ARTICLE IV – WARD AND PRECINCT ORGANIZATION

Section 1 – Requirement to Organize by Wards as Well as Precincts

All county parties are required to establish a ward structure to make these rules more manageable for them and for the state party’s administration.

- Where the county population is less than one half of one percent (0.5%) of the state’s total population, county parties may implement a single-ward concept, where the ward consists of the entire county.
- Where the county population is equal to or greater than one half of one percent (0.5%) of the state’s total population, county parties shall divide their county equitably into at least two, and preferably more, distinct wards.

County parties may choose to divide according to a concept that works for them, but the division must be approved by the State Chairperson. Possible division concepts include, but are not limited to:

a) State Representative Districts or a subdivision thereof
b) State Senate Districts or a subdivision thereof
c) School Board Districts or a subdivision thereof
d) County Commission Districts or a subdivision thereof

In developing their ward structure, county parties should strive for reasonable size equity based either on population or Democratic registration. Consideration should be given to natural boundaries (mountains, rivers, etc.), infrastructure limitations (roads, bridges, etc.) and communities of interest. Individual precincts shall not be split between wards. This existence of a ward structure does not preclude any county from establishing additional layers of administration that may work well for them (e.g. District Directors).