#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF ALABAMA

#### CONSTITUTION

#### PREAMBLE

We, the YOung Democrats of Alabama, in order to form a chapter in and for Montgomery County, do ordain and establish this <u>Constitution</u> for the Montgomery County Young Democrats of Alabama.

#### ARTICLE 1

### NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Montgomery County Young Democrats of Alabama.

## ARTICLE 11

### PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be to preserve, improve, and safeguard the principles and standards of the Democratic party; to stimulate in young people an active interest in governmental affairs, to recruit new members for the Democratic candidates, to help acquaint voters with the issues and the candidates, to foster friendship and fellowship among the members of this organization and thereby to promote their moral, intellectual and political well being.

#### ARTICLE 111

## **AFFILIATION**

Section 1. The Montgomery County Young Democrats of Alabama shall be a separate but integral part of the Young Democrats of Alabama

## ARTICLE 1V

#### POLICY

Section 1. This organization shall not endorse or support the candidacy of any person for public office prior to nomination by the Democratic Party or in any other manner give its influence as an organization to the cause of any candidate or faction of the Party in any intra-party controversies. Individual members, however, may engage engage as individuals in such controversies.

Section 2. This organization shall support actively the nominees of the Democratic Party in national, state and local elections; it shall conduct an aggressive county-wide campaign in support of the nominees of the Democratic

Party; it shall endeavor to maintain permanent contact with Young Democrats throughout this area; and it shall function continuously in order that it may contribute continuously to the growth and influence of the Democratic Party.

#### ARTICLE V

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. There may be two classes of membership; active and honorary.
- Section 2. Active membership in this organization shall include any citizen who is a resident of Montgomery County, Alabama, and who is above the age of eighteen (18) years and under the age of forty (40). New members must meet the qualifications set forth by the Executive Committee hereinafter provided for.
- Section 3. Democrats over forty years of age shall be eligible for honorary membership provided they have rendered service of outstanding character in the advancement of the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party of Alabama.

## ARTICLE V1

## **OFFICERS**

- Section 1. The officers of the county organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Section 2. The duties of the officers shall be, in addition to such special duties as are elsewhere stated in this constitution, such duties as are customarily allocated and attributed to, and performed by, similar officers in similar organizations.
- Section 3. The officers shall be elected bi-annually by a majority vote of all regular members present at a meeting called for the purpose of electing officers. The officers shall hold office for a period of two (2) years or until election and qualification of their successors.
- Section 4. In the event that a vacancy occurs by reason of death, resignation, or removal for any reason, of any officer, the President shall appoint a qualified member of this organization to serve the unexpired term of such office.

#### ARTICLE V11

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall be the chief executive officer of this organization. The President shall preside at all meetings: he shall appoint such representatives and committees as he deems necessary for the efficient coordination of this organization. Committees will consist of such number of qualified members that the President may deem necessary.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

RESOLVED, that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Young Democrats of Alabama shall govern the proceedings of this Convention; matters not covered thereunder shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, subject to the following rules;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the following shall be the rules of the 1972 Young Democrats of Alabama Convention:

- 1. A quorum of the convention shall consist of a majority of delegates registered for the convention.
- 2. The order of business for this convention shall be the printed agenda made available to all at the registration desk.
  - 3. Committee Reports.
- (a) Each committee report shall be presented by the chairman or vice-chairman of the committee, who shall move its adoption.
- (b) The time for consideration of all committee reports shall not exceed the time allowed on the agenda.
- (c) Any minority report shall be presented immediately after presentation of the committee report, but no minority report shall be presented or considered unless personally signed by not less than one-fifth (1/5) of the committee members, who voted on the committee report in the final committee action.
- (d) Upon presentation of the committee report and any minority reports, the question shall first be on the minority reports and then on the committee report.
- (e) An amendment to a committee report shall not be entertained, except when presented as a minority report.
- 4. Each delegation shall file with the chairman of the Committee on Credentials, before the committee submits its final report to the convention, the names of its delegates and alternates.

#### 5. Credentials.

- (a) The temporary roll shall be compiled by the Credentials Committee and be composed of the list of those counties whose credentials have been found in order by the Credentials Committee.
- (b) Delegations on the temporary roll shall not vote on contests pertaining to their own credentials.

- (c) Delegates, alternates, and holders of proxies who are parties to any contest involving their credentials and seating of delegates shall not vote on questions involving the contest.
- (d) The final report of the Credentials Committee shall be presented to the convention as shown on the Agenda.

## 6. Voting.

- (a) Votes shall be cast by the chairman or the vice-chairman of the County delegation only. There shall be no unit rule votes cast.
- (b) A roll call vote (yeas and nays) will be ordered upon demand of the majority of the counties.
  - (c) All voting delegates must be registered at Conventions.
    7. Nominations for State Office.
- (a) There shall be not more than one (1) nominating speech for each candidate, and no such speech shall exceed three (3) minutes in duration.
- (b) There shall not be more than two (2) seconding speeches for each candidate, and no such speech shall exceed one (1) minute in duration.
- 8. No persons other than duly registered delegates, alternates, accredited press, officers, guest speakers, staff and specially invited guests shall be admitted to the convention hall.
- 9. No committees shall meet while the convention is in general session, except by unanimous consent of the convention.
- 10. A motion for the previous questions shall be in order at any time and shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the delegates present and voting.
- 11. The convention shall adjourn sine die at no later than 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 26, 1972.
- 12. No rule can be suspended, except by a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the voting delegates present.

Thereas the Young Perocrats of Alahama and all good, loyal Perocratics support the National Democratic ticket as well as all state and local Democratic candidates, and

whereas any Democratic office holder who supports the Pepublican Vational ticket will necessarily detract support from all local and state Perocratic candidates, and

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therefore let it be resolved that the Young Temocratic Party of Alabama request the State Perocratic Executive Committee and all county executive committees to refuse to certify to run as Pemocratic candidates in the next Perocratic primary any Pemocratic office holder or Pemocratic party official who supports the Pepullican Mational ticket in the 1972 General Flection.

Democrate Confuence from the Montgomery County. We are helping them to get out the note campaign.

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