

# How to create a County Executive Committee (CEC) for the America First Party of Florida (AMF)

CECs form organically as grassroots structures once enough party-registered voters in a county organize themselves. The focus is on voter registration + local self-organization under state party oversight.

## **Step-by-Step Process to Create a CEC**

- 1. Build the Membership Base (Critical First Step)**
  - a. Recruit and get people in your county to register to vote as America First Party (AMF) via the Florida Division of Elections: <https://registertovoteflorida.gov/eligibilityreactive>.
  - b. Every registered AMF voter in the county is automatically part of the potential CEC pool.
  - c. New registrants start as Associate Members (non-voting). After 365 consecutive days of AMF registration in that county, they become Full Members of the CEC for that county (Constitution, Article III, Section 2).
- 2. Organize Locally and Adopt Governing Documents**
  - a. Gather interested full and associate members to hold informal meetings and begin functioning as a committee.
  - b. Adopt a county constitution and/or bylaws — either:
    - i. Create your own (must not conflict with Florida Statutes, the AMF Constitution, or AMF Rules of Procedure), or
    - ii. Use the model constitution provided by the America First Party of Florida (Rules, Rule 16).
  - c. File the adopted county constitution/bylaws with the state party (required under Rule 16 if you create your own).
  - d. This step formalizes the CEC's internal structure (officers, meetings, etc.).
- 3. Elect County Directors / Representatives**
  - a. The core governing body of the CEC consists of County Executive Committee Directors (at least 3, should be an odd number if possible, and no more than 9)
  - b. Hold a meeting of AMF-registered members in the county to elect these Directors (method should follow any adopted bylaws or the model constitution).
  - c. These Directors are the voting/decision-making body for the county.
- 4. Elect County Officers**
  - a. Once Directors are elected, hold a follow-up meeting to elect officers: County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, etc. (Rules, Rule 6A).
  - b. Requirements:
    - i. Officers must be AMF members and members of that county's CEC.
    - ii. Nominated by at least one Director.
    - iii. Elected by simple majority vote with a quorum present.
    - iv. Serve 1-year terms with automatic 1-year extension unless a majority votes against.
  - c. Officers can be removed by majority vote of the Directors (with quorum).
- 5. Handle Required Filings and State Party Compliance**

- a. The CEC must make certain filings with the America First Party of Florida (exact items not listed in detail, but could include officer lists, bylaws, meeting notices, etc.).
  - b. If filings are late, the State Chair notifies the County Chair → 30 days to correct → failure leads to removal of the County Chair by the state party, with succession and forced election (Rules, Rule 6B).
  - c. CECs must meet at least quarterly (once per calendar quarter, with ≥28 days between meetings). The Chair (or Vice Chair if needed) calls meetings with ≥10 days' notice to all members (Rule 6C). Failure to meet triggers Chair removal and state intervention.
- 6. Connect with the State Party (Florida Executive Committee — FEC)**
- a. Designate up to 3 County Representatives (from your Directors) in writing to serve on the FEC (Constitution, Article III, Section 3). These link the county to state-level decisions.
  - b. Contact AMF state leadership (via email, text, or the website contact form) early — they can guide you, provide the model constitution, answer questions, and officially recognize/acknowledge your organizing efforts. Many parties expect you to reach out for support when starting a county unit.

### **Key Takeaways**

**No minimum member count** is required to "start" a CEC — it begins as soon as registered voters organize and elect officers/directors.

The real threshold for influence is getting people to **full membership** (365+ days registered) and building active participation.

Everything operates under the AMF Constitution, Rules of Procedure, and Florida election law.

**Strong recommendation:** Reach out directly to AMF Florida leadership before or during step 1. They often help with templates, advice on the model constitution, and immediate plug-in for new counties.

If you're ready to start in your county, get a few committed AMF-registered patriots together, change registrations, adopt the model docs, elect officers — and loop in state leadership. That's how most new CECs get going.