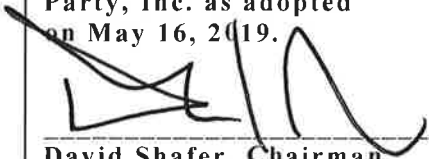


RULES OF THE GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PARTY, INC.

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RULES OF THE GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PARTY

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1. MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

1.1 QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PARTY ACTIONS

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

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14 The qualifications and conditions for participation in the GRP shall be published in all official
15 calls for mass meetings and conventions called pursuant to these Rules and pursuant to the Rules
16 and Call of the Republican National Convention.
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2. STATE COMMITTEE

2.1 STATE COMMITTEE

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19 While in session, the State Committee shall be the governing body (except while the State
20 Convention of the GRP is in session) of the GRP, which is a political organization and political
21 party. While in session, the State Committee shall be vested with all the duties, power, and
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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 privileges possessed by the State Convention and the State Executive Committee. The State
2 Committee, while in session, shall act for the GRP.

3
4 **2.2 MEMBERS**

5 The State Committee shall be composed of the following members who shall be voting members
6 unless otherwise specified, and no person may simultaneously hold more than one voting position:

7 **A)** State Chairman

8 **B)** National Committeeman

9 **C)** National Committeewoman

10 **D)** First Vice-Chairman

11 **E)** Second Vice-Chairman

12 **F)** Secretary

13 **G)** Assistant Secretary

14 **H)** Treasurer

15 **I)** Assistant Treasurer

16 **J)** The immediate past Chairman of the GRP.

17 **K)** General Counsel

18 **L)** Finance Chairman

19 **M)** The Chairs of the Under 80,000 and Over 80,000 Caucuses. One county chairman
20 elected by caucus of county chairmen from counties of 80,000 people or more and one county
21 chairman elected by caucus of county chairmen from counties less than 80,000 people, which
22 causes have been convened by the State Chairman at State Conventions where official business
23 includes the biannual election of party officers. Population of the various counties for purpose of
24 this provision shall be as determined by reference to the then most recent decennial U.S. Census.

25 **N) District Chairmen.** Elected by the District Conventions.

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

1 **P) Honorary Members**

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

5 **1) Elected Officials**

- 6 a) Georgia Republican United States Senators;
- 7 b) Republican Constitutional Executive Officers of Georgia elected
8 statewide;
- 9 c) Georgia Republican Members of Congress;
- 10 d) The Republican Speaker of the Georgia House;
- 11 e) The Republican Speaker Pro Tempore of the Georgia House;
- 12 f) The Republican President Pro Tempore of the Georgia Senate; and
- 13 g) The Republican majority or minority leaders of the Georgia House and
14 Senate

15 **2) Allied Organizations**

- 16 a) The President of the Georgia Federation of Republican Women
- 17 b) The Chairman of the RNC Georgia Senior Republican Network
- 18 c) The Chairman of the Georgia Federation of Young Republican Clubs
- 19 d) The Chairman of the Georgia College Republicans
- 20 e) The President of the Georgia Black Republican Council
- 21 f) The State Chairman of the Georgia Teenage Republicans
- 22 g) The Chairman of Georgia Republican Veterans
- 23 h) The Chairman of the Hispanic Grassroots Taskforce

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

28 **Q) Non-voting members appointed by the State Chairman**

- 29 1) Parliamentarian
- 30 2) Chief Deputy General Counsel
- 31 3) Executive Director

- d) The Chairman of the Georgia College Republicans
- e) The President of the Georgia Black Republican Council
- f) The State Chairman of the Georgia Teenage Republicans
- g) The Chairman of Georgia Republican Veterans
- h) The Chairman of the Hispanic Grassroots Taskforce

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3) GRP Officials

- a) Chief Deputy General Counsel
- b) The Parliamentarian
- c) Executive Director

4) Appointee of the Georgia Republican Party to the State Election Board

C) Voting Restriction. Any voting member of the State Executive Committee who is also a member of a steering committee for a federal candidate shall not participate in decisions of the GRP with regard to the solicitation, transfer, donation or spending of funds.

4. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEES

4.1 NOTICE; FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS; MINUTES

A) Meetings of the State Committee and the State Executive Committee shall be held on written notice setting forth the agenda mailed, faxed, or sent by written electronic communication not less than twelve (12) days prior to the meeting on the call of the Chairman or upon a call issued by the Secretary upon the written request of one-third (1/3) of the voting members of such committee.

B) When the Georgia Election Code or the Rules of the Republican National Committee requires action by the State Committee or the State Executive Committee in a time frame shorter than the notice period specified in Rule 4.1(A), the State Committee or State Executive Committee, as the case may be, shall be authorized to suspend the time period for notice of a meeting required under Rule 4.1(A) upon a two-thirds vote.

1 C) Attendance at a meeting of the State Committee or State Executive Committee by a
2 member shall constitute a waiver by that person of any notice required for such meeting.

3 D) The Executive Committee shall meet not less than quarterly, provided, however, that
4 two of those must be an in-person meeting.

5 E) The State Committee shall meet not less than semi-annually, provided, however, that
6 one of those must be an in-person meeting.

7 F) Written minutes of all business transacted at meetings shall be mailed, faxed, or sent
8 by written electronic communication to every member of both committees within ten (10) days
9 after each meeting.

10

11 **4.2 QUORUM**

12 A majority of the voting members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for the
13 transaction of business.

14

15 **4.3 FORM OF PROXY**

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

18

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

26

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

29

30 **4.4 VOTING OF PROXIES**

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

1 **4.5 ATTENDANCE AND VOTING BY ELECTRONIC MEANS**

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

4 **B)** Except as to votes requiring a secret ballot, any action required or permitted to be
5 taken by the State Committee or the State Executive Committee may be taken without a meeting
6 by written consent as follows:

- 7 1) The action must be evidenced by one or more consents in writing or by
8 electronic transmission describing the action taken, signed (including
9 electronically) by no fewer than the required number of Committee members,
10 and delivered to the State Secretary.
- 11 2) Action taken by written consent shall be effective when the last Committee
12 member required for approval signs and delivers the consent, unless the
13 consent specifies a different effective date.
- 14 3) The Secretary of the GRP shall report to the members of the applicable
15 Committee, the results of any matter as to which action is proposed to be taken
16 by consent within eight (8) business days of submission to the Committee
17 Members.
- 18 4) A consent signed and delivered by a Committee Member has the same force
19 and effect as a vote cast by a Member at a meeting.

20 **C)** Votes cast and taken by audio or video conference call shall be taken pursuant to roll
21 call vote, which roll call may be conducted electronically.

22
23 **5. OFFICERS**

24 **5.1 DUTIES OF THE STATE CHAIRMAN**

25 The State Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer, chairman of the State Committee,
26 chairman of the State Executive Committee and spokesman of the GRP and shall perform the
27 duties required by these Rules, the State Convention, the State Committee, and the State Executive
28 Committee. The State Chairman shall convene the State Committee and the State Executive
29 Committee when the needs of the GRP require or at such other time as specified in Rule 4.1. The
30 State Chairman shall preside at all State Committee meetings and State Executive Committee
31 meetings and at all State Conventions until temporary organization of the Convention is

1 completed. The State Chairman shall appoint all pre-convention committees with the approval of
2 the State Executive Committee. The State Chairman shall be responsible for the general direction
3 of the GRP. The State Chairman shall, with the approval of a majority of the State Executive
4 Committee, appoint the General Counsel and Finance Chairman who shall be voting members of
5 the State Committee and the State Executive Committee. The State Chairman shall appoint other
6 members as provided in Section 2.2(P) and such other members as he deems necessary, who shall
7 be non-voting members of the State Committee and shall fill any vacancies which shall occur in
8 such positions due to death, resignation or removal. The State Chairman shall remove such officers
9 and dissolve such committees when he deems desirable.

11 **5.2 DUTIES OF THE VICE-CHAIRMEN**

12 **A)** The First Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the State Chairman during the
13 period of any incapacity of the State Chairman and shall perform other duties assigned by the State
14 Chairman, the State Committee, or the State Executive Committee.

15 **B)** The Second Vice-Chairman shall serve under the direction of the State Chairman and
16 shall, in the event of any incapacity of both the State Chairman and First Vice-Chairman, perform
17 the duties of State Chairman and shall have other such duties and responsibilities as assigned by
18 the State Chairman, the State Committee, or the State Executive Committee.

20 **5.3 DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

21 **A)** The Secretary shall keep minutes of State Committee and State Executive Committee
22 meetings and shall be the custodian of those minutes. The Secretary shall also serve as secretary
23 to all State Conventions until temporary organization of the Convention is completed. The
24 Secretary shall give all notices required for meetings under these Rules and shall furnish copies of
25 all minutes required. The Secretary shall, under the direction of the State Committee which shall
26 meet for that purpose immediately before each State Convention, prepare the temporary roll of
27 Delegates and Alternates of the said State Convention, placing thereon the names of all who are
28 certified to the Secretary by the respective County Chairmen. Said roll shall govern the
29 proceedings of the State Convention until changed by the State Convention itself. The Secretary
30 shall keep a roster of the names and addresses of all County and District Chairmen and State
31 Committee members and shall perform such other duties prescribed by the State Committee.

1 **B)** The Assistant Secretary shall, subject to the direction of the Secretary, assist the
2 Secretary in the performance of the duties of the Secretary and in the absence of the Secretary shall
3 perform those duties.
4

5 **5.4 DUTIES OF THE TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER**

6 **A)** The Treasurer shall have the custody and responsibility of the funds of the GRP, shall
7 deposit said funds in a bank or banks selected by the State Executive Committee, which funds may
8 be drawn as prescribed by the State Executive Committee. The State Executive Committee shall
9 annually secure a review or audit of the GRP’s financial statements, and shall provide a copy of
10 any such review or audit to the members of the State Committee within ten (10) business days of
11 its receipt. The Treasurer shall present at each State Committee meeting and State Executive
12 Committee meeting a financial report. The Treasurer shall be an accountant, bookkeeper, CPA,
13 or financial advisor

14 **B)** The Assistant Treasurer shall, subject to the direction of the Treasurer, assist the
15 Treasurer in the performance of the duties of the office of Treasurer and in the absence of the
16 Treasurer, perform those duties and have the right to vote at any meeting of the State Committee
17 and State Executive Committee. The Assistant Treasurer shall be an accountant, bookkeeper,
18 CPA, or financial advisor.

19 **C)** Upon the authorization of any two of the following, one of which must be elected, the
20 State Chairman, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Executive Director, and such person as the State
21 Chairman shall designate with the approval of the State Executive Committee, shall have the
22 authority to draw checks on GRP bank accounts and shall be covered by a fidelity bond in an
23 amount deemed appropriate by the State Executive Committee.
24

25 **5.5 DUTIES OF THE FINANCE CHAIRMAN**

26 The Finance Chairman shall be Chairman of the State Finance Committee and shall be responsible
27 for raising the funds of the GRP and for obtaining adequate financing for the GRP.
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29 **5.6 DUTIES OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN**

30 The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for all interpretation of GRP Rules.
31

1 **5.7 DUTIES OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL AND CHIEF DEPUTY GENERAL**
2 **COUNSEL**

3 A) The General Counsel shall be responsible for providing legal advice to the GRP.

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

7
8 **5.8 DUTIES OF THE UNDER 80,000 AND OVER 80,000 CAUCUS CHAIRS**

9 The chairs of the Under 80,000 and Over 80,000 caucuses shall have such duties and
10 responsibilities as assigned to them by, and shall serve under the direction of, the State Chairman.

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12 **5.9 DUTIES OF OTHER OFFICERS**

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

16
17 **5.10 TERM LIMITS**

18 Effective upon the convening of the 2012 State Convention, no person may be elected to the
19 position of National Committeeman or National Committeewoman who shall have been elected
20 to and have served at least three (3) four-year terms in such position and no person may be
21 elected to the position of State Chairman who shall have been elected to and have served at least
22 three (3) two-year terms in such position.

23
24 **6. COMMITTEES**

25 **6.1 PERMANENT RULES COMMITTEE**

26 The Chairman shall appoint, with the approval of the State Executive Committee, a permanent
27 Rules Committee consisting of one (1) member from each congressional district and not less than
28 four (4) and no more than five (5) members at large ensuring an odd number of members for the
29 committee. This member from each Congressional District shall be selected from a list of not
30 less than three (3) persons recommended by their respective District Chairs. Two (2) of the
31 remaining members at large shall include the State General Counsel and the State

1 Parliamentarian, with the other members being named by the State Chair from the existing State
2 Committee or State Executive Committee. The permanent Rules Committee shall make a report
3 concerning the Rules at each meeting of the State Committee. The permanent Rules Committee
4 shall prepare and present the Call to the State Committee for its approval. The Chair of the
5 Rules Committee may delegate this authority to a subcommittee of the Rules Committee.
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7 **6.2 STATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

8 The State Finance Committee shall adopt rules to govern its operation not inconsistent with the
9 Rules, subject to revision by the State Committee.
10

11 **6.3 COMMITTEE ON APPEALS**

12 All appeals made to the State Committee under this rule shall first be referred to a subcommittee
13 known as the Committee on Appeals. The Committee on Appeals shall be appointed by the State
14 Chairman. The Committee on Appeals shall investigate the matter referred, review appropriate
15 documents, receive and review written representations from the parties involved in the dispute
16 which may include a stenographic record, testimony and other evidence. The Committee may
17 hold hearings if it deems necessary. For each case referred to it, the Committee on Appeals shall
18 make a report of its findings, including a proposed judgment, to the State Committee not more
19 than seventy-five (75) days from receipt of the appeal by the Appeals Committee. The State
20 Committee shall vote on the report and proposed judgment of the Committee on Appeals not more
21 than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the report and proposed judgment. In all cases the decision
22 of the State Committee shall be final, and there shall be no appeal from the decision of the State
23 Committee.
24

25 **7. ELECTION AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND**
26 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS; PROCEDURE FOR FILLING**
27 **VACANCIES**

28 **7.1 ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, NATIONAL**
29 **COMMITTEEMAN, NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN AND NATIONAL**
30 **CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES**
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32 **A)** In odd numbered years, the State Convention shall elect State officers, including the
33 Chairman, the First Vice-Chairman, the Second Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, the Assistant

1 Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Assistant Treasurer. In Presidential Election Years, the State
2 Convention shall elect the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman and Delegates
3 at Large and Alternates at Large to the Republican National Convention in accordance with Rule
4 7.3. For the 2013 – 2015 term, the Assistant Treasurer shall be elected by the State Committee in
5 accordance with the terms of Rule 7.7.

6
7 **7.2 STATE PRIMARIES AUTHORIZED BY STATE CONVENTION OR STATE**
8 **COMMITTEE**

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

15
16 **7.3 ELECTION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES**

17 **A)** In accordance with these Rules, the Call of the Republican National Committee and as
18 allowed by the Georgia Presidential Preference Primary Act, as amended, the Delegates and
19 Alternates to the National Convention shall be elected from the Districts at the respective District
20 Conventions and the Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention from the State at large
21 shall be elected at the State Convention and shall be bound to vote for the Presidential nominee
22 elected in the Georgia Presidential Primary, as provided in the Georgia Presidential Preference
23 Primary Act, as amended. [See O.C.G.A. § 21-2-190, et seq.] The GRP does not, therefore,
24 choose to elect any of its Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention by
25 primary.

26 **B)** If the Presidential Preference Primary shall occur on March 15 or thereafter in the year
27 in which a Republican National Convention is held, the Republican Presidential candidate
28 receiving the highest number of votes in the Presidential Preference Primary in each Congressional
29 District shall receive all votes of such Congressional District Delegates and seated Alternates to
30 the Republican National Convention. The Republican Presidential candidate receiving the highest
31 number of votes in the Primary statewide shall receive all statewide (State at Large) Delegate and

1 seated Alternate votes to the Republican National Convention, and such Delegates and Alternates
2 shall file a qualification oath as required by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-196.

3 C) If the Presidential Preference Primary shall occur prior to March 15 in a year in which
4 a Republican National Convention is held, Delegates and Alternates shall be apportioned as
5 follows:

- 6 1) No State at large Delegate or Alternate shall be allocated to any candidate who receives
7 20% or less of the vote in the Georgia Presidential Preference Primary.
- 8 2) No fractional Delegate or Alternate shall be allocated.
- 9 3) In each Congressional District, the three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates shall be
10 allocated proportionally based on the following: (1) any candidate who receives the
11 majority (50% + 1) of the Congressional District's Presidential Preference Primary
12 vote shall be allocated all three (3) of the Congressional District delegates and
13 alternates; (2) if no candidate receives the majority (50% + 1) of the Congressional
14 District's Presidential Preference Primary vote, the candidate receiving the highest
15 number of the Congressional District's Presidential Preference Primary votes shall be
16 allocated two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates and the candidate receiving the
17 second highest number of the Congressional District's Presidential Preference Primary
18 votes shall be allocated one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate.
- 19 4) At large Delegates and Alternates shall be allocated by numerical slot to the
20 candidate(s) receiving more than 20% of the vote based on his or her percentage of the
21 Statewide Presidential Preference Primary vote. Any remaining Delegates and
22 Alternates not allocated initially shall be apportioned sequentially and in order to
23 candidate(s) receiving an initial allocation. For the purpose of this allocation, RNC
24 Delegates (State Chairman, National Committee Woman and National Committee
25 Man) shall be considered at large delegates and be allocated to the candidate receiving
26 the largest percentage of the vote.
- 27 5) All Delegates and Alternates shall file a qualification oath as required by O.C.G.A. §
28 21-2-196.

29 D) Except as provided in Section 7.3(B) or Section 7.3(C) hereinabove, a District
30 Convention may instruct, commit or pledge the Delegates and Alternates to the National
31 Convention elected by it. Except as provided in Section 7.3(B) or Section 7.3(C) hereinabove, the

1 State Convention may instruct, commit or pledge the Delegates and Alternates to the National
2 Convention elected by it. However, no District Convention or State Convention may instruct,
3 commit or pledge the Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention so as to conflict with
4 the provisions of these Rules. This Rule applies to both nominations for President and Vice
5 President of the United States. The failure of a District Convention to instruct its Delegates and
6 Alternates shall not give the State Convention the power to instruct such Delegates and Alternates
7 elected by the District Convention.

8 E) The State Executive Committee is delegated the authority to take such additional acts
9 as may in its discretion be required for the GRP to comply with the provisions of the Georgia
10 Presidential Preference Primary Act, as amended.

11 F) No primary, caucus, convention, or other process to elect, select, allocate, or bind
12 delegates to the Republican National Convention shall occur prior to March 1 or after the second
13 Saturday in June in the year in which a Republican National Convention is held.

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15 7.4 TERMS OF OFFICE

16 The terms of the members of the State Committee and the State Executive Committee who are
17 elected at a convention shall begin immediately following the adjournment of the convention at
18 which each was elected. The terms of other members of the State Committee and State Executive
19 Committee shall begin upon the occurrence of the respective event which qualifies each for
20 membership on the State Committee or State Executive Committee.

21

22 7.5 REMOVAL OF STATE OFFICERS

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

1 **B)** Absent dispensation by the committee with appropriate jurisdiction, if a member of the
2 State Committee, a District Committee, or a County Committee shall publicly advocate the
3 election of another candidate for an office for which the Republican Party has nominated a
4 candidate, that member shall be removed from party office.

5 **C)** As soon as a State officer or State Executive Committee member accepts a paid position
6 of employment with the GRP or qualifies to run for an elected public office for which at least one
7 other Republican has also qualified, he shall be deemed to have resigned. An officer who qualifies
8 as a candidate for an elected public office for which no other Republican has also qualified shall
9 be deemed to have resigned immediately upon being elected to that office. As soon as an officer
10 qualifies as a candidate for elected office as a candidate of any political party other than the
11 Republican Party, he shall be deemed to have resigned all positions in the GRP.

12
13 **7.6 RESTRICTIONS ON ENDORSEMENTS BY GRP OFFICIALS**

14 Members of the State Executive Committee, the State Committee, GRP employees, appointed
15 GRP Officials, County Chairmen, members of any County Committee and members of any
16 District Committee shall not use their official title in any manner in connection with their support
17 of, any candidate for any public office in the State of Georgia in either a special election or for
18 the Republican nomination in a primary where there is at least one other announced Republican
19 candidate.

20
21 **7.7 FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICES ELECTED BY THE STATE**
22 **CONVENTION**

23 In the event of death, resignation, or removal from office of any elected State officer except State
24 Chairman, State Treasurer, and National Committeeman and National Committeewoman, the State
25 Executive Committee shall elect a successor by a majority vote of a quorum present. In the event
26 of a vacancy in the position of State Chairman, the First Vice-Chairman shall automatically serve
27 as acting Chairman until the State Committee elects a State Chairman. In the event of a vacancy
28 in the position of National Committeeman or Committeewoman, the State Committee will elect a
29 replacement. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer shall
30 automatically serve as acting Treasurer until the State Executive Committee elects a State
31 Treasurer. If any such vacancies are not filled within ninety (90) days after those vacancies occur,
32 the State Executive Committee may fill such vacancies by a majority vote on its own motion. All

1 resignations are deemed to be effective upon notice. No vote to accept a resignation shall be
2 required.

3
4 **7.8 FILLING VACANCIES IN STATE COMMITTEE POSITIONS ELECTED BY**
5 **DISTRICT CONVENTIONS**

6 In the event of the death, resignation, or extended failure to function of a State Committee member
7 elected by a District Convention, the District Executive Committee shall fill such vacancy and
8 shall notify the State Secretary at the GRP headquarters within five (5) days after the election. If
9 such vacancy is not filled within ninety (90) days after it occurs, the State Executive Committee
10 may fill such vacancy by a majority vote on its own motion.

11
12 **7.9 CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE**

13 The Republican nominees for the Electoral College shall be elected by the State Executive
14 Committee; provided, however, such election may be by primary if authorized by the State
15 Committee, certified to the Secretary of State as provided by law.

16
17 **8. DISTRICT, COUNTY AND LOCAL ORGANIZATION**

18 **8.1 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

19 The Georgia Election Code refers to "Election Districts" as "Precincts." Only electors of the
20 Precinct, County, or Congressional District (as the case may be), may serve on the respective
21 committees described in this Section 8.

22
23 **8.2 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEES, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

24 There shall be a committee in each Congressional District officially known as the "
25 Congressional District Republican Committee" hereinafter the "District Committee." The District
26 Committee shall be composed of a District Chairman, a First Vice-Chairman, one or more Vice-
27 Chairmen, a Secretary, a Treasurer, State Committee members and such additional officers and
28 members as shall be provided in the District Rules.

1 **8.3 CONGRESSIONAL REAPPORTIONMENT**

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

5 **A)** The highest ranking officer who, on the date the new Congressional District became
6 legally effective, was an officer of a Congressional District Committee and who is an elector in
7 the new Congressional District, shall serve as temporary presiding officer for purposes of
8 convening a meeting of the Congressional District Committee as provided in this Section. In the
9 event that there is more than one officer of the same rank, the convening officer shall be determined
10 (1) by the ranking officer whose delegates represent the highest percentage of the delegates in the
11 new District, or (2) if the highest percentage of delegates cannot be determined, the convening
12 officer shall be determined by drawing lots.

13 **B)** The Congressional District Committee shall consist of Committeemen who, on the date
14 the new Congressional District was determined, were serving as committeemen of a Congressional
15 District Committee, and who are electors of the new Congressional District.

16 **C)** The Congressional District Executive Committee shall be likewise constituted as set
17 out above, substituting the term "District Executive Committee" for "District Committee."

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

21
22 **8.4 DUTIES OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

23 **A)** The District Committee shall make arrangements in each odd-numbered year and each
24 Presidential Election year for the purpose of holding District Conventions consistent with these
25 Rules and the State Call.

26 **B)** In the event of controversies, other than those involving the election of National
27 Convention delegates and alternates, originating within the District GRP organization, petition
28 shall first be made to the District Committee by filing with the District Chairman, setting forth the
29 particulars of the controversy. Said petition by at least five (5) qualified Republican voters shall
30 be filed with the District Chairman no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the alleged event
31 giving rise to the controversy. The petition shall be heard by the District Committee within forty-

1 five (45) days following receipt by the District Chairman. For each case referred to it, the District
2 Committee shall make a report of its findings and decision to the parties involved not more than
3 forty-five (45) days from receipt of the appeal. Appeals of such District Committee decisions may
4 be made to the State Committee within thirty (30) days from the date of said decision, if signed by
5 twenty-five (25) qualified Republican voters of the District. Said appeal shall then be heard by
6 the State Committee as provided in Rule 6.3. Said petition shall be filed with the State Secretary
7 at GRP headquarters. The foregoing shall not apply to appeals to the District Committee arising
8 from action of County Committees, as those shall be handled in accordance with Paragraph 8.4
9 (C) below.

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

18 D) The District Committee shall have such other functions as assigned by the State
19 Committee. The District Committee may provide in its rules for a District Executive Committee
20 with powers as provided in its rules.

21

22 **8.5 ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS AND STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

23 The officers and members of the District Committee and representatives to the State Committee
24 elected from their respective Districts shall be elected in odd numbered years by the respective
25 District Conventions. They shall begin office at the adjournment of the District Convention and
26 shall hold office for two years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, unless
27 sooner removed from office in accordance with these Rules or the District Rules. As soon as an
28 officer qualifies as a candidate for an elected public office for which at least one other Republican
29 has also qualified, he shall be deemed to have resigned. An officer who qualifies as a candidate
30 for an elected public office for which no other Republican has also qualified shall be deemed to
31 have resigned immediately upon being elected to that office. As soon as a member qualifies as a

1 candidate for elected office as a candidate of any political party other than the Republican Party,
2 he shall be deemed to have resigned all positions on the District Committee.

3
4 **8.6 DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN**

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

13
14 **8.7 COUNTY COMMITTEES AND THEIR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

15 There shall be a committee in each County officially known as the “_____ County
16 Republican Committee” hereinafter the “County Committee.” The County Committee shall be
17 composed of a County Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer,
18 and such additional officers and members as may be determined by the County Convention, with
19 not less than one member from each Precinct in said County having any Precinct officers. The
20 County Conventions shall elect County Delegates and Alternates to the District and State
21 Conventions. The County Committee exercises county-wide jurisdiction and control over party
22 affairs, as defined by and required under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-111, which powers may in part be
23 delegated as provided in these rules and the County Rules to a subcommittee of the County
24 Committee called the “County Executive Committee.” As soon as an officer qualifies to run for
25 an elected public office for which at least one other Republican has also qualified, he shall be
26 deemed to have resigned. An officer who qualifies as a candidate for an elected public office for
27 which no other Republican has also qualified shall be deemed to have resigned immediately
28 upon being elected to that office. As soon as an officer qualifies as a candidate for elected office
29 as a candidate of any political party other than the Republican Party, he shall be deemed to have
30 resigned all positions on the County, Municipal, Precinct or other GRP governing committees.

1 **8.8 DUTIES OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEES**

2 A) The County Committee shall publish a notice of the State Call and make arrangements
3 for the County Convention and the Precinct Mass Meetings and fix the basis of representation by
4 Delegates to the County Convention and the time and place for holding the County Convention
5 consistent with these Rules and the State Call. It shall cooperate with the State Committee and its
6 District Committee in conducting all elections, conventions, and meetings within its boundaries.

7 B) Each County Committee shall decide all controversies arising within its jurisdiction,
8 with a right to appeal the decision of the County Committee to the District Committee. In the
9 event of controversies arising within the County GRP organization, petition shall first be made to
10 the County Committee. Said petition by at least qualified five (5) qualified voters as defined in
11 Rule 1.1, setting forth the particulars of the controversy shall be filed with the County Chairman
12 no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the alleged event giving rise to the controversy. The
13 petition shall be heard at the next regularly scheduled County Committee meeting, but in no event
14 more than forty-five (45) days following receipt by the County Chairman of the petition. Appeals
15 of the County Committee decision may be made within thirty (30) days from the date of the
16 decision appealed from by petition signed by at least five (5) qualified voters as defined in Rule
17 1.1 if the county had fewer than 100 elected delegates to its last County Convention or at least
18 twenty-five (25) qualified voters as defined in Rule 1.1 if the county had 100 or more elected
19 delegates to its last County Convention. Said appeal shall be heard by (a) District Committee if
20 the County is located entirely within a district or, (b) the District Committee of the District having
21 a plurality of the elected delegates from the respective County to the most recent District
22 Convention. Appeals to the District Committee shall be filed with the District Chairman. There
23 shall be a right to file a petition to request that the State Committee review the decision of the
24 District Committee on appeals under this Rule. Said petition by at least five (5) qualified voters
25 as defined in Rule 1.1 setting forth particulars of the controversy shall be filed with the State
26 Secretary at GRP headquarters. The State Secretary shall refer such petition to the Committee on
27 Appeals. The Committee on Appeals, may, in its discretion, hear such petition or recommend to
28 the State Committee that the State Committee summarily affirm the decision of the District
29 Committee. If the Committee on Appeals elects to hear the petition, it shall do so in accordance
30 with Rule 6.3.

1 **8.9 ELECTION OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY**
2 **COMMITTEE**

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

7
8 **8.10 DUTIES OF COUNTY CHAIRMAN**

9 The County Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the County Committee. The County
10 Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the County Committee and the County Executive
11 Committee. He shall appoint such additional officers (nonvoting) and committees as he deems
12 advisable. The County Chairman shall appoint a temporary presiding officer for each Mass
13 Meeting or consolidated Mass Meeting (as the case may be), who shall preside until a temporary
14 chairman is elected. The temporary presiding officer shall not necessarily be an elector of the area
15 in which the Mass Meeting was held. The County Chairman shall appoint interim County
16 Convention Committees and their respective Chairmen subject to the approval of the County
17 Committee. Except as provided in Rule 9.2(B), the County Chairman shall send written notices
18 mailed or circulated by written electronic communication at least ten (10) days in advance to all
19 Delegates and Alternates of the time, place and date of the County Convention, which notice shall
20 indicate that the County Convention is to be held pursuant to the State Call.

21
22 **8.11 PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN**

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

27
28 **8.12 REPUBLICAN MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

29 The County Committee is authorized to provide rules or adopt regulations as it deems necessary
30 or desirable to establish a municipal Executive Committee in each municipality principally located
31 in said County for the purpose of encouraging participation in any partisan municipal election

1 including the nomination of Republican candidates therein. Said organization shall be consistent
2 with the Rules of the Georgia Municipal Election Code.

3
4 **8.13 NOTICE AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS**

5 Meetings of the District, County and Precinct Committees shall be held upon written notice mailed,
6 faxed, or sent by written electronic communication at least ten (10) days in advance unless
7 otherwise provided by their respective rules, on the call of the Chairman or on the call of one-third
8 (1/3) of the members. Each District and County committee shall meet at least twice each year.
9 Each committee shall transact all other necessary and proper business of the Party.

10
11 **8.14 QUORUM**

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

15
16 **8.15 PROXIES**

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

20
21 **8.16 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF DISTRICT, COUNTY, AND PRECINCT**
22 **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEEMEN**

23 **A)** Any officer or member of a District, County or Precinct Committee may be removed
24 from office for cause by his respective committee on the same terms and conditions as prescribed
25 in Rule 7.5(A) or 7.5(B) for removal of officers and members of the State Committee.

26 **B)** Whenever the State Committee determines that any County or District Chairman or
27 other officer is subject to removal for cause as defined in Rule 7.5(A) or 7.5(B) and remedial action
28 has not been taken as provided in Rules 8.16(A) and 8.17 within thirty (30) days after written
29 notice has been mailed or circulated by electronic communication to such County and individual,
30 the State Committee shall remove such Chairman or officer and shall appoint a new Chairman or
31 officer. The Chairman or officer thus appointed shall perform the duties of the office until his
32 successor is duly elected at a County or District Convention.

1 **8.17 VACANCIES IN OFFICES OF DISTRICT, COUNTY,**
2 **AND PRECINCT COMMITTEES**

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

7
8 **9. MASS MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS**

9 **9.1 THE STATE CALL**

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

13 **A)** Mass Meetings for each Precinct, which shall elect Delegates and Alternates to the
14 respective County Conventions, and in each odd-numbered year shall also elect Precinct officers
15 and Precinct Committeemen.

16 **B)** County Conventions, which in odd-numbered years shall elect officers and organize
17 the Party in the respective Counties for the next two years and adopt any new or amended rules
18 pursuant to Rule 9.8, and which in both odd-numbered and in Presidential Election years shall
19 elect Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District and State Conventions and conduct
20 all other necessary and proper business.

21 **C)** District Conventions, which in odd-numbered years shall elect officers, District
22 Committee members, and State Committee members for the next two years, adopt any new or
23 amended rules pursuant to Rule 9.8, and conduct all other necessary and proper business, and
24 which in Presidential Election years shall elect National Delegates and Alternates to the
25 Republican National Convention.

26 **D)** The Call shall be issued a reasonable time prior to the Mass Meetings, shall include a
27 copy of all forms to be used, and shall be sent by the State GRP headquarters to each County
28 Chairman and Congressional District Chairman.

29 **E)** The County Chairman, upon receipt of this Call, shall cause a meeting of the County
30 Committee to be held to make all arrangements necessary for the Mass Meetings and the County
31 Convention, including, but not limited to, the adoption of any plan authorized by these Rules.

1 **9.2 HOLDING OF MASS MEETINGS AND COUNTY CONVENTIONS**

2 **A)** Mass Meetings shall be held for each Precinct in accordance with the Call at a single
3 location as determined by the County Committee; provided, however, that a County Committee
4 may adopt a plan to include one or more of the following:

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

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

1 or before January 5 of the year in which such Mass Meetings are to be held, such plan shall be
2 deemed approved and the County may proceed with the plan.

3 C) If, at a Mass Meeting, any precinct does not caucus or does not elect a full
4 delegation, any unfilled delegate or alternate positions for that precinct may not be filled by any
5 other precinct or by the Mass Meeting.

6 D) Counties whose population is 80,000 or fewer shall hold both their Mass Meetings
7 and County Conventions on the date set by the Call for County Conventions unless such
8 County shall have filed a plan pursuant to Rule 9.2(A)(5) and such plan shall not have been
9 rejected by the State Executive Committee.

10 E) There will be only one Mass Meeting Chairman, one Mass Meeting Secretary, and
11 one registration committee appointed by the County Chairman (or as otherwise specified in the
12 County party rules) for each Mass Meeting location. The County Chairman shall appoint a
13 temporary Mass Meeting Chairman for each Mass Meeting. The County Chairman may also
14 appoint, or shall delegate to the Mass Meeting Chairman the authority to appoint, a temporary
15 Precinct Chairman for each Precinct Meeting, giving preference where possible to the ranking
16 officer of such precinct.

17 F) The County Chairman shall appoint interim County Convention Committees and
18 their respective Chairmen, subject to the approval of the County Committee. Except when the
19 County's Mass Meeting and County Convention shall be held on the same date pursuant to
20 Rule 9.2(D), the County Chairman shall send written notice of the date, time, and location of
21 the County Convention by mail or by written electronic communication at least ten (10) days in
22 advance of the date of the Convention to all Delegates and Alternates elected to such
23 Convention at the Mass Meeting, which notice shall indicate that the Convention is to be held
24 pursuant to the Call.

25 26 **9.3 HOLDING OF DISTRICT CONVENTIONS**

27 A) Congressional District Conventions shall be held in each Congressional District in
28 accordance with the Call at a location as determined by the District Committee ; provided,
29 however, that in a non-presidential election year a District Committee may adopt a plan to hold
30 the District Convention on a date or at a time other than that set forth in the Call; provided that

1 such alternative date and time shall fall within the ten (10) day period ending on the date and
2 time for District Conventions as set forth in the Call.

3 **B)** Any such plan must be submitted in writing by the District Chairman or other person
4 designated by the District Committee or District Executive Committee to the State Executive
5 Committee to the attention of the State Secretary at GRP headquarters on or before December 15
6 of the year preceding such Convention. With regard to any such plan submitted, the State
7 Executive Committee may: (1) approve the plan as submitted, (2) approve the plan subject to
8 certain conditions, or (3) reject the plan. If the State Executive Committee takes no action on the
9 plan on or before January 5 of the year in which such Convention is to be held, such plan shall be
10 deemed approved and the District may proceed with the plan.

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

15
16 **9.4 PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF MASS MEETINGS**

17 **A)** Each County Chairman shall cause to be printed in a newspaper of general
18 circulation in their County a notice of the date, time, and place of each Mass Meeting to be held
19 in such County at least fifteen (15) days, but not more than sixty (60) days, before the date of
20 the Mass Meeting and shall arrange for such other notice of the Mass Meeting as may be
21 directed by the County Committee.

22 **B)** The date, time, and place of the County Convention and, if known, the District
23 Convention for each Congressional District located in whole or in part in the County shall be
24 included in this notice.

25 **C)** If a County's Mass Meetings and County Convention are to be held on the same date,
26 the notice shall specify that the Mass Meetings and County Convention will be held at separate
27 times on the same date and will specify the location for each.

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

1 **9.5 ALLOCATION OF DELEGATES TO COUNTY CONVENTIONS**

2 **A)** Each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the County
3 Convention. Each Precinct shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional
4 Alternate for each 50 votes and major fraction thereof (26 or more) cast for the Republican
5 candidate for President in the immediately preceding presidential general election.

6 **B)** Provided however, that in lieu of the foregoing calculation, pursuant to a plan
7 adopted by the County Committee as provided in Rule 9.2(A)(4): (1) in Counties having
8 population of over one hundred thousand (100,000), each Precinct shall be entitled to one
9 Delegate and one Alternate for each one hundred fifty (150) votes and major fraction thereof (76
10 or more); or (2) in counties having a population of over five hundred thousand (500,000), each
11 precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate for each two hundred and fifty (250)
12 votes and major fraction thereof (126), cast for the Republican candidate for President in the
13 immediately preceding presidential general election.

14 **C)** Any county which has had changes in precinct lines since the last Presidential
15 Election may use the vote totals cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in the
16 immediately preceding gubernatorial general election to allocate their county convention
17 delegates. In such case the calculation of the number of delegates and alternates for each precinct
18 shall be the same as previously specified in this Rule 9.5.

19
20 **9.6 ALLOCATION OF DELEGATES TO DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTIONS**

21 **A)** Each County shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the State
22 Convention. Each County shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional
23 Alternate for each one-thousand (1,000) votes or major fraction thereof (501 or more), cast in
24 that County for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding presidential
25 general election.

26 **B)** Each County shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the District
27 Convention. In Counties situated in more than one Congressional District, such Delegate shall be
28 allotted to the Congressional District with the largest number of votes cast in that County for the
29 Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding presidential general election.
30 With respect to each Congressional District each County shall be entitled to one additional
31 Delegate and one additional Alternate for each seven hundred fifty (750) votes or major fraction

1 thereof (376), cast in that portion of the County located within such Congressional District for
2 the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding presidential general
3 election.

4 C) Delegates and Alternates may not be transferred among Counties within a
5 Congressional District or between Congressional Districts.

6
7 **9.7 REPORTS AND FILING OF CREDENTIALS**

8 A) **Mass Meetings.** Within two (2) business days after adjournment of the Mass Meeting,
9 the Chairman of the Mass Meeting shall file with the County Chairman:

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

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

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

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

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

29 C) **Congressional District Conventions.** Within five (5) business days of the
30 adjournment of the District Convention, the Chairman of the District Convention shall file with
31 the 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
3 Committee and the officers and District Committee of the Congressional District
4 duly elected at 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 the
12 Congressional District Conventions and the State Convention, as required by the Rules adopted
13 by the most recent Republican National Convention.

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15 **9.8 ADOPTION AND FILING OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT RULES**

16 **A)** Each County Convention and each District Convention may amend their respective
17 rules 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)
20 business 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 accordance with
22 the Georgia Election Code, within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the County
23 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.

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28 **9.9 APPEALS RELATING TO MASS MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS**

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

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

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

24 **C)** Should the District Committee not hear and decide the appeal within ten (10) days of
25 receiving the appeal, the appeal will automatically be referred to the State Committee on Appeals
26 and reviewed and decided within ten (10) days of receipt of such referral by the State Committee
27 on Appeals.

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

1 **E)** Any disputed actions of a District Convention must be appealed in writing to the
2 State Committee on Appeals within five (5) days of adjournment of the District Convention in
3 question. In order to pursue an appeal, the appeal must be signed by not less than twenty percent
4 (20%) of the registered Delegates to the District Convention.

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6 **9.10 GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO MASS MEETINGS AND**
7 **CONVENTIONS**

8 **A) Open Meetings.** The Mass Meetings and Conventions shall be open to the public as
9 spectators.

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

20 **C) Meeting Locations.** Mass Meetings and County Conventions shall be held within
21 the respective Counties. Congressional District Conventions shall be held in the respective
22 Congressional Districts. All Mass Meetings and Conventions shall be held in buildings
23 appropriate for public use, where practical.

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

1 Chairman, in order to be timely filed, such item must either be delivered by hand, by electronic
2 filing, or by mail if postmarked within any time period specified for delivery.

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

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

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

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

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20 **9.11 STATE CONVENTION PROCEDURES**

21 **A)** The procedure for submission of proposed resolutions and proposed rules to be
22 considered at the State Convention shall be as provided in the Call, including, but not limited to,
23 specifying a date for submission of proposed resolutions and proposed rules.

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

27 **C)** The Permanent Rules Committee shall prepare recommended rules and orders of
28 business for the conduct of each State Convention in advance thereof, which rules and order of
29 business shall be submitted to the rules committee of each State Convention for its consideration
30 and report to the State Convention in session.

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1 **9.12 RULES OF ORDER**

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

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8 **9.13 ORGANIZATION OF VACANT PRECINCTS**

9 Where for any reason a Mass Meeting is not conducted on the date set in the Call for such
10 meetings in odd-numbered years (other than pursuant to a plan adopted in accordance with Rule
11 9.2(A)), the County Committee may, at any time after the State Convention held in such odd-
12 numbered years, elect one or more Precinct officers and committeemen for such Precinct to serve
13 until the next Mass Meeting or earlier removal from office in accordance with these Rules and
14 the County Party Rules.

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16 **9.14 ORGANIZATION OF UNORGANIZED COUNTIES**

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

1 **11.2 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE RULES**

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

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6 **11.3 EFFECT OF REORGANIZATION**

7 The parliamentarian is directed that the rules as reorganized on April 2, 2011 will be interpreted
8 to implement and accomplish the original purpose of the rules, and the reorganization is not
9 intended to change the substance of any rule.

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11 **11.4 RULES OF ORDER**

12 Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be followed in all meetings of the GRP, including ,
13 without limitation, the State Committee and State Executive Committee, the District Committees
14 and District Executive Committees, and the County Committees and County Executive
15 Committees, unless modified by, respectively, these Rules, applicable County Party rules, or
16 applicable District Party rules; provided, however, that the provisions of Rule 9.12 shall govern all
17 Mass Meetings, County Conventions, District Conventions, and the State Convention.

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20 David Shafer, Chairman

Vincent Russo, Chairman of the
Permanent Rules Committee

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23 **History**

24 Amended and adopted on May 16, 2019.

25 Amended and adopted on August 18, 2018.

26 Adopted on June 3, 2017.

27 Amended and adopted on March 28, 2015.

28 Amended and adopted on May 18, 2013.

29 On September 24, 2011, the State Committee adopted a temporary substitute to Rule 7.3 B for
30 the 20 Presidential election cycle.

31 Adopted on May 14, 2011.

32 Amended and Adopted on April 2, 2011.

- 1 Amended and Adopted on May 16, 2009.
- 2 Amended and Adopted on May 19, 2007
- 3 • As a new Rule 2.11 was adopted at the May 2007 Convention, Rules 2.13 and 2.14 referred to
4 in the note regarding amendments adopted on May 22, 1999, are now renumbered as Rules
5 2.14 and 2.15.
- 6 Amended and Adopted on May 7, 2005
- 7 Amended and Adopted on May 15, 2004
- 8 Amended and Adopted on May 15, 2003
- 9 Amended and Adopted on May 20, 2000
- 10 Amended and Adopted on May 22, 1999
- 11 • The following amendments shall become effective at the convening of the State Convention in
12 2001: 2.2, 2.9, 2.13, 2.14 D, and related footnotes.
- 13 Amended and Adopted on May 18, 1997
- 14 Amended and Adopted on May 9, 1996