

**RULES OF THE
GEORGIA
REPUBLICAN PARTY,
INC.**

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RULES OF THE GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PARTY

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1. MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

6

1.1 QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PARTY ACTIONS

7 All electors¹ who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its
8 declaration of policy and are in agreement with its aims and purposes may participate as
9 members of the Georgia Republican Party, Inc. (hereinafter "GRP") in its conventions or
10 precinct caucuses. All chairmen² and members of committees, delegates to conventions and
11 voters in precinct caucuses, provided for in these Rules, shall be members of the GRP and must
12 be electors of the respective units which they represent as chairmen, members, delegates, or
13 voters in precinct caucuses.

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1.2 PUBLICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS

15 The qualifications and conditions for participation in the GRP shall be published in all official
16 calls for precinct caucuses and conventions called pursuant to these Rules and pursuant to the
17 Rules and Call of the Republican National Convention.
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¹ As defined by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-2(7).

² The terms, "Chairman" and "Vice-Chairman", and all other such terms used in these rules, except the terms "National Committeeman" and "National Committeewoman", shall be gender neutral so that a person of either gender may hold such office.

1 various counties for purpose of this provision shall be as determined by reference to the
2 then most recent decennial U.S. Census.

3 **N. District Chairmen.** Elected by the District Conventions.

4 **O. At Large Members.** In addition to the District Chairmen, there shall be one hundred fifty
5 (150) members elected by the various District Conventions of which one shall be
6 allocated to each Congressional District and the remainder of which shall be allocated
7 among the Congressional Districts in accordance with the number of votes cast therein
8 for the Republican nominee for President in the immediately preceding General Election
9 for such office.

10 **P. Honorary Members**

11 The following members shall be considered honorary members *ex officio* of the State
12 Committee, shall not have a vote and shall not be counted for a quorum, and shall not be
13 present for any decision on expenditure of Party funds:

14 **1) Elected Officials**

- 15 a) Georgia Republican United States Senators;
- 16 b) Republican Constitutional Executive Officers of Georgia elected statewide;
- 17 c) Georgia Republican Members of Congress;
- 18 d) The Republican Speaker of the Georgia House;
- 19 e) The Republican Speaker Pro Tempore of the Georgia House;
- 20 f) The Republican President Pro Tempore of the Georgia Senate; and
- 21 g) The Republican majority or minority leaders of the Georgia House and Senate

22 **2) Allied Organizations**

- 23 a) The President of the Georgia Federation of Republican Women
- 24 b) The Chairman of the RNC Georgia Senior Republican Network
- 25 c) The Chairman of the Georgia Federation of Young Republican Clubs
- 26 d) The Chairman of the Georgia College Republicans
- 27 e) The President of the Georgia Black Republican Council
- 28 f) The State Chairman of the Georgia Teenage Republicans
- 29 g) The Chairman of Georgia Republican Veterans
- 30 h) The Chairman of the Hispanic Grassroots Taskforce

1 Allied Organizations are the former GRP Auxiliaries. These groups are officially
2 recognized by the GRP for their activities. The GRP has no authority over these
3 organizations and does not assume any responsibility or liability for their activities.

4 **Q. Non-voting members appointed by the State Chairman**

- 5 1) Chief Deputy General Counsel
- 6 2) Parliamentarian
- 7 3) Executive Director
- 8 4) Chairman of the Georgia Republican Foundation
- 9 5) Appointee of the Georgia Republican Party to the State Election Board

10 **R.** No person may hold more than one voting position on the State Executive or State
11 Committee.

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13 **3. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

14 **3.1 AUTHORITY**

15 The State Executive Committee shall have the duty, responsibility, power, and authority to
16 conduct the affairs of the GRP between meetings of the State Committee and between State
17 Conventions, including without limitation exercising statewide jurisdiction and control over
18 party affairs.

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20 **3.2 MEMBERSHIP**

21 **A. Voting Members.** The Voting members of the Executive Committee of the State
22 Committee shall be composed of those positions specified in Rule 2.2 (A) through (N)
23 provided, however, that no person shall simultaneously hold more than one voting
24 position.

25 **B. Honorary Members.** The following members shall be considered “honorary” members
26 *ex officio* of the State Executive Committee, shall be non-voting members, shall not be
27 counted for a quorum and shall not be present for any decision on expenditure of Party
28 funds:

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28 **D. Voting Restriction.** Any voting member of the State Executive Committee who is also a

29 member of a steering committee for a federal candidate shall not participate in decisions

30 of the GRP with regard to the solicitation, transfer, donation or spending of funds.

1 **4.3 FORM OF PROXY**

2 All proxies shall be in writing, shall be signed by the maker, and shall be substantially in the
3 following form:

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5 **KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT I _____ OF**
6 **_____ County do hereby constitute and appoint _____ my true and**
7 **lawful attorney to vote at a meeting of the _____ Committee to be held on**
8 **_____ day of _____, 20____, or at any adjourned meeting thereof, and for me in my**
9 **name, place and stead to vote upon any question that properly may come before such meeting, with**
10 **all the power that I should possess if personally present, hereby revoking all previous proxies.**

11 **IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this _____ day**
12 **of _____, 20_____ .**

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14 **4.4 VOTING OF PROXIES**

15 Members may be represented by proxies, subject to the following conditions: (a) Any member
16 may direct his proxy only to another voting member, (b) no proxy may be directed to or voted by
17 the State Chairman, and (c) no member may vote more than five (5) proxies.

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19 **4.5 ATTENDANCE AND VOTING BY ELECTRONIC MEANS**

20 A. Meetings of the State Committee and the State Executive Committee may be attended in
21 person, by proxy as provided in Rule 4.4, or by audio or video conference call.

22 B. Except as to votes requiring a secret ballot, any action required or permitted to be taken
23 by the State Committee or the State Executive Committee may be taken without a
24 meeting by written consent as follows:

25 1) The action must be evidenced by one or more consents in writing or by electronic
26 transmission describing the action taken, signed (including electronically) by no
27 fewer than the required number of Committee members, and delivered to the State
28 Secretary.

29 2) Action taken by written consent shall be effective when the last Committee
30 member required for approval signs and delivers the consent, unless the consent
31 specifies a different effective date.

1 **5.2 DUTIES OF THE VICE-CHAIRMEN**

- 2 A. The First Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the State Chairman during the period
3 of any incapacity of the State Chairman and shall perform other duties assigned by the
4 State Chairman, the State Committee, or the State Executive Committee.
- 5 B. The Second Vice-Chairman shall serve under the direction of the State Chairman and
6 shall, in the event of any incapacity of both the State Chairman and First Vice-Chairman,
7 perform the duties of State Chairman and shall have other such duties and responsibilities
8 as assigned by the State Chairman, the State Committee, or the State Executive
9 Committee.

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11 **5.3 DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

- 12 A. The Secretary shall keep minutes of State Committee and State Executive Committee
13 meetings and shall be the custodian of those minutes. The Secretary shall also serve as
14 secretary to all State Conventions until temporary organization of the Convention is
15 completed. The Secretary shall give all notices required for meetings under these Rules
16 and shall furnish copies of all minutes required. The Secretary shall, under the direction
17 of the State Committee which shall meet for that purpose immediately before each State
18 Convention, prepare the temporary roll of Delegates and Alternates of the said State
19 Convention, placing thereon the names of all who are certified to the Secretary by the
20 respective County Chairmen. Said roll shall govern the proceedings of the State
21 Convention until changed by the State Convention itself. The Secretary shall keep a
22 roster of the names and addresses of all County and District Chairmen and State
23 Committee members and shall perform such other duties prescribed by the State
24 Committee.
- 25 B. The Assistant Secretary shall, subject to the direction of the Secretary, assist the
26 Secretary in the performance of the duties of the Secretary and in the absence of the
27 Secretary shall perform those duties.

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1 **5.4 DUTIES OF THE TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER**

- 2 A. The Treasurer shall have the custody and responsibility of the funds of the GRP, shall
3 deposit said funds in a bank or banks selected by the State Executive Committee, which
4 funds may be drawn as prescribed by the State Executive Committee. The State
5 Executive Committee shall annually secure a review or audit of the GRP's financial
6 statements, and shall provide a copy of any such review or audit to the members of the
7 State Committee within ten (10) business days of its receipt. The Treasurer shall present
8 at each State Committee meeting and State Executive Committee meeting a financial
9 report. The Treasurer shall be an accountant, bookkeeper, CPA, or financial advisor.
- 10 B. The Assistant Treasurer shall, subject to the direction of the Treasurer, assist the
11 Treasurer in the performance of the duties of the office of Treasurer and in the absence of
12 the Treasurer, perform those duties and have the right to vote at any meeting of the State
13 Committee and State Executive Committee. The Assistant Treasurer shall be an
14 accountant, bookkeeper, CPA, or financial advisor.
- 15 C. Upon the authorization of any two of the following, one of which must be elected, the
16 State Chairman, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Executive Director, and such person as
17 the State Chairman shall designate with the approval of the State Executive Committee,
18 shall have the authority to draw checks on GRP bank accounts and shall be covered by a
19 fidelity bond in an amount deemed appropriate by the State Executive Committee.

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21 **5.5 DUTIES OF THE FINANCE CHAIRMAN**

22 The Finance Chairman shall be Chairman of the State Finance Committee and shall be
23 responsible for raising the funds of the GRP and for obtaining adequate financing for the GRP.
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25 **5.6 DUTIES OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN**

26 The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for all interpretation of GRP Rules.
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28 **5.7 DUTIES OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL AND CHIEF DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL**

- 29 A. The General Counsel shall be responsible for providing legal advice to the GRP.

1 B. The Chief Deputy General Counsel shall be responsible for such duties prescribed by the
2 General Counsel and, in the absence of the General Counsel, perform those duties and
3 have the right to vote at any meeting of the State Committee and State Executive
4 Committee.

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6 **5.8 DUTIES OF THE UNDER 80,000 AND OVER 80,000 CAUCUS CHAIRS**

7 A. The chairs of the Under 80,000 and Over 80,000 caucuses shall have such duties and
8 responsibilities as assigned to them by, and shall serve under the direction of, the State
9 Chairman. The individuals serving in these respective roles must remain Chair of their
10 respective Counties for their entire term of office (except between County Convention
11 and State Convention during an Organizing Year). If the County Chairmanship is
12 vacated, the individual will be deemed to have vacated their position as Over / Under
13 80,000 Caucus Chair.

14 B. Should a vacancy occur in either of these positions, the State Chairman shall call a
15 Caucus of eligible chairs for the purpose of filling the vacant position until the next
16 regular election of the position. The State Chair shall determine the specifics of the
17 Caucus.

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19 **5.9 DUTIES OF OTHER OFFICERS**

20 The other officers shall have the normal duties attendant to such offices not inconsistent with
21 these Rules, and such other duties as may be prescribed by the State Committee or the Executive
22 Committee.

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24 **5.10 TERM LIMITS**

25 No person may be elected to the position of National Committeeman or National
26 Committeewoman who shall have been elected to and shall have served at least three (3) four-
27 year terms in such position. No person may be elected to the position of State Chairman who
28 shall have been elected to and shall have served at least three (3) two-year terms in such position.

6. COMMITTEES

6.1 PERMANENT RULES COMMITTEE

The State Chairman shall appoint, with the approval of the State Executive Committee, a Permanent Rules Committee consisting of one (1) member from each congressional district and not less than four (4) and no more than five (5) members at large ensuring an odd number of members for the committee. The member from each Congressional District shall be selected from a list of not less than three (3) persons recommended by their respective District Chairs. Two (2) of the remaining members at large shall be the State General Counsel and the State Parliamentarian, with the other members being named by the State Chair from the existing State Committee or State Executive Committee. The Permanent Rules Committee shall make a report concerning the Rules at each meeting of the State Committee. The Permanent Rules Committee shall prepare and present the Call to the State Committee for its approval. The Chair of the Rules Committee may delegate this authority to a subcommittee of the Rules Committee.

6.2 STATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The State Finance Committee shall adopt rules to govern its operation not inconsistent with the Rules, subject to revision by the State Committee.

6.3 COMMITTEE ON APPEALS

All appeals made to the State Committee under this rule shall first be referred to a subcommittee known as the Committee on Appeals. The Committee on Appeals shall be appointed by the State Chairman. The Committee on Appeals shall investigate the matter referred, review appropriate documents, receive and review written representations from the parties involved in the dispute which may include a stenographic record, testimony and other evidence. The Committee may hold hearings if it deems necessary. For each case referred to it, the Committee on Appeals shall make a report of its findings, including a proposed judgment, to the State Committee not more than seventy-five (75) days from receipt of the appeal by the Appeals Committee. The State Committee shall vote on the report and proposed judgment of the Committee on Appeals not more than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the report and proposed

1 judgment. In all cases the decision of the State Committee shall be final, and there shall be no
2 appeal from the decision of the State Committee.

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4 **7. ELECTION AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS;**
5 **PROCEDURE FOR FILLING VACANCIES**

6 **7.1 ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN,**
7 **NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN AND NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES AND**
8 **ALTERNATES**

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10 A. In odd numbered years, the State Convention shall elect State officers, including the
11 Chairman, the First Vice-Chairman, the Second Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, the
12 Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Assistant Treasurer. In Presidential Election
13 Years, the State Convention shall elect the National Committeeman and National
14 Committeewoman and Delegates at Large and Alternates at Large to the Republican
15 National Convention in accordance with Rule 7.3. For the 2013 – 2015 term, the
16 Assistant Treasurer shall be elected by the State Committee in accordance with the terms
17 of Rule 7.7.

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19 **7.2 STATE PRIMARIES AUTHORIZED BY STATE CONVENTION OR STATE COMMITTEE**

20 Any State Convention or State Committee meeting duly constituted under these Rules, may by a
21 majority vote of those present, authorize and approve the holding of primary elections, either
22 statewide or within any Congressional District, County or other political subdivision of Georgia
23 for the election of officers, Delegates or Alternates of the GRP or any of its appropriate political
24 subdivisions and may prescribe such rules and regulations, including the time of qualification,
25 which are consistent with Georgia law.

1 7.3 ELECTION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

2 A. In accordance with these Rules, the Call of the Republican National Committee and as
3 allowed by the Georgia Presidential Preference Primary Act, as amended, the Delegates
4 and Alternates to the National Convention shall be elected from the Districts at the
5 respective District Conventions and the Delegates and Alternates to the National
6 Convention from the State at large shall be elected at the State Convention and shall be
7 bound to vote for the Presidential nominee elected in the Georgia Presidential Primary, as
8 provided in the Georgia Presidential Preference Primary Act, as amended. [See O.C.G.A.
9 § 21-2-190, et seq.] The GRP does not, therefore, choose to elect any of its Delegates
10 and Alternates to the Republican National Convention by primary.

11 B. If the Presidential Preference Primary shall occur on March 15 or thereafter in the year in
12 which a Republican National Convention is held, the Republican Presidential candidate
13 receiving the highest number of votes in the Presidential Preference Primary in each
14 Congressional District shall receive all votes of such Congressional District Delegates
15 and seated Alternates to the Republican National Convention. The Republican
16 Presidential candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the Primary statewide
17 shall receive all statewide (State at Large) Delegate and seated Alternate votes to the
18 Republican National Convention, and such Delegates and Alternates shall file a
19 qualification oath as required by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-196.

20 C. If the Presidential Preference Primary shall occur prior to March 15 in a year in which a
21 Republican National Convention is held, Delegates and Alternates shall be apportioned as
22 follows:

- 23 1) No State at large Delegate or Alternate shall be allocated to any candidate who
24 receives 20% or less of the vote in the Georgia Presidential Preference Primary.
- 25 2) No fractional Delegate or Alternate shall be allocated.
- 26 3) In each Congressional District, the three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates shall
27 be allocated proportionally based on the following: (1) any candidate who receives
28 the majority (50% + 1) of the Congressional District's Presidential Preference
29 Primary vote shall be allocated all three (3) of the Congressional District delegates
30 and alternates; (2) if no candidate receives the majority (50% + 1) of the
31 Congressional District's Presidential Preference Primary vote, the candidate receiving

1 the highest number of the Congressional District's Presidential Preference Primary
2 votes shall be allocated two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates and the candidate
3 receiving the second highest number of the Congressional District's Presidential
4 Preference Primary votes shall be allocated one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate.

5 4) At large Delegates and Alternates shall be allocated by numerical slot to the
6 candidate(s) receiving more than 20% of the vote based on his or her percentage of
7 the Statewide Presidential Preference Primary vote. Any remaining Delegates and
8 Alternates not allocated initially shall be apportioned sequentially and in order to
9 candidate(s) receiving an initial allocation. For the purpose of this allocation, RNC
10 Delegates (State Chairman, National Committee Woman and National Committee
11 Man) shall be considered at large delegates and be allocated to the candidate
12 receiving the largest percentage of the vote.

13 5) All Delegates and Alternates shall file a qualification oath as required by O.C.G.A. §
14 21-2-196.

15 D. Except as provided in Section 7.3(B) or Section 7.3(C) hereinabove, a District
16 Convention may instruct, commit or pledge the Delegates and Alternates to the National
17 Convention elected by it. Except as provided in Section 7.3(B) or Section 7.3(C)
18 hereinabove, the State Convention may instruct, commit or pledge the Delegates and
19 Alternates to the National Convention elected by it. However, no District Convention or
20 State Convention may instruct, commit or pledge the Delegates and Alternates to the
21 National Convention so as to conflict with the provisions of these Rules. This Rule
22 applies to both nominations for President and Vice President of the United States. The
23 failure of a District Convention to instruct its Delegates and Alternates shall not give the
24 State Convention the power to instruct such Delegates and Alternates elected by the
25 District Convention.

26 E. The State Executive Committee is delegated the authority to take such additional acts,
27 including filling vacant Delegate and/or Alternate positions as may in its discretion be
28 required for the GRP to comply with the provisions of the Georgia Presidential
29 Preference Primary Act, as amended.

1 F. No primary, caucus, convention, or other process to elect, select, allocate, or bind
2 delegates to the Republican National Convention shall occur prior to March 1 or after the
3 second Saturday in June in the year in which a Republican National Convention is held.
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5 7.4 TERMS OF OFFICE

6 The terms of the members of the State Committee and the State Executive Committee who are
7 elected at a convention shall begin immediately following the adjournment of the convention at
8 which each was elected. The terms of other members of the State Committee and State
9 Executive Committee shall begin upon the occurrence of the respective event which qualifies
10 each for membership on the State Committee or State Executive Committee.
11

12 7.5 REMOVAL OF STATE OFFICERS

13 A. Any State officer, other than those appointed by the State Chairman, may be removed
14 from office for cause by a vote of a two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum present at any duly
15 called meeting of the State Committee; provided however, such individual must be given
16 written notice of said meeting mailed or circulated by written electronic communication
17 at least thirty-two (32) days in advance thereof, setting forth the grounds for removal, and
18 be given an opportunity to be heard in person or by his representative. "Cause" as used
19 herein shall include continued failure to perform his duties or conduct detrimental to the
20 best interests of the GRP, all as may be determined by the two-third (2/3) vote of a
21 quorum of the State Committee.

22 B. Absent dispensation by the committee with appropriate jurisdiction, if a member of the
23 State Committee, a District Committee, or a County Committee shall publicly advocate
24 the election of another candidate for an office for which the Republican Party has
25 nominated a candidate, that member shall be removed from party office.

26 C. As soon as a State officer or State Executive Committee member accepts a paid position
27 of employment with the GRP or qualifies to run for an elected public office for which at
28 least one other Republican has also qualified, he shall be deemed to have resigned. An
29 officer who qualifies as a candidate for an elected public office for which no other
30 Republican has also qualified shall be deemed to have resigned immediately upon being

1 elected to that office. As soon as an officer qualifies as a candidate for elected office as a
2 candidate of any political party other than the Republican Party, he shall be deemed to
3 have resigned all positions in the GRP.
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5 **7.6 RESTRICTIONS ON ENDORSEMENTS BY GRP OFFICIALS**

6 Members of the State Executive Committee, the State Committee, GRP employees, appointed
7 GRP Officials, County Chairmen, members of any County Committee and members of any
8 District Committee shall not use their official title in any manner in connection with their support
9 of, any candidate for any public office in the State of Georgia in either a special election or for
10 the Republican nomination in a primary where there is at least one other announced Republican
11 candidate.
12

13 **7.7 FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICES ELECTED BY THE STATE CONVENTION**

14 In the event of death, resignation, or removal from office of any elected State officer except State
15 Chairman, State Treasurer, and National Committeeman and National Committeewoman, the
16 State Executive Committee shall elect a successor by a majority vote of a quorum present. In the
17 event of a vacancy in the position of State Chairman, the First Vice-Chairman shall
18 automatically serve as acting Chairman until the State Committee elects a State Chairman. In the
19 event of a vacancy in the position of National Committeeman or Committeewoman, the State
20 Committee will elect a replacement. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Treasurer, the
21 Assistant Treasurer shall automatically serve as acting Treasurer until the State Executive
22 Committee elects a State Treasurer. If any such vacancies are not filled within ninety (90) days
23 after those vacancies occur, the State Executive Committee may fill such vacancies by a majority
24 vote on its own motion. All resignations are deemed to be effective upon notice. No vote to
25 accept a resignation shall be required.
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27 **7.8 FILLING VACANCIES IN STATE COMMITTEE POSITIONS ELECTED BY DISTRICT** 28 **CONVENTIONS**

29 In the event of the death, resignation, or extended failure to function of a State Committee
30 member elected by a District Convention, the District Executive Committee shall fill such

1 vacancy and shall notify the State Secretary at the GRP headquarters within five (5) days after
2 the election. If such vacancy is not filled within ninety (90) days after it occurs, the State
3 Executive Committee may fill such vacancy by a majority vote on its own motion.
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5 **7.9 CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE**

6 The Republican nominees for the Electoral College shall be elected by the State Executive
7 Committee; provided, however, such election may be by primary if authorized by the State
8 Committee and certified to the Secretary of State as provided by law.
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10 **8. DISTRICT, COUNTY AND LOCAL ORGANIZATION**

11 **8.1 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

12 The Georgia Election Code refers to “Election Districts” as “Precincts.” Only electors of the
13 Precinct, County, or Congressional District (as the case may be), may serve on the respective
14 committees described in this Section 8.
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16 **8.2 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEES, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

17 There shall be a committee in each Congressional District officially known as the “_____”
18 Congressional District Republican Committee” hereinafter the “District Committee.” The
19 District Committee shall be composed of a District Chairman, a First Vice-Chairman, one or
20 more Vice-Chairmen, a Secretary, a Treasurer, State Committee members and such additional
21 officers and members as shall be provided in the District Rules.
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23 **8.3 CONGRESSIONAL REAPPORTIONMENT**

24 When Congressional Districts are reapportioned, the officers and members of the Congressional
25 District Committees for the Congressional Districts which result from the Reapportionment shall
26 be determined as follows:

- 27 A. The highest ranking officer who, on the date the new Congressional District became
28 legally effective, was an officer of a Congressional District Committee and who is an
29 elector in the new Congressional District, shall serve as temporary presiding officer for

1 purposes of convening a meeting of the Congressional District Committee as provided in
2 this Section. In the event that there is more than one officer of the same rank, the
3 convening officer shall be determined (1) by the ranking officer whose delegates
4 represent the highest percentage of the delegates in the new District, or (2) if the highest
5 percentage of delegates cannot be determined, the convening officer shall be determined
6 by drawing lots.

7 B. The Congressional District Committee shall consist of Committeemen who, on the date
8 the new Congressional District was determined, were serving as committeemen of a
9 Congressional District Committee, and who are electors of the new Congressional
10 District.

11 C. The Congressional District Executive Committee shall be likewise constituted as set out
12 above, substituting the term "District Executive Committee" for "District Committee."

13 D. The Congressional District Committee, as comprised pursuant to Section 8 shall meet
14 upon ten (10) days' notice to its members to elect officers of the Congressional District to
15 serve until the next Congressional District Convention as provided in Section 8.5 and
16 Section 9.

17 18 **8.4 DUTIES OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

19 A. The District Committee shall make arrangements in each odd-numbered year and each
20 Presidential Election year for the purpose of holding District Conventions consistent with
21 these Rules and the State Call.

22 B. In the event of controversies, other than those involving the election of National
23 Convention delegates and alternates, (Rule 9.9 (F)) and/or arising from the conducting of
24 a district convention (Rule 9.9 (E)), originating within the District GRP organization,
25 petition shall first be made to the District Committee by filing with the District Chairman,
26 setting forth the particulars of the controversy. Said petition by at least five (5) qualified
27 Republican voters shall be filed with the District Chairman no later than thirty (30) days
28 from the date of the alleged event giving rise to the controversy. The petition shall be
29 heard by the District Committee within forty-five (45) days following receipt by the
30 District Chairman. For each case referred to it, the District Committee shall make a
31 report of its findings and decision to the parties involved not more than forty-five (45)

1 days from receipt of the appeal. Appeals of such District Committee decisions may be
2 made to the State Committee within thirty (30) days from the date of said decision, if
3 signed by twenty-five (25) qualified Republican voters of the District. Said appeal shall
4 then be heard by the State Committee as provided in Rule 6.3. Said petition shall be filed
5 with the State Secretary at GRP headquarters. The foregoing shall not apply to appeals to
6 the District Committee arising from action of County Committees, as those shall be
7 handled in accordance with Paragraph 9.9 (F) below.

8 C. The District Committee shall hear any appeals arising from a County Committee in
9 accordance with Rule 8.8, with the right of petition to the State Committee. Appeals
10 from County Committees to the District Committee shall be investigated by the District
11 Committee by reviewing appropriate documents and written representations from the
12 parties involved in the dispute, which may include a stenographic record, testimony and
13 other evidence. The District Committee may hold hearings if it deems necessary. For
14 each case referred to it, the District Committee shall make a report of its findings and
15 decision to the parties involved not more than forty-five (45) days from receipt of the
16 appeal.

17 D. The District Committee also shall hear any appeal arising from the conduct of a county
18 convention. The petition, setting forth the particulars of the controversy, shall be made to
19 the District Committee by five delegates or five percent of the delegates to the said
20 convention (whichever is less) within five (5) days of the adjournment of said
21 convention. The Committee shall investigate the matters alleged in the petition and
22 render a decision within fifteen (15) days from the receipt of said petition.

23 E. The District Committee shall have such other functions as assigned by the State
24 Committee. The District Committee may provide in its rules for a District Executive
25 Committee with powers as provided in its rules.

26 27 **8.5 ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS AND STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

28 The officers and members of the District Committee and representatives to the State Committee
29 elected from their respective Districts shall be elected in odd numbered years by the respective
30 District Conventions. They shall begin office at the adjournment of the District Convention and
31 shall hold office for two years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, unless

1 sooner removed from office in accordance with these Rules or the District Rules. As soon as an
2 officer qualifies as a candidate for an elected public office for which at least one other
3 Republican has also qualified, he shall be deemed to have resigned. An officer who qualifies as
4 a candidate for an elected public office for which no other Republican has also qualified shall be
5 deemed to have resigned immediately upon being elected to that office. As soon as a member
6 qualifies as a candidate for elected office as a candidate of any political party other than the
7 Republican Party, he shall be deemed to have resigned all positions on the District Committee.

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9 8.6 DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

10 The District Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the District Committee. The
11 District Chairman shall convene the District Committee when the needs of the Party may require
12 or as required by the District Rules. He shall preside at meetings of said District Committee and
13 the District Executive Committee. He shall appoint such additional officers (nonvoting) and
14 committees as he deems advisable. The District Chairman shall send written notices mailed or
15 circulated by written electronic communication at least ten (10) days in advance to all Delegates
16 and Alternates of the time, place and date of the Congressional District Convention, which notice
17 shall indicate that the Congressional District Convention is to be held pursuant to the State Call.

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19 8.7 COUNTY COMMITTEES AND THEIR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

20 There shall be a committee in each County officially known as the “_____ County
21 Republican Committee” hereinafter the “County Committee.” The County Committee shall be
22 composed of a County Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer,
23 and such additional officers and members as may be determined by the County Convention, with
24 not less than one member from each Precinct in said County having any Precinct officers. The
25 County Conventions shall elect County Delegates and Alternates to the District and State
26 Conventions. The County Committee exercises county-wide jurisdiction and control over party
27 affairs, as defined by and required under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-111, which powers may in part be
28 delegated as provided in these rules and the County Rules to a subcommittee of the County
29 Committee called the “County Executive Committee.” As soon as an officer qualifies to run for
30 an elected public office for which at least one other Republican has also qualified, he shall be

1 deemed to have resigned. An officer who qualifies as a candidate for an elected public office for
2 which no other Republican has also qualified shall be deemed to have resigned immediately
3 upon being elected to that office. As soon as an officer qualifies as a candidate for elected office
4 as a candidate of any political party other than the Republican Party, he shall be deemed to have
5 resigned all positions on the County, Municipal, Precinct or other GRP governing committees.
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7 **8.8 DUTIES OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEES**

8 A. The County Committee shall publish a notice of the State Call and make arrangements
9 for the County Convention and the Precinct Caucuses and fix the basis of representation
10 by Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention and the time and place for holding
11 the County Convention consistent with these Rules and the State Call. It shall cooperate
12 with the State Committee and its District Committee in conducting all elections,
13 conventions, and meetings within its boundaries.

14 B. Each County Committee shall decide all controversies arising within its jurisdiction,
15 except those arising from the conduct of a county convention, which shall be adjudicated
16 under provisions of Rule 9.9 (C) with a right to appeal the decision of the County
17 Committee to the District Committee. In the event of controversies arising within the
18 County GRP organization, petition shall first be made to the County Committee. Said
19 petition by at least qualified five (5) qualified voters as defined in Rule 1.1, setting forth
20 the particulars of the controversy shall be filed with the County Chairman no later than
21 thirty (30) days from the date of the alleged event giving rise to the controversy. The
22 petition shall be heard at the next regularly scheduled County Committee meeting, but in
23 no event more than forty-five (45) days following receipt by the County Chairman of the
24 petition. Appeals of the County Committee decision may be made within thirty (30) days
25 from the date of the decision appealed from by petition signed by at least five (5)
26 qualified voters as defined in Rule 1.1 if the county had fewer than 100 elected delegates
27 to its last County Convention or at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters as defined in
28 Rule 1.1 if the county had 100 or more elected delegates to its last County Convention.
29 Said appeal shall be heard by (a) District Committee if the County is located entirely
30 within a district or, (b) the District Committee of the District having a plurality of the
31 elected delegates from the respective County to the most recent District Convention.

1 Appeals to the District Committee shall be filed with the District Chairman. There shall
2 be a right to file a petition to request that the State Committee review the decision of the
3 District Committee on appeals under this Rule. Said petition by at least five (5) qualified
4 voters as defined in Rule 1.1 setting forth particulars of the controversy shall be filed with
5 the State Secretary at GRP headquarters. The State Secretary shall refer such petition to
6 the Committee on Appeals. The Committee on Appeals, may, in its discretion, hear such
7 petition or recommend to the State Committee that the State Committee summarily affirm
8 the decision of the District Committee. If the Committee on Appeals elects to hear the
9 petition, it shall do so in accordance with Rule 6.3.

11 **8.9 ELECTION OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE**

12 The officers and members of the County Committee shall be elected in odd-numbered years by
13 the respective County Conventions. They shall begin office at the adjournment of the County
14 Convention and shall hold office for two years and until their successors are duly elected and
15 qualified, unless sooner removed in accordance with these Rules or the County Party Rules.

17 **8.10 DUTIES OF COUNTY CHAIRMAN**

18 The County Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the County Committee. The County
19 Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the County Committee and the County Executive
20 Committee. He shall appoint such additional officers (nonvoting) and committees as he deems
21 advisable. The County Chairman shall appoint a temporary presiding officer for each single-
22 location Precinct Caucus or multi-location Precinct Caucus (as the case may be), who shall
23 preside until a temporary chairman is elected. The temporary presiding officer shall not
24 necessarily be an elector of the area in which the Precinct Caucus was held. The County
25 Chairman shall appoint interim County Convention Committees and their respective Chairmen
26 subject to the approval of the County Committee. Except as provided in Rule 9.2(B), the County
27 Chairman shall send written notices mailed or circulated by written electronic communication at
28 least ten (10) days in advance to all Delegates and Alternates of the time, place and date of the
29 County Convention, which notice shall indicate that the County Convention is to be held
30 pursuant to the State Call.

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8.11 PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN

Any vacancies on the Precinct Committee not filled pursuant to Rules 9.1 or 9.4 may be filled by the County Committee. Except as provided in Rule 9.1, each Precinct Caucus or Committee shall elect its own Chairman and other officers in accordance with any applicable County Party Rules or otherwise as it deems necessary.

8.12 REPUBLICAN MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The County Committee is authorized to provide rules or adopt regulations as it deems necessary or desirable to establish a municipal Executive Committee in each municipality principally located in said County for the purpose of encouraging participation in any partisan municipal election including the nomination of Republican candidates therein. Said organization shall be consistent with the Rules of the Georgia Municipal Election Code.

8.13 NOTICE AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

Meetings of the District, County and Precinct Committees shall be held upon written notice mailed, faxed, or sent by written electronic communication at least ten (10) days in advance unless otherwise provided by their respective rules, on the call of the Chairman or on the call of one-third (1/3) of the members. Each District and County committee shall meet at least twice each year. Each committee shall transact all other necessary and proper business of the Party.

8.14 QUORUM

Twenty-five percent of the voting members of each District, County and Precinct Committee, present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, unless a greater number is otherwise provided by their respective rules.

8.15 PROXIES

Where District or County Committee rules specifically permit, members of the District, County and Precinct Committees may be represented by proxy; provided however, that a proxy may be given only to a member of the respective committee.

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8.16 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF DISTRICT, COUNTY, AND PRECINCT OFFICERS AND COMMITTEEMEN

- A. Any officer or member of a District, County or Precinct Committee may be removed from office for cause by his respective committee on the same terms and conditions as prescribed in Rule 7.5(A) or 7.5(B) for removal of officers and members of the State Committee.
- B. Whenever the State Committee determines that any County or District Chairman or other officer is subject to removal for cause as defined in Rule 7.5(A) or 7.5(B) and remedial action has not been taken as provided in Rules 8.16(A) and 8.17 within thirty (30) days after written notice has been mailed or circulated by electronic communication to such County and individual, the State Committee shall remove such Chairman or officer and shall appoint a new Chairman or officer. The Chairman or officer thus appointed shall perform the duties of the office until his successor is duly elected at a County or District Convention.

8.17 VACANCIES IN OFFICES OF DISTRICT, COUNTY, AND PRECINCT COMMITTEES

Vacancies created by death, resignation, removal from office, or other cause of any District, County or Precinct Chairman, officers or Committee members shall be filled by a majority vote of a quorum present of the voting members of the respective committee, unless rules of the District, County or Precinct provide otherwise.

9. PRECINCT CAUCUSES AND CONVENTIONS

9.1 THE STATE CALL

Pursuant to the Call issued by the State Committee, on the dates and times set forth, or within the range of dates allowed, in the Call, there shall be held in each odd-numbered year and in each Presidential Election year:

- 1 A. Precinct Caucuses for each Precinct, which shall elect Delegates and Alternates to the
2 respective County Conventions, and in each odd-numbered year shall also elect Precinct
3 officers and Precinct Committeemen.
- 4 B. County Conventions, which in odd-numbered years shall elect officers for the Party in the
5 respective Counties for the next two years and adopt any new or amended existing rules
6 pursuant to Rule 9.8, and which in both odd-numbered and in Presidential Election years
7 shall elect Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District and State Conventions
8 and conduct all other necessary and proper business.
- 9 C. District Conventions, which in odd-numbered years shall elect officers, District
10 Committee members, and State Committee members for the next two years, adopt any
11 new or amended rules pursuant to Rule 9.8, and conduct all other necessary and proper
12 business, and which in Presidential Election years shall elect National Delegates and
13 Alternates to the Republican National Convention.
- 14 D. The Call shall be issued a reasonable time prior to the Precinct Caucuses, shall include a
15 copy of all forms to be used, and shall be sent by the State GRP headquarters to each
16 County Chairman and Congressional District Chairman.
- 17 E. The County Chairman, upon receipt of this Call, shall cause a meeting of the County
18 Committee to be held to make all arrangements necessary for the Precinct Caucuses and
19 the County Convention, including, but not limited to, the adoption of any plan authorized
20 by these Rules.

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22 **9.2 HOLDING OF PRECINCT CAUCUSES AND COUNTY CONVENTIONS**

- 23 A. Precinct Caucuses shall be held for each Precinct in accordance with the Call at a single
24 location as determined by the County Committee; provided, however, that a County
25 Committee may adopt a plan to include one or more of the following:
 - 26 1) to hold multiple Precinct Caucuses in multiple locations grouped by other political
27 subdivisions;
 - 28 2) to hold Precinct Caucuses on a date or at a time other than that set forth in the Call;
29 provided that such alternative date and time shall, other than as provided in Rule
30 9.2(A)(5), fall within the ten (10) day period ending on the date and time for Precinct
31 Caucuses for such County as set forth in the Call;

- 1 3) to hold the County Convention on a date or at a time other than that set forth in the
- 2 Call; provided that such alternative date and time shall fall within the ten (10) day
- 3 period ending on the date and time for County Conventions as set forth in the Call;
- 4 4) for Counties having a population of over 100,000, to provide for the use of one of the
- 5 alternate divisor numbers specified in Rule 9.5(B) for determining the number of
- 6 Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention;
- 7 5) for Counties having a population of 80,000 or fewer, to opt out of the provisions of
- 8 Rule 9.2(E) specifying that such County hold both its Precinct Caucuses and County
- 9 Convention on the same date and to hold such County's Precinct Caucuses either: (a)
- 10 on the date and time set forth in the Call for Precinct Caucuses for Counties over
- 11 80,000 in population (or within the ten (10) day period ending on the date and time
- 12 for such Precinct Caucuses), or (b) on a date and at a time between the period
- 13 described in Rule 9.2(A)(2) and the date and time set forth in the Call for County
- 14 Conventions for Counties with a population of 80,000 or fewer.

15 B. Any such plan must be submitted in writing by the County Chairman or other person
16 designated by the County Committee to the State Executive Committee to the attention of
17 the State Secretary at GRP headquarters on or before December 15 of the year preceding
18 such Precinct Caucuses or Conventions. With regard to any such plan submitted, the
19 State Executive Committee may: (1) approve the plan as submitted, (2) approve the plan
20 subject to certain conditions, or (3) reject the plan. If the State Executive Committee
21 takes no action on the plan on or before January 5 of the year in which such Precinct
22 Caucuses are to be held, such plan shall be deemed approved and the County may
23 proceed with the plan.

24 C. If, at a Precinct Caucus, any precinct does not caucus or does not elect a full delegation,
25 any unfilled delegate or alternate positions for that precinct may not be filled by any other
26 precinct or by the Precinct Caucus. No alternate position may be filled until all delegate
27 positions are filled.

28 D. Counties whose population is 80,000 or fewer shall hold both their Precinct Caucuses and
29 County Conventions on the date set by the Call for County Conventions unless such
30 County shall have filed a plan pursuant to Rule 9.2(A)(5) and such plan shall not have
31 been rejected by the State Executive Committee.

1 E. In instances where multiple Precinct Caucuses are held in locations per 9.2(A)1, there
2 shall be one Convener, one Secretary, and one registration committee appointed by the
3 County Chairman (or as otherwise specified in the County party rules) for each location.
4 Whether precincts caucus in single- or multi-locations, each precinct shall elect its own
5 delegates and/or officers. The County Chairman may also appoint, or shall delegate to
6 the Convener the authority to appoint, a temporary Precinct Chairman for each Precinct,
7 giving preference where possible to the ranking officer of such precinct.

8 F. The County Chairman shall appoint interim County Convention Committees and their
9 respective Chairmen, subject to the approval of the County Committee. Except when the
10 County's Precinct Caucus and County Convention shall be held on the same date
11 pursuant to Rule 9.2(D), the County Chairman shall send written notice of the date, time,
12 and location of the County Convention by mail or by written electronic communication at
13 least ten (10) days in advance of the date of the Convention to all Delegates and
14 Alternates elected to such Convention at the Precinct Caucus, which notice shall indicate
15 that the Convention is to be held pursuant to the Call.
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17 9.3 HOLDING OF DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

18 A. Congressional District Conventions shall be held in each Congressional District in
19 accordance with the Call at a location as determined by the District Committee ;
20 provided, however, that in a non-presidential election year a District Committee may
21 adopt a plan to hold the District Convention on a date or at a time other than that set forth
22 in the Call; provided that such alternative date and time shall fall within the ten (10) day
23 period ending on the date and time for District Conventions as set forth in the Call.

24 B. Any such plan must be submitted in writing by the District Chairman or other person
25 designated by the District Committee or District Executive Committee to the State
26 Executive Committee to the attention of the State Secretary at GRP headquarters on or
27 before December 15 of the year preceding such Convention. With regard to any such plan
28 submitted, the State Executive Committee may: (1) approve the plan as submitted, (2)
29 approve the plan subject to certain conditions, or (3) reject the plan. If the State Executive
30 Committee takes no action on the plan on or before January 5 of the year in which such

1 Convention is to be held, such plan shall be deemed approved and the District may
2 proceed with the plan.

- 3 C. Each District Chairman shall send written notice of the date, time, and location of the
4 Congressional District Convention by mail or by electronic communication at least ten
5 (10) days in advance of the Convention to all Delegates and Alternates elected by the
6 applicable County Conventions, which notice shall indicate that the Convention is to be
7 held pursuant to the Call.

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9 **9.4 PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF PRECINCT CAUCUSES**

- 10 A. Each County Chairman shall cause to be printed in a newspaper of general circulation in
11 their County a notice of the date, time, and place of each Precinct Caucus to be held in
12 such County at least fifteen (15) days, but not more than sixty (60) days, before the date
13 of the Precinct Caucus and shall arrange for such other notice of the Precinct Caucus as
14 may be directed by the County Committee.

- 15 B. The date, time, and place of the County Convention and, if known, the District
16 Convention for each Congressional District located in whole or in part in the County shall
17 be included in this notice.

- 18 C. If a County's Precinct Caucuses and County Convention are to be held on the same date,
19 the notice shall specify that the Precinct Caucuses and County Convention will be held at
20 separate times on the same date and shall specify the location for each.

- 21 D. The County Chairman shall provide a written or electronic copy of the notice to the State
22 Secretary at GRP headquarters within five (5) business days after publication.

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24 **9.5 ALLOCATION OF DELEGATES TO COUNTY CONVENTIONS**

- 25 A. Each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the County
26 Convention. Each Precinct shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional
27 Alternate for each 50 votes and major fraction thereof (26 or more) cast for the
28 Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding presidential general
29 election.

- 1 B. Provided however, that in lieu of the foregoing calculation, pursuant to a plan adopted by
2 the County Committee as provided in Rule 9.2(A)(4): (1) in Counties having population
3 of over one hundred thousand (100,000), each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate
4 and one Alternate for each one hundred fifty (150) votes and major fraction thereof (76 or
5 more); or (2) in counties having a population of over five hundred thousand (500,000),
6 each precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate for each two hundred
7 and fifty (250) votes and major fraction thereof (126), cast for the Republican candidate
8 for President in the immediately preceding presidential general election.
- 9 C. Any county which has had changes in precinct lines since the last Presidential Election
10 may use percentage of the vote totals cast by each precinct for the Republican candidate
11 for Governor in the immediately preceding gubernatorial general election to apply to the
12 Presidential vote total in allocating the number of county convention delegates each
13 precinct shall receive. In such case the calculation of the number of delegates and
14 alternates for each precinct shall be the same as previously specified in this Rule 9.5 of
15 these rules.

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17 **9.6 ALLOCATION OF DELEGATES TO DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTIONS**

- 18 A. Each County shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the State Convention.
19 Each County shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for
20 each one-thousand (1,000) votes or major fraction thereof (501 or more), cast in that
21 County for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding
22 presidential general election.
- 23 B. Each County shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the District
24 Convention. In Counties situated in more than one Congressional District, such Delegate
25 shall be allotted to the Congressional District with the largest number of votes cast in that
26 County for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding
27 presidential general election. With respect to each Congressional District each County
28 shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each seven
29 hundred fifty (750) votes or major fraction thereof (376), cast in that portion of the
30 County located within such Congressional District for the Republican candidate for
31 President in the immediately preceding presidential general election.

1 C. Delegates and Alternates may not be transferred among Counties within a Congressional
2 District or between Congressional Districts.

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4 **9.7 REPORTS AND FILING OF CREDENTIALS**

5 A. **Precinct Caucuses.** At the conclusion of Precinct Caucuses, each Precinct Chairman and
6 Precinct Secretary shall collect, sign, and deliver to the Convener the following:

- 7 1) a list (including residence addresses, telephone numbers, and (if provided) email
8 addresses) of Delegates and Alternates elected to the County Convention;
9 2) in odd-numbered years, a list of the Precinct officers and committeemen duly elected
10 at such Precinct Caucus.

11 Within two (2) business days after adjournment of the Precinct Caucuses, the Convener shall file
12 the above documents and lists with the County Chairman.

13 The County Chairman shall file copies of the above documents with the State Secretary at GRP
14 headquarters within seven (7) business days of the adjournment of the Precinct Caucus. One set
15 of the lists will be retained by the County Secretary. The provisions of this Rule 9.7(A) shall not
16 apply to Counties holding Precinct Caucuses and County Convention on the same date pursuant
17 to Rule 9.2 (E). Such documents shall be filed in accordance with Rule 9.7 (B).

18 B. **County Conventions.** Within five (5) business days after the adjournment of the County
19 Convention, the Chairman of the County Convention shall file with the State Secretary at
20 GRP headquarters, and with the Chairman of each Congressional District in which a part
21 of the County is located:

- 22 1) a certified copy of the convention minutes and a certified list (including residence
23 addresses, telephone numbers, and (if provided) email addresses) of the Delegates
24 and Alternates elected to the Congressional District and State Conventions; and
25 2) in odd-numbered years, a certified list of the officers and members of the County
26 Committee duly elected by the County Convention.

27 A copy of the lists will be retained by the Secretary of the County Committee.

28 C. **Congressional District Conventions.** Within five (5) business days of the adjournment
29 of the District Convention, the Chairman of the District Convention shall file with the
30 State Secretary at GRP headquarters:

- 1 1) in odd-numbered years, a certified list (including residence addresses, telephone
2 numbers, and (if provided) email addresses) of the members of the State Committee
3 and the officers and District Committee of the Congressional District duly elected at
4 the Convention accompanied by the convention minutes; or
- 5 2) in Presidential Election years, a certified list (including residence addresses,
6 telephone numbers, and (if provided) email addresses) of the National Delegates and
7 Alternates elected by the District Convention; and
- 8 3) in all years, a certified copy of the convention minutes.

9 A copy of the lists will be retained by the Secretary of the Congressional District Committee.

10 D. **National Convention.** The GRP State Chairman shall file with the Secretary of the
11 Republican National Convention the list of National Delegates and Alternates elected at
12 the Congressional District Conventions and the State Convention, as required by the
13 Rules adopted by the most recent Republican National Convention.

15 9.8 ADOPTION AND FILING OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT RULES

- 16 A. Each County Convention and each District Convention may amend their respective rules
17 or may adopt new rules for each respective County and District, provided such rules shall
18 not be inconsistent with the Rules of the GRP.
- 19 B. A certified copy of the current County Rules shall be filed: (1) within five (5) business
20 days of the adjournment of the County Convention with the District Chairman of each
21 applicable District and with the State Secretary at GRP headquarters; and (2) in
22 accordance with the Georgia Election Code, within thirty (30) days after the adjournment
23 of the County Convention with the election superintendent of the County.
- 24 C. A certified copy of the current District Rules shall be filed with the State Secretary at
25 GRP headquarters within five (5) business days following the adjournment of the District
26 Convention.

28 9.9 APPEALS RELATING TO PRECINCT CAUCUSES AND CONVENTIONS

29 Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 8.4 and Rule 8.8, the following appeal procedures shall
30 apply to disputes regarding Precinct Caucuses, County Conventions and District Conventions,

1 except in contests of Congressional District Convention-elected Delegates and Alternates to the
2 Republican National Convention, which shall be adjudicated as provided in GRP Rule 9.9 (F):

3 A. Any disputed action regarding a Precinct Caucus that occurs prior to the date of the
4 County Convention shall be appealed in writing to the County Committee (with copies of
5 the appeal filed with the applicable District Committee, and the State Committee on
6 Appeals) within five (5) days of adjournment of the Precinct Caucus. No appeal petition
7 shall be heard unless it shall be in writing and signed by a number of registered
8 participants in the Precinct Caucus equal to not less than twenty percent (20%) of the
9 number of Delegates to the County Convention allocated to the Precinct(s) from which
10 such disputed action shall have arisen. If a County fails to hear and decide the appeal
11 within twelve (12) days of its receipt of the appeal, the appeal will be automatically be
12 referred to the District Committee of the Congressional District in which the largest
13 number of voters from the County reside.

14 B. If the Precinct Caucus occurs the same day as the County any disputed actions regarding
15 the Precinct Caucus or regarding the County Convention must be appealed in writing to
16 the District Committee, within five (5) days of adjournment of the County Convention in
17 question, with a copy of such appeal filed with the State Committee on Appeals at GRP
18 headquarters. No appeal petition shall be heard unless it shall be in writing and, if the
19 appeal involves disputed actions arising from the Precinct Caucus, signed by registered
20 participants in the Precinct Caucus equal to not less than twenty percent (20%) of the
21 number of Delegates to the County Convention allocated to the Precinct(s) from which
22 such disputed action shall have arisen, or if the appeal involves disputed actions arising
23 from the County Convention, by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the registered
24 Delegates to the County Convention. In Counties lying within multiple Congressional
25 Districts, the appeal should be presented to the District Committee of the Congressional
26 District in which the largest number of voters from the County reside. All appeals to the
27 District Committee shall be filed with the appropriate District Chairman.

28 C. Should the District Committee not hear and decide the appeal within ten (10) days of
29 receiving the appeal, the appeal will automatically be referred to the State Committee on
30 Appeals and reviewed and decided within ten (10) days of receipt of such referral by the
31 State Committee on Appeals.

1 D. If the District Committee takes up the appeal, it shall report its findings to both the State
2 Committee on Appeals and the appellants. Should a party wish to appeal the decision of
3 the District Committee with respect to the County to the State Committee on Appeals,
4 they shall do so within five (5) days of the date of the District Committee's decision.

5 E. Any disputed actions of a District Convention must be appealed in writing to the State
6 Committee on Appeals within five (5) days of adjournment of the District Convention in
7 question. In order to pursue an appeal, the appeal must be signed by not less than twenty
8 percent (20%) of the registered Delegates to the District Convention.

9 F. Any contest of the election of Congressional District Delegates and/or Alternates to the
10 Republican National Convention; shall be decided by the State Convention held prior to
11 said National Convention. Such contest(s) first shall have been referred to the Committee
12 on Appeals and shall have been filed within five (5) days of the adjournment of the
13 Congressional District from which the contest has arisen. The Committee on Appeals
14 shall investigate the matter referred, review appropriate and applicable documents,
15 receive and review written representations from the parties involved in the contest, and
16 other evidence submitted. The Committee may hold hearings if deemed necessary. For
17 each contest referred to it, the Committee shall make a report of its findings, including a
18 proposed judgment, to the State Convention or the State Committee if the State
19 Convention shall not meet prior to the National Convention. The State Convention (or
20 State Committee) shall vote on the report and proposed judgment of the Committee on
21 Appeals. In all cases, the decision of the State Convention (or State Committee) shall be
22 final, and there shall be no appeal from such decision, except in a contest rising out of
23 irregular or unlawful action by the State Convention (or State Committee). In such event,
24 the Republican National Committee may take jurisdiction thereof, hear and determine the
25 contest.

26 Notice of contest shall be filed with the Secretary of the Georgia Republican Party with a
27 copy filed with the Chairman of the District Party. Such notice shall state the name and
28 address of the individual filing the notice, the name of the Delegate or Alternate being
29 contested, the grounds of the contest and the basis of the contestant's claim to sit as a
30 Delegate or Alternate to the National Convention. Such contest may be filed against a
31 Delegate or Alternate only by an individual who ran unsuccessfully for the position

1 contested. No person shall file more than one contest against the same Delegate or
2 Alternate.

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4 **9.10 GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO PRECINCT CAUCUSES AND CONVENTIONS**

5 **A. Open Meetings.** The Precinct Caucuses and Conventions shall be open to the public as
6 spectators.

7 **B. Rules Regarding Delegates & Alternates.** (1) Only registered voters (electors) of a
8 given Precinct, County, or Congressional District may be elected as a Delegate or
9 Alternate to, or, hold office, vote or otherwise participate in the respective Precinct
10 Caucuses or Conventions. No Precinct Caucus or Convention may elect any Alternates
11 before filling all allocated Delegate positions. (2) After all Delegate positions have been
12 filled, Precinct Caucuses and Conventions shall attempt to elect a number of Alternates
13 equal to the number of Delegates. (3) Delegates and Alternates shall not be paired. (4)
14 No unit rule may be imposed by a Precinct, County, District, or State Convention on any
15 Delegate elected by it. (5) A person does not have to be in attendance or be a Delegate or
16 Alternate to the Convention at which he or she is elected to serve as Delegates or
17 Alternates to another convention. (6) Delegates may not cast fractional votes.

18 **C. Meeting Locations.** Precinct Caucuses and County Conventions shall be held within the
19 respective Counties. Congressional District Conventions shall be held in the respective
20 Congressional Districts. All Precinct Caucuses and Conventions shall be held in
21 buildings appropriate for public use, where practical.

22 **D. Certification & Filing of Documents.** All documents required to be filed pursuant to
23 these Rules shall be signed: (1) with regard to the Precinct Caucus, by the Precinct
24 Caucus Chairman and Secretary, (2) with regard to the County Convention, by the
25 Chairman and Secretary of the County Convention, and (3) with regard to the District
26 Convention, by the Chairman and Secretary of the District Convention. Each such
27 signature shall constitute a certification that, to the best of signatory's knowledge the
28 information in each document filed is true and correct and that the respective Precinct
29 Caucus, or Convention was conducted in accordance with these Rules. Each item
30 required by this Rule 9 to be filed with the Secretary of the GRP or with any County or
31 District Chairman, in order to be timely filed, such item must either be delivered by hand,

1 by electronic filing, or by mail if postmarked within any time period specified for
2 delivery.

3 E. **Access to Lists.** Any person offering as a candidate for the position as a party officer,
4 state committee member, or National Convention Delegate or Alternate shall be entitled
5 to access on an equitable basis, subject signing a terms of use agreement, to the lists of
6 the names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses (if provided) of Delegates
7 and Alternates who are eligible to vote in the election in which such candidate is seeking
8 office.

9 F. **Seating of Alternates.** At any Congressional District Convention or at the State
10 Convention, should the total number of Alternates from a County registered and present
11 at such Convention, when combined with the total number of Delegates registered from
12 such County, not exceed the total allocation of Delegates from such County, then the
13 Credentials Committee for such Convention will have the authority to elevate all
14 Alternates from such County to Delegates. In all other cases, the Delegates of each
15 delegation shall by caucus and by majority vote adopt a plan for the seating of Alternates
16 for any missing Delegates of their delegation.

17 G. **Committees in Session.** No official business shall be transacted at any Convention while
18 any of its Committees are in session.

19 H. **Determination of Population.** Population of the various Counties for all purposes
20 under this Rule 9 shall be determined by reference to the then-most recent decennial U.S.
21 Census.

22 23 9.11 STATE CONVENTION PROCEDURES

24 A. The procedure for submission of proposed resolutions and proposed rules to be
25 considered at the State Convention shall be as provided in the Call, including, but not
26 limited to, specifying a date for submission of proposed resolutions and proposed rules.

27 B. The procedure to qualify to run for an office to be elected by the State Convention shall
28 be as provided in the Call, including, but not limited to, specifying a date for submission
29 of a notice of candidacy and political resume.

30 C. The Permanent Rules Committee shall prepare recommended rules and orders of
31 business for the conduct of each State Convention in advance thereof, which rules and

1 order of business shall be submitted to the rules committee of each State Convention for
2 its consideration and report to the State Convention in session.

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4 **9.12 RULES OF ORDER**

5 All Precinct Caucuses, County Conventions, District Conventions and the State Convention shall
6 be governed and conducted: first, in accordance with these Rules and the Call, and second,
7 except as modified by these Rules or by the Call, or, with regard to the respective County and
8 District Conventions, by the respective rules of each such County or District, the latest edition of
9 Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

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11 **9.13 CONVENTION PROXIES**

12 There shall be no proxies allowed at any County, District or State Convention. If an alternate to
13 a convention is seated in accordance with Rule 9.10(F), the alternate and no other shall vote in
14 the absence of a delegate.

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16 **9.14 EMERGENCY CONVENTION PROCEDURES**

17 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules to the contrary, when a State or National
18 Emergency is declared by the appropriate governmental authority that would prevent any GRP
19 county, district, or state convention, or any meeting from being held for the purpose of electing
20 delegates to such conventions, the State Executive Committee shall be empowered to adopt
21 rules and procedures for said conventions and meetings as recommended by the State Chairman.

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23 **9.15 ORGANIZATION OF VACANT PRECINCTS**

24 Where for any reason a Precinct Caucus is not conducted on the date set in the Call for such
25 meetings in odd-numbered years (other than pursuant to a plan adopted in accordance with Rule
26 9.2(A)), the County Committee may, at any time after the State Convention held in such odd-
27 numbered years, elect one or more Precinct officers and committeemen for such Precinct to serve
28 until the next Precinct Caucus or earlier removal from office in accordance with these Rules and
29 the County Party Rules.

1 **9.16 ORGANIZATION OF UNORGANIZED COUNTIES**

2 Where for any reason a County Convention is not conducted on the date set in the Call for such
3 Conventions in odd-numbered years (other than pursuant to a plan adopted in accordance with
4 Rule 9.2(B)), one or more officers and County Committee members may be elected for such
5 county: (A) if such County is located within a single Congressional District, by the District
6 Committee for the District in which the County is located; or (B) if such County is located in
7 more than one Congressional District, by the District Committee for the District in which the
8 largest number of Republican votes was cast in such County for the Republican nominee for
9 President in the most recent presidential election; or (C) if the applicable District Committee
10 shall have failed to take action to organize such County within thirty (30) days following written
11 notice from the GRP, by the State Executive Committee. Such officers and committee members
12 shall serve until the earlier of the next County Convention or resignation or removal from office
13 in accordance with these Rules and the County Party Rules.

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15 **10. CONDUCT OF REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES**

16 **10.1 NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES AND SELECTION OF PARTY OFFICIALS**

17 The State Committee, or the State Executive Committee upon failure of the State Committee to
18 act, may adopt and promulgate rules in accordance with Georgia law, providing for the manner
19 of substitute nominations in the event a candidate nominated by a GRP primary should die,
20 resign or otherwise become disqualified.

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22 **10.2 RULES FOR PRIMARIES**

23 The State Convention or the State Committee may adopt rules for the conducting of Republican
24 primaries consistent with the provisions of Georgia law and these Rules. Such rules, if adopted,
25 shall be appended as Appendix “A” to these Rules.

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1 **10.3 OATH OF AFFIRMATION OF CANDIDATES**

2 Any candidate for elective office running as a Republican Party candidate shall submit to the
3 appropriate level of the Party the following oath affirming his or her allegiance to the party by
4 signing the following oath³:

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6 I DO SWEAR OR AFFIRM MY ALLEGIANCE TO THE GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PARTY.

7 Signature of Candidate: _____

8 Date: _____

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10 **11. MISCELLANEOUS RULES**

11 **11.1 AMENDMENTS TO THESE RULES**

12 These Rules may be amended at any State Convention of the GRP by a 2/3rds vote of a quorum
13 present or by the State Committee by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of a quorum present. If the Rules
14 are amended at a State Committee meeting, the meeting must be duly held after written notice
15 mailed, faxed, or sent by written electronic communication at least twelve (12) days prior to the
16 meeting to all members of the State Committee setting forth in detail the proposed amendments.

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18 **11.2 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE RULES**

19 These Rules and any amendments thereto, shall become effective upon the filing of a copy of the
20 same, certified by the State Chairman, with the Georgia Secretary of State or upon such later date
21 as may be specified therein.

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23 **11.3 RULES OF ORDER**

24 Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be followed in all meetings of the GRP, including ,
25 without limitation, the State Committee and State Executive Committee, the District Committees
26 and District Executive Committees, and the County Committees and County Executive
27 Committees, unless modified by, respectively, these Rules, applicable County Party rules, or

³ See O.C.G.A. § 21-2-153(b)(4).

1 applicable District Party rules; provided, however, that the provisions of Rule 9.12 shall govern
2 all Precinct Caucuses, County Conventions, District Conventions, and the State Convention.

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6 Party Chairman

BJ Van Gundy,
Chairman,
2020 GA Convention Rules Committee

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13 **History**

14 Amended and adopted on June 17, 2020

15 Amended and adopted on September 21, 2019.

16 Amended and adopted on May 16, 2019.

17 Amended and adopted on August 18, 2018.

18 Adopted on June 3, 2017.

19 Amended and adopted on March 28, 2015.

20 Amended and adopted on May 18, 2013.

21 On September 24, 2011, the State Committee adopted a temporary substitute to Rule 7.3 B for
22 the 2012 Presidential election cycle.

23 Adopted on May 14, 2011.

24 Amended and Adopted on April 2, 2011.

25 Amended and Adopted on May 16, 2009.

26 Amended and Adopted on May 19, 2007

27 As a new Rule 2.11 was adopted at the May 2007 Convention, Rules 2.13 and 2.14 referred to in the
28 note regarding amendments adopted on May 22, 1999, are now renumbered as Rules 2.14 and 2.15.

29 Amended and Adopted on May 7, 2005

30 Amended and Adopted on May 15, 2004

31 Amended and Adopted on May 15, 2003

32 Amended and Adopted on May 20, 2000

- 1 Amended and Adopted on May 22, 1999
- 2 The following amendments shall become effective at the convening of the State Convention in 2001:
- 3 2.2, 2.9, 2.13, 2.14 D, and related footnotes.
- 4 Amended and Adopted on May 18, 1997
- 5 Amended and Adopted on May 9, 1996
- 6