

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE  
RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE KINGS COUNTY  
DEMOCRATIC COUNTY  
COMMITTEE**

Amend Article III [The County Committee: Organization and Procedure] by adding the following section:

**§7. Emergency Provisions  
during COVID-19 Pandemic**

To enable the organization and operation of the Kings County Democratic County Committee while achieving the greatest degree of social distancing, complying with state and local laws and orders limiting the size of public gatherings, sheltering in place and reducing exposure to mail depositories and mail carriers, while maintaining the integrity of its voting processes with transparency and public disclosure, the following special provisions shall supercede the provisions of each and every rule set forth within these Rules and the corollary provisions of the Election Law, except for special meetings of the County Committee or a subcommittee thereof called to make a Democratic Party nomination in a special election or to fill a vacancy in nomination due to death, resignation or disqualification of a candidate for public office and wherever else a nomination shall be made for a public office other than for Justice of the Supreme Court and other than by primary election.

A. Except as further provided herein, each member of the Executive Committee elected as a State Committee member or to fill a vacancy for a State Committee member shall hold, cast and carry the votes and represent the members of the County Committee within their respective Assembly District at the organizational meeting thereof and each meeting subsequent thereto. If both members are in attendance at any such meeting, each shall cast half the votes of such absent County Committee members; if only one Executive Committee member from the Assembly District is in attendance, then that member shall cast all the votes from the absent County Committee members.

B. Members of the County Committee may attend, vote and be entitled to the privileges of the floor at every meeting thereof held during their term of office and, if they do so attend, their vote will not be attributable to or held by their respective members of the Executive Committee. To the same effect, members of the County Committee may issue a proxy to any other member of the County Committee and by doing so, their vote will not be attributable to or held by their respective members of the Executive Committee. Such proxy shall be signed, dated and submitted as an original document

with photocopies or facsimiles being of no force or effect. Each such proxy to be valid shall explicitly state the full names of the two members of the Executive Committee elected as a State Committee members or to fill a vacancy for State Committee members from the County Committee member's Assembly District and include the name of the new designee as a replacement, to wit: "I hereby designate **in the place of** James Doe and Mary Roe (fictitious examples), the current voting representatives from the \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly District, **John Q. Public** (fictitious example) as my proxy to vote and otherwise act. . . . "

C. Members of the County Committee may also direct, in a signed and dated original document, that they do not wish to be represented by their respective Executive Committee members to vote on their behalf, said document to be duly filed pursuant to this section.

D. The Chair of the Executive Committee shall arrange for meetings of the County Committee to be held in physical settings located in Kings County, as then permitted by law, so that duly filed original proxies and withdrawals of voting authorizations, as provided herein, may be examined prior to or during the deliberations attendant to those meeting in addition to engaging in deliberative discourse and voting in an accountable and verifiable manner. The Chair shall not convene any meeting of the County Committee, in which the voting may occur, via teleconference or video teleconference to prevent the disenfranchisement of members of limited economic means and/or without access to the internet or smart phone technology

E. While the Election Law directs that the County Committee organization take place on or before October 7, 2020, such meeting shall be called by the Chair of the Executive Committee to be held in a public physical setting within 45 days after the Governor or the Mayor of the City of New York authorize public gatherings in excess of 500 persons.

F. Original proxies and withdrawals of voting authorizations, as provided herein, shall be filed no later than two full business days before any scheduled meeting with the County Committee at a location and address specified in the notice of every such meeting. The credentials committee of the County Committee shall meet within those two business days to review said documents as filed.

G. A quorum of every meeting held pursuant to this section shall be the physical attendance of at least one (1) member of the Executive Committee, elected as a State Committee member or to fill a vacancy for a State Committee member, from each of eleven (11) Assembly Districts casting an aggregate of four hundred fifty (450) County Committee votes.

H. Until authorized to conduct a physical meeting to organize pursuant to §2-112

(b) and this section, the members of the County Committee elected or deemed elected at the primary election held on June 23, 2020 shall be deemed seated and authorized to act as of the date of such organization or at midnight, October 7, 2020, whichever first occurs.

I. This section shall expire upon the earlier of the public declaration that the COVID-19 pandemic has ended or the legal authorization for public meetings in excess of two thousand (2000) attendees to be convened within the City of New York.