**CONSTITUTION** **OF THE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_COUNTY / SENATE DISTRICT \_\_\_**

**DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR PARTY**

[All text in brackets and highlighted are instructions and notes. These should be deleted by the drafting committee before presentation to a convention. Organizing Units, Senate Districts, and Congressional Districts do not need to adopt a constitution but may instead operate completely under the defaults in the State Constitution and Bylaws.]

1. The name of this organization is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County/Senate District \_\_\_ Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party (the “Unit”).
2. The Unit is governed by the DFL State Constitution and Bylaws, except as provided in this document.[[1]](#footnote-2)
3. This Constitution is subordinate to the pertinent parts of the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws and the State DFL Official Call. Parliamentary matters not governed by this Constitution and its Bylaws, nor by the rules of the body in question, nor by the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws, nor by the State DFL Official Call, shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised.
4. This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the delegates at the Unit Convention and will supersede all previous Constitutions and Bylaws of the Unit. Amendments will take effect upon adjournment of the Convention at which it was adopted. A copy of this constitution and any amendments to it shall be filed with the State DFL Party Office.
5. The Unit may adopt bylaws concerning matters not expressly governed by nor in conflict with the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws and this Constitution. Bylaws may be adopted or amended by a majority vote of the Unit convention or by a 60 percent affirmative vote at a meeting of the Unit central committee. A copy of any proposed changes in the bylaws must be included in the central committee meeting notice.
6. Optional provisions [*indicate if adopted*]:

\_\_\_ (A) The Unit shall hold annual conventions as provided in the DFL State Constitution and Bylaws. [If adopted the Unit will have a convention every year.]

\_\_\_ (B) The Unit shall hold a business conference in the odd-numbered year as provided in the DFL State Constitution and Bylaws. [***May only be adopted by a convention in an even-numbered year. Adoption requires 60% affirmative vote*.** If adopted, the Unit will have a convention in even-numbered years and a business conference in odd-numbered years.]

*If both (A) and (B) are both adopted, the Unit shall be treated as having adopted neither and the Unit will only have conventions in even-numbered years.*

\_\_\_ (C) The Unit shall not have an outreach officer. [If selected, the Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the outreach officer. If not selected, the Unit shall have an outreach officer.]

\_\_\_ (D) The Unit shall have a separate data and technology officer elected at the same time as the chair.

\_\_\_ (E) The Unit shall have a separate communications officer elected at the same time as the chair.

\_\_\_ (G) There shall be [\_\_\_] directors elected.

\_\_\_ (H) There shall be a range of directors between [\_\_\_] and [\_\_\_].

*If this Constitution is adopted with (D), (E), or both selected, those officers are part of the Unit Executive Committee and shall be elected under the same process as the chair and other named officers. Otherwise, those required positions must be elected by the Unit Central Committee from among members of the Executive Committee.*

*If this Constitution is adopted with (i) both (G) and (H) selected, (ii) a specific number or bottom of a range below 7, or (iii) a specific number or top of a range above 19, then the Unit shall have a range of directors between 7 and 19.*

\_\_\_ (I) [Option for Organizing Units only (i.e., elects state delegates). If the Organizing Unit is allotted 5 or fewer delegates (or if the Unit is in more than one congressional district and a congressional district subdivision of the Unit is allocated 5 or fewer delegates), this can be adopted. **Adding or removing this option will have effect on the NEXT even-numbered year’s Congressional District and State Conventions (*but will have no effect in the year adopted*).**] If the Unit is allotted five or fewer delegates, it shall elect twice the number of allotted Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District and State Conventions, each with a half vote. If the district is in more than one congressional district, only those portion(s) which are allotted 5 or fewer delegates shall elect twice the number of allotted Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District and State Conventions, each with a half vote.

[The unit may adopt additional provisions which are not in conflict with the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws]

**BYLAWS**

1. The State DFL Constitution and Bylaws and Official Call can be found at: <https://www.dfl.org/partydocuments/>. If paper copies are needed, please print copies or contact the DFL State Party at 651-293-1200 or 1-800-999-7457. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)