2026.

## **PREAMBLE**

In order to create an organization dedicated to the principles of the Democratic Party, capable of aiding in the election of Democratic candidates to public office, and committed to promoting equality, diversity, and inclusion of all Kansans, we, the membership of the Kansas Young Democrats, do ordain and establish this constitution.

## **ARTICLE I Name and National Affiliation**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the “KANSAS YOUNG DEMOCRATS”.

Section 2. This organization shall affiliate with and become a caucus of the Kansas Democratic Party and shall affiliate with the Young Democrats of America.

Section 3. Affiliation with the Kansas Democratic Party is the primary goal of this organization whilst affiliation with the Young Democrats of America is secondary.

## **ARTICLE II Policy**

Section 1. The policy of this organization shall be under the discretion of the Executive Board of the organization.

Section 2. This organization shall seek in all of its operations, the advice and cooperation of the Kansas Democratic Party; and shall be influenced and guided by the policies of the Democratic National Committee and Kansas Democratic Party

Section 3. This organization shall be empowered to endorse any Democratic candidate approved by the Executive Committee of the organization. Endorsements may occur during the primary and general elections.

## **ARTICLE III Chartered Units**

Section 1. This organization shall be composed of duly organized and chartered local chapters, be they congressional district, county, collegiate, high school, etc..

1. Congressional District Young Democrat Chapters may be organized in any of the congressional districts of the state of Kansas
2. County Young Democrat Chapters may be organized in any of the counties of the State of Kansas. Multiple counties may organize as a single chapter if deemed appropriate.
3. Collegiate Young Democrat Chapters may be organized on the campuses of all accredited colleges in the State of Kansas
4. High School Young Democrat Chapters may be organized in the various accredited high schools in the State of Kansas

Section 2. No more than one (1) “congressional district” chapter may be chartered in any one (1) congressional district

Section 3. No more than one (1) “county” chapter may be chartered in any one (1) county. In the case of a single chapter consisting of multiple counties, there can be no overlapping jurisdiction or duplication with another chapter.

Section 4. No more than one (1) chapter may be organized in any one (1) college, university, community college or high school campus

Section 5. For any local chapter of this organization to be eligible for charter by this organization, the chapter requesting or being granted a charter must ratify this constitution, have its own constitution, submit its entire active membership list with a minimum of five (5) members which shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the local chapter and submit a list of officers. All forms must be submitted to the chairperson of the Credentials Committee of this organization seventy-two (72) hours before the convening of the Washington Days meeting of this organization in odd-numbered years.

Section 6. A local chapter of this organization not chartered at Washington Days, may charter in the interim by submitting the required information to the State Committee of this organization for approval.

Section 7. The names of each local chapter of this organization must include the words “Young Democrats”, “College Democrats”, “University Democrats”, or “High School Democrats”.

Section 8. Membership lists shall contain full name, mailing address, telephone number (if available), email address (if available) and birth date.

Section 9. A Charter shall be in effect from its granting until the following State Convention,

unless one of the following applies: the chapter is found to have violated criminal law, the chapter is found to have violated the rules set forth by the Kansas Ethics Commission regarding campaign finance, the chapter operates in a fashion that is illegal or would disgrace the organization, non-conformance with the ratified constitution of this organization, and/or non-conformance with the ratified local constitution, provided formal notice of intention to revoke the charter is served on the chapter's officers, constructive and actual, with thirty (30) days before formal action to suspend is taken. This is subject to other provisions of this constitution. If a chapter violates any of these provisions, the Executive Board may revoke its charter by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote.

Section 10. Chartered chapters are responsible for notifying the organization of any change within their internal structure within 30 days of a change, including officer changes, name changes, or contact information changes.

#### **ARTICLE IV Individual Membership**

Section 1. Membership throughout this constitution is defined as an individual in good standing with a chartered local chapter of the Kansas Young Democrats.

Section 2. There shall be two (2) classes of membership:

1. Active and Honorary:
  - a. Any legal resident of Kansas, or non-resident attending school in the State of Kansas, between the ages of thirteen (13) and thirty-five (35) inclusive, shall be eligible of active membership in this organization provided that person a registered member of the Democratic Party or a foreign national attending school in the State of Kansas.
  - b. Honorary memberships for any set determined amount of time can be bestowed upon any person approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board of this organization. Any local chapters may submit names for consideration by the Executive Board of this organization. Honorary members shall not be allowed to vote or hold office; however, they can serve as delegates to the Kansas Young Democrats or Young Democrats of America Conventions provided they are registered members of the Democratic Party. Honorary members shall not be counted for the purpose of determining delegate votes.

Section 3. No individual shall be counted as a member of more than one (1) chapter for the purpose of awarding votes for membership stated later in this constitution. If a

member is listed on more than one (1) chapter's membership list only the most recent signature shall be considered valid. Honorary members may be a member of more than one (1) chapter but shall only serve as a delegate for one (1) chapter. Members can also be At-Large and not affiliated with any one chapter. At-Large members can only vote for statewide officers of this organization.

## **ARTICLE V State Officers**

Section 1. All officers of this organization at all levels, must be between the ages of thirteen (13) and thirty-four (34) inclusive, at the time of their election and must be members in good standing of a chartered local chapter.

Section 2. The elected state officers of this organization shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and two (2) National/State Committee Delegates. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the President and with a majority approval of the Executive Board within one month of the election. The previous Treasurer shall continue to serve for one month and one week after the election of the aforementioned officers.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the President to be the Chief Executive Officer of this organization and to supervise the affairs and activities of the organization. The absence of a specific responsibility from this list is not necessarily a denial of its existence:

1. Preside over all chapter meetings
2. Establish administrative procedures not otherwise provided by the Constitution of this organization
3. Act for and on behalf of the chapter when they are not in session
4. Establish the agenda for each meeting of the state chapter (state committee and executive)
5. Have a \$300 transaction limit, without approval of the state Executive Board
6. Be an ex-officio member of all committees
7. Appoint chairpersons and vice-chairpersons of all committees, standing and ad-hoc
8. Represent the Kansas Young Democrats on the Executive Committee of the Kansas Democratic Party
9. Participate in call-time for this organization

Section 4. The Vice-President shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Act as President Pro-Tempore in the absence of the President
2. Assist the President in organizational tasks on a day to day basis
3. Serve as an ex-officio member of the Conventions Committee
4. Participate in call-time for this organization

*\*Note\* In a case where the President's office becomes vacant the Vice-President shall become the President automatically and shall assume all powers, duties and responsibilities associated with that position. The office of Vice-President then is vacant and shall be filled by an appointment by the new President, pending the approval of the Executive Board and with majority approval of the Executive Committee.*

Section 5. The Secretary will have the following responsibilities:

1. Keep accurate minutes of all chapter meetings
2. Assure publicity for all upcoming events and meetings
3. Keep an accurate mailing list and phone directory for all its members
4. See to all correspondence of the chapter as directed by the President
5. Work closely with the Communications Director and Graphic Designer to see that all of their duties are faithfully executed
6. Work alongside the President, State Committee Delegates and District Chairs on chapter engagement and correspondence

Section 6. National/State Committee Delegates

1. National/State Committee Delegates shall be elected statewide positions for this organization beginning in 2027. There shall be two (2) National/State Committee Delegate positions with office holders being of different gender identities. If the top two vote-getters are of the same gender identity, the top vote-getter would secure the position with the next highest vote-getter of a different gender identity securing the second position.
2. National/State Committee Delegates shall have the following responsibilities:
  - a. Serve as the official representatives of the organization, alongside the President, to the Kansas Democratic Party State Committee and the Young Democrats of America
  - b. Inform the membership of this organization of the goings on of the Kansas Democratic Party State Committee and the Young Democrats of

America

- c. Assist the President in correspondence and strategy with state and national Democratic organizations
- d. Establish and maintain lanes of correspondence with other state Young Democratic organizations that would benefit the Kansas Young Democrats

Section 7. The Treasurer shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Maintain accurate financial records for the organization, including the chapter's budget
2. Coordinate all financial activities, including tax responsibilities with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and advising the Executive Board on the financial condition of the organization
3. File any reports for the State Democratic Party or the State Ethic Commission in a timely manner and otherwise handle responsibilities related to the chapter's status as a PAC
4. Make deposits as directed by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall not have the right to make financial transactions over one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) without the approval of the Executive Board
5. Create an annual financial plan for the organization to reach the organization's operating goal of at least ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000)
6. Participate in call-time for the organization
7. Train the incoming Treasurer on all key financial activities
8. Ensure a smooth transition between ownership of the organization's bank account

Section 8. All elected State Officers shall each be elected to a two (2) year term beginning at the adjournment of the general session of this organization's Washington Days meeting, by a majority of votes cast at the meeting.

Section 9. Executive staff of the organization shall be the Kansas High School Democrats Representative, the Immediate Past President, the Immediate Past Treasurer, the Communications Director and the Graphic Designer.

1. The Kansas High School Democrats Representative shall have the following responsibilities:
  - a. Coordinate with the Kansas Young Democrats President on high school chapter development and engagement
2. The Immediate Past President shall have the following responsibilities:
  - a. Preside over the election of the officers during the annual

- Washington Days meeting of this organization
- b. Advise the incoming President on duties and responsibilities after the election of the new Executive Board
3. The Immediate Past Treasurer shall have the following responsibilities:
    - a. Take care of finances should the office of Treasurer be vacated, until a replacement is appointed
    - b. Reasonably assist with financial matters during the first year of the Treasurer's term
  4. The Communications Director shall have the following responsibilities:
    - a. Manage all Social Media accounts for this organization
    - b. Work at the discretion of the President on digital organizing and developing social media strategy for this organization
    - c. Work alongside the Graphic Designer on digital organizing and cohesive social media campaigns for this organization
  5. The Graphic Designer shall have the following responsibilities:
    - a. Create all branding and graphic designs for this organization
    - b. Work at the discretion of the President on digital organizing and create continuous branding for this organization
    - c. Work alongside the Communications Director on digital organizing and cohesive social media campaigns for this organization

Section 10. All state officers and staff shall be obligated to attend all meetings of the Executive Board, State Committee and the Convention of this organization. Furthermore, persons assuming the positions of a state officer or staff shall be aware of the personal expenses that go with their responsibilities.

Section 11. All state officers shall endeavor to complete one (1) hour of fundraising call-time every two (2) weeks whilst serving in their respective positions. The implementation and record keeping of this process shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer of this organization.

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#### **ARTICLE VI District Representatives**

Section 1. The local chapters of this organization located within each Congressional District in the State of Kansas shall comprise a district organization within the geographical boundaries of such district.

Section 2. Each district shall nominate one (1) District Delegate. The top vote-getters shall be

formally nominated as District Delegates. Each candidate shall submit their declaration of candidacy to the Credentials Committee of this organization no later than thirty (30) days before Washington Days. The Credentials Committee shall distribute electronic ballots to all members of each congressional district no less than fourteen (14) days before Washington Days. Voting shall remain open until the commencement of Washington Days.

Section 3. Each District Chair shall belong to a chartered organization within the congressional district they are appointed to represent.

Section 5. District Chairs

1. District Chairs shall be selected in the first round of District Delegate appointments, and must belong to a chartered organization within the district they are appointed to represent.
2. District Chairs shall have the following responsibilities:
  - a. Recruit and assist in organizing new county, college, and high school chapters;
  - b. Maintain correspondence with county, college, and high school chapters in their respective district; and
  - c. Serve as an at-large member of the Credentials and Convention committees.

## **ARTICLE VII Executive Board**

Section 1. The Executive Board of this organization shall consist of the following officers with these stated number of votes:

1. The President with one (1) vote
2. The Vice-President with one (1) vote
3. The Secretary with one (1) vote
4. The Treasurer with one (1) vote
5. The National/State Committee Delegates each with one (1) vote
6. The District Chairs each with one (1) vote

Section 2. The Executive Board of this organization shall meet at least six (6) times a year at specific dates, times, and places as the President of this organization may call. Meetings shall be open to any member of this organization.

Section 3. Forty (40) percent of the members of the Executive Board of this organization

present shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Voting shall be by simple majority.

Section 5. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one (1) position on the Executive Board of this organization.

Section 6. A vacancy has occurred in an office under the following conditions during their term:

1. The officer has died
2. The officer has resigned
3. The officer has moved out of state and will not be a resident of Kansas for the remainder of their term
4. For a reason established in the By-Laws
5. The State Committee has, through the process of recall and removal, declares the office vacant

Section 7. When an elected office is vacant, the President will appoint a replacement to fill the position. Appointments shall be made with the majority approval of the Executive Board of this organization.

Section 8. Petition for Recall of Officers

2. Only the elected offices may be subject to recall. The President chair reserves the right to remove anyone from an appointed position. Procedures for recall will be as follows:
  - a. Any person holding an elected office within the state committee may be recalled if found guilty of failure to adequately perform their duties or violate the Kansas Democratic Party's Code of Conduct. No more than one petition for recall shall be allowed during the term of an officer
  - b. Each state committee member shall be granted the right to draft a petition of recall against any state level party office
  - c. Petitions for recall must list the specific charges and the sections of the constitution that were violated. Petitions must be signed by 35% of the chapter presidents (after a majority vote of their respective chapters) to force a recall election.
  - d. The person will be notified of the charges against them no less than thirty days (30) prior to the meeting in which the recall will be discussed
  - e. Members of the Executive Board who are not charged with negligence

of their duties will appoint a committee and chairperson to investigate the charges. They are responsible for collecting written testimony from all persons involved and making a recommendation to the full state committee. The proceedings for recall will be held at the next regular or special meeting of the State Committee of this organization immediately following the receipt of the recall petition. At this meeting, the recall committee will present their findings. The officer being recalled will also be given 5 minutes to respond to the charges.

- f. In order for a recall petition to prevail, it must have a two-thirds majority vote of a duly called quorum of the State Committee. Voting must be by signed ballot. Report of the action must be in the written minutes of the meeting.

### **ARTICLE VIII State Committee**

Section 1. The State Committee of this organization shall consist of the following members with the state number of votes:

1. All members of the Executive Board each with one (1) vote
2. All appointed Chairs of the Standing Committees of this organizations each with one (1) vote
3. The President of each of the chartered local chapters, or if the President is already a member of the State Committee, the President's designee, each with one (1) vote

Section 2. At no time shall any member vote more than one (1) time on the State Committee of this organization. Should a member hold more than one (1) position that entitles that member to vote on the State Committee of this organization, they shall forfeit their extra vote or votes.

Section 3. The State Committee of this organization shall be the only body, other than the Washington Days meeting of this organization when it is specifically empowered, that shall be empowered to pass resolutions, adopt amendments to this constitution, conduct impeachment proceedings, and expel members and officers of this organization.

Section 4. The State Committee of this organization shall also be able to exercise any powers not specifically empowered and/or reserved to the Convention, Executive Board, or to the membership of this organization

Section 5. The State Committee of this organization shall meet at a minimum, one(1) time per year, one (1) meeting in conjunction with the Kansas Democratic Party State Committee at Washington Days and other times as called by the President of this organization.

Section 6. Forty (40) percent of the total membership of the State Committee of this organization shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7. Voting shall be by simple majority unless otherwise stated in this constitution. Majority, be it simple, one-third (1/3), or two-thirds (2/3) shall refer to a simple, one-third (1/3), or two-thirds (2/3) majority of those members of the State Committee of this organization present and voting during a meeting at which a quorum is present.

#### **ARTICLE IX Standing Committees**

Section 1. The following shall be the Standing Committees of this organization:

1. Convention Committee, whose Chair shall be appointed by the President of this organization. Members will consist of the four (4) district representatives, or their designees, four (4) members appointed by the President from each congressional district and the Vice-President will serve as an ex-officio member of this committee. The Convention Committee of this organization shall be in charge of scheduling, planning and implementing the annual Convention with approval of the Executive Board of this organization. The Chair of this committee shall serve as Chair of all parts of the Convention with the exception of the State Committee meeting.
2. Rules Committee, whose Chair shall be appointed by the President of this organization. The President shall appoint four (4) members, one from each of the congressional districts in the State of Kansas with the approval of the Executive Board. The Rules Committee of this organization shall review and report on all proposed amendments to this constitution, shall set the rules governing the election of officers at the Washington Days meeting of this organization, providing those rules are not contrary or in derogation to this constitution, and shall decide on any question presented to it by the Chair of the meeting of the Executive Board and State Committee of this organization regarding the rules, parliamentary procedure, balloting, or other questions

excluding the challenging of credentials. The Chair of the Rules Committee of this organization shall serve as the Parliamentarian of this organization and shall represent this organization on the Rules Committee of the Young Democrats of America if in attendance at the meeting.

3. Credentials Committee, whose Chair shall be appointed by the President and whose members-at-large shall be the four (4) District Representatives of this organization or their designees, with the Secretary serving as an ex-officio member. The committee shall have jurisdiction over the credentialing and chartering of local chapters of this organization, and number of delegates to the State Committee of this organization at this organization's Washington Days meeting. The maximum number of votes allowed per chapter shall be twenty-five (25). The Committee will also oversee managing and organizing candidates running for KYD elections. The Chair of the Credentials Committee of this organization, if in attendance at the meeting, shall represent this organization on the Credentials Committee of the Young Democrats of America.

Section 2. The President of this organization shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of each committee created by this article.

Section 3. Unless otherwise prescribed for in this constitution, the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the parliamentary procedure of all committees created under this article.

Section 4. Each committee shall meet at the discretion of the Chair of the committee or at times mandated by the Executive Board of this organization provided that notice is given to all members of the committee at least one (1) week prior to such a meeting.

Section 5. In cases where the Chair, or Vice-Chair, or members-at-large of the committees created under this article require the approval of the Executive Board of this organization, the appointments must be presented for approval no later than the second meeting of the Executive Board of this organization following the adjournment of the Washington Days meeting of this organization.

Section 6. Vacated appointed positions on the committees created under this article shall be filled in the same manner in which the position was originally chosen.

Section 7. All members of the committees created under this article, including the Chair, shall only have one (1) vote, with the exception of ex-officio members.

Section 8. Forty (40) percent of the members present of a Standing Committee of this

organization shall constitute a quorum.

Section 9. Voting shall be by simple majority unless otherwise stated in this constitution.

### **ARTICLE X Annual State Convention**

Section 1. This organization shall decide a date for the general State Convention for the purpose of training members, formulating policy and amending this constitution.

Section 2. Should the Convention of this organization fail to be called by the proper time, any member of the Executive Board can call for the Convention with approval of the Executive Board.

### **ARTICLE XI Annual Washington Days Meeting**

Section 1. This organization shall hold a meeting at the annual Washington Days event run by the Kansas Democratic Party. The date, time and place of which shall be determined in the agenda put forth by the Kansas Democratic Party.

Section 2. Credentials for the Washington Days meeting of this organization when elections are being held will be done as follows:

1. Each local chapter shall submit all required information, by the Credentials Committee, to the Credentials Committee in session, or the Chair of the Credentials Committee of this organization. The deadline, which shall be no later than two (2) weeks before the opening of the Washington Days meeting of this organization, shall be made known to the President of each chartered and interim local chapter of this organization, along with a digital form including all forms necessary for chartering at least thirty (30) days prior to the deadline.
2. The Credentials Committee of this organization will meet, review, and award applicable votes to chapters for all submitted credentials. The time of such meetings will be publicized to the President of each chartered and interim local chapters and to each of Presidents of each chapter seeking to charter with this organization. Chapters not having proper credentials may not participate in the Washington Days meeting of this organization in any form except as an observer. Any remarks, complaints or rejections shall be submitted by any local chapter officer to the Executive Board of this organization, which shall determine if such action was arbitrary. Such decisions of the Executive Board of this organization shall be reported to the State Committee of this organization as a whole at this

organization's Washington Days meeting.

3. Within two (2) days following the meeting of the Credentials Committee of this organization, the Chair shall notify, in writing, the President of each local chapter submitting materials, the number of votes they are eligible to have, and shall inform them of any problems in their packet.

Section 3. Votes awarded to chapters at the Washington Days meeting will be based on two (2) areas: Chartering and Membership and will be done as follows:

1. Chartering votes are awarded as follows
  - a. Two (2) votes for each of the two (2) previous Washington Days Meetings in which the chapter was chartered
  - b. One (1) vote for having adopted this constitution and having adopted and presented to the Credentials Committee
2. Membership votes are awarded as follows
  - a. Three (3) votes for having a membership of five (5) or more
  - b. One (1) additional vote for each additional ten (10) members

Section 4. Elections for this organization

1. Candidates for state office: President, Vice-President,, Secretary, and National/State Committee Delegates shall submit their candidacy form at least three (3) weeks prior to the Washington Days meeting
2. The Candidacy Form for this organization shall require:
  - a. Name
  - b. Birth Date
  - c. Young Democrat Chapter
  - d. Position for which they are running
  - e. Email
  - f. Phone Number
3. The Executive Board shall distribute the Candidacy Form and publicize the form thirty (30) days prior to the final deadline for candidacy submissions
4. The day following the deadline for candidacy submissions, the Executive Board shall advertise all candidates running for State Office
5. The Credentials Committee is tasked with creating and delivering a ballot, both in person and digital, for Chartered Chapters to allocate their previously mentioned votes, for each candidate of their choosing
  - a. The President of each local Chapter, or their designee, shall submit the votes for their chapter either in-person at the Washington Days

meeting or during the digital period for voting

- i. Chapters must notify the Executive Board whether they will be digitally or voting in-person one (1) week prior to Washington Days
  - b. The digital ballot shall be available to chapters for forty-eight (48) hours leading up to the Washington Days meeting and will promptly end one (1) hour prior to the meeting
  - c. In-Person votes shall be counted by three (3) members of the Credentials Committee, the Chair and two (2) members selected by the chair
6. The Immediate Past President, or in their absence the Parliamentarian, shall oversee elections and manage candidate speaking times and voting periods
- a. Candidate speaking time and voting periods shall be determined by the Rules Committee prior to the Washington Days Meeting alongside the Rules of the meeting

Section 5. The order of business for the Washington Days meeting shall be decided by the President. The rules shall be set forth by the Rules Committee two (2) weeks prior to this meeting.

Section 6. Should the organization fail to meet during this period, the President will call for a meeting solely for the election of State Officers and District Representatives, in necessary years, no later than fourteen (14) days after the Washington Days event at a date, time and place approved by the Executive Board.

### **ARTICLE XIII Bylaws, Rules and Procedures**

Section 1. Notice of any regular or special meeting of the Executive Board of this organization shall be sent at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting to all members of the Executive Board of this organization.

Section 2. Notice of any special meeting of the State Committee of this organization shall be sent at least fourteen (14) days prior to such meeting to all members of the Executive Board, to each President and Vice-President of the chartered local chapters, and to all members of the State Committee of this organization.

Section 3. The Executive Board and State Committee of this organization may conduct

business meetings by way of in-person meetings or electronically including but not limited to teleconferences and conference calls. However, the Washington Days and Convention meetings of the State Committee of this organization must be in-person.

Section 4. Written notices provided by this organization as well as correspondence may be conducted electronically through means including but not limited to social media and e-mail.

Section 5. Notice of the Washington Days, or Convention meeting of this organization shall be given in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting to all members of the Executive Board, to each President and Vice President of the chartered local chapters, and to all members of the State Committee of this organization.

Section 6. Unless otherwise provided for in this constitution, the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the parliamentary procedure of all meetings of the Executive Board, the State Committee, the Convention, and the chartered local chapters of this organization.

Section 7. This constitution may be amended by a majority of the Executive board and a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members of the State Committee of this organization. Amendments must be referred to and approved by the Rules Committee of this organization before being presented to the State Committee of this organization. All amendments must be submitted a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the stated meeting of the State Committee of this organization. The Chair of the Rules Committee of this organization must then send copies of all proposed amendments to all members of the State Committee of this organization no later than one (1) week prior to the stated meeting of the State Committee of this organization. Amendments to this constitution take effect immediately upon adjournment of the State Committee meeting of this organization in which the amendment is adopted, unless specifically provided for.

Section 8. No amendment to this constitution may be offered from the floor of a stated State Committee meeting of this organization

Section 9. No proxies shall be allowed at any meeting of the Executive Board.

Section 10. The Executive Board of this organization may approve payment of all bills

provided they are within the budget passed by the State Committee of this organization. The State Committee of this organization must approve bills that are in excess of the budgeted amounts.

Section 11. This organization shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or gender identity, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or any other protected status provided for by the Democratic National Committee, Kansas Democratic Party, or Young Democrats of America.

Section 12. The President and Treasurer of this organization shall be signatories on all of this organization's accounts with at least two signatures required to make expenses as approved by the Executive Board or State Committee of this organization.

#### **ARTICLE XIV Ratification of Constitution**

Section 1. This constitution shall be ratified by a majority of the members of the Executive Board of this organization. After approval by the Executive Board established under the previous constitution of this organization, a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present and voting members of the State Committee established by the previous constitution of this organization shall be required for this constitution to become valid.

Section 2. This constitution shall take effect immediately following the adjournment of the State Committee meeting of this organization in which it was ratified.

Section 3. All currently elected and appointed State Officers, District Officers, and Standing Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs of this organization may serve the remainder of their terms as provided for under the previous constitution of this organization.