

and second alternate shall serve as acting members of the committee in the order elected in case of the temporary absence of a member, or to become a member in the order elected in case of the resignation, disqualification, removal, or death of a member of the county committee. In the event an alternate fills a permanent vacancy on the county committee, such person shall assume the unexpired term of the county committee member who was replaced. An acting member of the county committee shall have the same duties and authority as a member. The Deputy Administrator may fix the exact convention date. Each delegate shall be entitled to only one vote on any ballot, and there shall be no voting by proxy. A majority of the delegates so elected and qualified to vote at the time of the convention shall constitute a quorum. Such convention shall be held to the extent practicable in the manner set forth in § 7.10 of this part and in accordance with instructions issued by the Deputy Administrator.

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§ 7.10 Conduct of county convention.

(a) The county committee serving at the time shall be responsible for designating the place at which the county convention will be held and for the conduct of the convention in accordance with instructions issued by the Deputy Administrator.

(b) The delegates to the county convention shall determine which county committee members shall be the county committee chairperson and county committee vice-chairperson.

(c) Each local administrative area shall have the same number of delegates at the county convention. If a portion of the delegates from a local administrative area are precluded from attending the county convention as the result of the limitation imposed by the preceding sentence, the delegates from such local administrative area shall elect those delegates who shall attend the county convention.

(d) County conventions shall not be associated with or held in conjunction with any other election or referendum conducted for any other purpose.

(e) The county committee shall give advance public notice of the county convention which shall be open to the public.

(f) The county executive director shall notify in writing all newly elected county committee members, alternates, and county committee members with unexpired terms of the election results.

§ 7.11 County committee members.

(a) County committee members elected in accordance with § 7.9 of this part shall hold office for a term of three years or until a successor is elected and qualified.

(b) The county committee shall select a secretary who shall be the county executive director, other employee of the county committee, or the county agricultural extension agent for the county. If the county agricultural extension agent is not selected as secretary to the county committee, that person shall be an ex officio member of the county committee but shall not have the power to vote.

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§ 7.12 Tie votes.

(a) Tie votes in community committee elections held by mail or polling place method shall be settled by lot. Tie votes in such elections held by the meeting method which cannot be settled by further balloting on the same day shall be settled by lot. In counties with one local administrative area, a tie vote in determining the chairperson and vice chairperson of the county committee which cannot be settled by further balloting on the same day shall be settled by lot.

(b) In the county or local administrative area convention, tie votes which cannot be settled by further balloting on the same day shall be settled by lot.

§ 7.13 Vacancies.

(a) In case of a vacancy in the office of chairperson of county or community committee, the respective vice chairperson shall become chairperson; in case of a vacancy in the office of vice chairperson, the respective third member shall become vice chairperson; in case of a vacancy in the office of the