



## Credentials & Elections Committee

### (Process)

#### **ByLaw- Section 2.4 - Committee Process:**

1. The committee shall select its own Chair; and issue its nominations to the Cooperative Membership, signed by a majority of the voting committee members.
2. Committee Members attending shall be subject to reimbursement of expenses for meeting, and the Board may provide a reasonable payment to each member of the committee by board resolution.
3. Eligible members seeking nomination as a director shall file all required application materials by the deadline established in the most recent "Director Election Schedule", using forms provided by the cooperative. Each applicant shall execute the consent forms for credit and criminal background checks and any other required election documents as may be deemed necessary. All applicants shall include the signatures of at least twenty-five (25) members with voting residence within the director district for which the applicant seeks election. Each applicant shall pay an application fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) or other fees as determined by the Board.
4. Incumbent directors shall be nominated for re-election upon timely submission of all required election materials and payments, provided the Credentials and Elections Committee determines the director continues to meet all qualifications for office under these bylaws. The Credentials and Elections Committee shall not withhold nomination from an incumbent director except upon finding that the director no longer meets eligibility or qualification requirements established in these bylaws.
5. A member determined to be qualified but not nominated by the committee may seek nomination by petition by resubmitting all required election materials and submitting a petition containing an additional twenty-five (25) signatures, for a total of fifty (50) signatures, of members with voting residence in the district in which they seek election, by the deadline established in the election schedule. Each applicant seeking election by petition shall also pay an application fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or other fee as determined by the Board of Directors. This application fee is separate from the fee outlined in Section 2.4 G of these bylaws.

6. Each Member of a Director district shall be entitled to one (1) vote upon each Director election for that individual Director district, and only Members of a Director district may vote in that Director district election. At each annual meeting of the members, directors are elected by and from the members in their Director district, to serve until their successor shall have been elected and have qualified.
7. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes from members voting within the Director district shall be elected at the next member meeting. Any unchallenged candidate shall be duly elected at the next member meeting without requiring balloting for the director position. The elected director's term begins immediately after adjournment of the meeting at which the director is elected or at the beginning of the first board meeting after a director is appointed; and after the elected director consents to being elected or appointed

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the Credentials and Elections Committee (Process) for Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. outlined in this document.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_