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NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS RULES OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF KENYA (SDP)

A. GENERAL RULE ON NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

All nominations and elections of the Party shall be guided by the Constitution of the Party; Constitution of Kenya and particularly chapter six; Political Parties Act of 2011; Elections Act of 2011 and other relevant Kenyan laws and rules.

B. INTERNAL PARTY ELECTIONS

1. Elections shall be held after every two and a half years for cells and County Committees, and once every five years for the Central Committee at the National Congress. There are no term limits for service in the Party;
2. Nominations of persons for elections shall be done to the outgoing office fourteen days before the elections are held. Nominations from the floor of the National Congress shall be done if supported by at least one third of members present;
3. Elections and any voting stipulated in this constitution shall be by secret ballot;
4. Cell elections shall be overseen by officials from another cell. Central Committee elections shall be overseen by members proposed by the National Congress;
5. Only fully paid up members are eligible for nominations.

C. NATIONAL ELECTIONS

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION OF PARTY CANDIDATES IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS

1. Party Members shall, through the specified party organs as provided in the constitution of the Party, have the right to participate in the selection of candidates for all elective public posts;
2. The Central Committee will set Nomination Regulations governing the nomination of Party candidates for each election which regulations shall give effect to clause (1) above;
3. The Central Committee will receive, appraise and decide on the applications made by members for nomination to contest for elective public offices. In implementing this clause, the Central Committee shall seek the views of relevant branches of the Party;
4. In case two or more persons apply to vie for the same elective public position as County Representative, Women Representative, Member of Parliament, Governor or President, the persons shall be selected through nomination elections;
5. The Central Committee shall make rules to effect (4) above;

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6. Any person aggrieved by any decision relating to the nomination of candidates for any elective body or an appointment made under these Rules may challenge the decision in the manner provided in Part F of these rules

D. RULES FOR NOMINATIONS OF PARTY CANDIDATES IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS

To be eligible to vie for any elective position in the national election of Kenya through the SDP a person must adhere to the following rules:

- (1) He/she must apply through SDP's grassroots branches to the Central Committee;
- (2) Where application through the grassroots branches is not possible, a person shall apply directly to the Central Committee;
- (3) The application in (1) and (2) above must be accompanied by the required non-refundable fees;
- (4) The Central Committee shall accept or reject the application of (1) above;
- (5) He/she must be a fully paid up member of the Social Democratic Party of Kenya (SDP);
- (6) He/she must convince the Party organs that he/she has read, understood and accepted the Constitution and Manifesto of the Party;
- (7) He/she must read, accept and sign the Code of Conduct of the Party;
- (8) He/she must read, accept and sign the monthly fees commitment form for candidates provided by the Party;
- (9) He/she must pay all nomination fees required by the Party;
- (10) He/she must meet the requirements of the Constitution of Kenya, the Political Parties Act of 2011, the Elections Act of 2011 and any legal requirements established by Parliament concerning eligibility to elective positions in the country.
- (11) The Central Committee may decide to give direct nominations to applicants to stand for national public offices. Such direct nominations will not be subjected to nomination elections.

E. RULES FOR APPOINTMENT TO PARTY NOMINATION LISTS

To be eligible for appointment to SDP Party nomination lists for the County Assemblies, the National Assembly and the Senate, the following guidelines shall be used;

- (1) He/she must be a fully paid up member of the Social Democratic Party of Kenya (SDP);

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- (2) The most active and ideologically grounded Party members shall be given first priority;
- (3) He/she must read, accept and sign the monthly fees commitment form for candidates provided by the Party;
- (4) He/she must meet the requirements of the Constitution of Kenya and any legal requirements established by Parliament concerning eligibility for nomination in the Party list positions in the country.
- (5) The decision of the Central Committee shall be final;
- (6) The Central Committee will set Nomination Rules for the appointment of nominated members to the African Parliament, the East Africa Legislative Assembly and legislative organs of any other regional or international organization.

F. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS APPEALS TRIBUNAL

1. The Nominations, Elections and Appointments Tribunal shall consist of five members appointed by the Central Committee and shall act under nominations and elections rules of SDP. It shall hear and determine the following disputes:

- a) Nomination of candidates to party, civic, parliamentary, county, presidential and all public elections;
- b) Nomination or appointment of persons to any body or authority as may be required under the law or any other instrument.

2. The Nominations, Elections and Appointments Appeals Tribunal shall ensure that the Party, its members and officials respect and comply with the Party's constitution, manifesto, code of conduct and nominations and elections rules and also as provided by any law regarding elections in the country including the Constitution of Kenya, Political Parties Act of 2011 and Elections Act of 2011.

3. The Nominations, Elections and Appointments Appeals Tribunal may recommend to the Central Committee any amendments to the rules and regulations necessary for the holding of free and fair elections and in making any appointments.