



## **Bylaws of the Republican Party of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**

### **PREAMBLE**

WE, THE REPUBLICANS OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, in order to perpetuate and promote the principles of the Republican Party and to ensure that the Republican principles shall remain eternal for the benefit of the citizens of the 9<sup>th</sup> District, do hereby ordain, establish and adopt the Bylaws of the Republican Party of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

### **NAME, PURPOSE, AND FUNCTION**

**NAME.** This organization shall be known and referred to as the Republican Party of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District ("the Party"). The Party is a political organization and political party as defined by Georgia law.

**PURPOSE.** The purpose of the Republican Party of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District shall be to develop, foster, advance, and perpetuate the principles of the Republican Party; to support and otherwise do all within its power to ensure the election of all Republican nominees for public office whose name appear on the general election and any special election or other regular election ballots in the Georgia 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District ("the 9<sup>th</sup> District").

**FUNCTION.** The Republican Party of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, consisting of its members shall serve as the central and unified authority and representative body of the Republican platform and policies within the Georgia 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. It shall function to assist and endeavor to develop, implement, encourage, and educate on Republican principles in the 9<sup>th</sup> District; and it shall strive to recruit, train, fundraise for, and elect qualified Republican candidates to every available public office.

**PRINCIPLES.** The Republican Party of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District is a subsidiary of both the Republican National Committee, and the Georgia Republican Party, and supports the aims, goals and principles of both. The following Principles will be codified in these Bylaws. The Party shall strive to protect the rights of all people from conception until natural death, and to fight for lower taxes, less government, individual responsibility, and strive to guarantee the rights provided to all men by nature and their God.

## **Article I: MEMBERSHIP**

### **1. Qualifications for Participation in Party Actions**

- a. All qualified voters under the laws of the State of Georgia who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, in its declaration of policy, and are in agreement with its aims and purposes may participate as members of the Republican Party in its conventions or mass meetings in their jurisdictions. All Chairmen and members of committees, delegates to conventions and voters in mass meetings, provided for in these bylaws, shall be members of the Republican Party, as defined, and must be qualified registered voters of the respective units which they represent as Chairmen, members, delegates, or voters in mass meetings, except as provided for in the Georgia Republican Party Rules 3.9.

### **2. Publication of Qualifications**

- a. The qualifications for such membership in the Georgia Republican Party shall be published in all official Calls for Mass Meetings and Conventions, as herein stated, and may hereafter be prescribed by the State Committee, and pursuant to the rules of the Republican National Convention.

## **Article II: DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

### **1. District Committee**

- a. There shall be an Executive Committee of the District Committee, which shall have the power to transact the administrative business of the Republican Party of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District pursuant to these bylaws and the direction of the District Committee.
- b. There shall be a committee officially known as the "District Committee of 9th Congressional District Republican Party", hereinafter designated as the "District Committee", which shall be the governing body of the Republican Party of the 9th Congressional District in the interim between District Conventions.
- c. Meetings of the District Executive Committee and the District Committee shall be held upon written notice, transmitted either by mail, tele facsimile or electronic format at least ten (10) days in advance on the call of the Chairman or on the call of one-third (1/3) of the members thereof. The District Committee shall meet at least four (4) times yearly.

**2. The District Executive Committee shall consist of the following officers and members:**

**a. Officers:**

- i. 9th District Chairman who shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee.
- ii. First Vice Chairman
- iii. Second Vice Chairman
- iv. Third Vice Chairman
- v. Secretary
- vi. Treasurer
- vii. Assistant Secretary
- viii. Assistant Treasurer

**3. Members:**

- a. Officers as designated above
- b. Immediate Past District Chairman
- c. The Republican Congressional Nominee of the Georgia 9th District from the preceding general election who shall be a non-voting member
- d. The 9<sup>th</sup> District Communications Director (voting)
- e. Parliamentarian (non-voting)
- f. Sgt. at Arms (non-voting)

**4. Quorum:**

- a. A quorum for meetings of the above will include the Immediate Past Chairman and the Republican Nominee only when they are actually present.

**5. The District Committee shall consist of the following:**

**a. Members:**

- i. Executive Committee as designated above
- ii. The Chairman of each County Republican Party residing within the 9<sup>th</sup> District (Full County), or their designee who resides in the 9<sup>th</sup> District if the county is split between more than one Congressional District (Split County)
- iii. State Committee Members elected at the District Convention
- iv. 9<sup>th</sup> District Director of the Georgia Federation of Republican Women (non-voting)
- v. 9<sup>th</sup> District Director (or representative) of the Georgia Federation of Young Republicans (non-voting)
- vi. A Representative of the Teenage/High School Republicans residing in the 9<sup>th</sup> District (non-voting)
- vii. Republican members of the State Legislature residing in the 9th District (counted for a quorum only when they are actually present; no proxies allowed)
- viii. Members of the State Executive Committee who reside in the 9th District.

## **6. Election of Officers of the District Committee and Members of the State Committee**

- a. The officers of the District Committee (except the 9th District Communications Director) shall be elected by the District Convention.
- b. They shall hold office for two (2) years or as otherwise provided by these Bylaws or call of the Georgia Republican Party and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, unless sooner removed from office in accordance with these bylaws. The 9th District Communications Director serves by appointment of and at the discretion of The District Committee and is subject to serve two (2) years or until removed by the District Committee, whichever comes first.
- c. The members of the State Committee to be elected from the Georgia 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District as specified in the State Call shall be elected at the District Convention.

## **7. Vacancies**

- a. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal of any officer or member, according to Article II Section 8 of these bylaws, the District Committee shall fill the vacancy by a majority vote of a quorum present at a duly called meeting of said committee, within sixty (60) days of the occurrence of such vacancy. The written notice of such meeting, pursuant to Article II Section 1.C of these bylaws, shall disclose the existence of such vacancy and the purpose of the meeting.
- b. In the event of the death or resignation of a member elected by a County Convention or a County Committee, the County Committee shall notify the District Committee of its action taken to fill such vacancy in writing within five (5) days after election. If such vacancy is not filled within ninety (90) days after it occurs, the District Committee may fill such vacancy by a majority vote of a quorum present at a duly called meeting on its own motion.

## **8. Removal of Officers and Members**

- a. Any officer or member may be removed from office “for cause” by the District Committee, subject to the terms and conditions prescribed herein, by a vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of a quorum present at a duly called meeting of the District Committee; provided however that such individual be given:
  - b. Written notice of such meeting transmitted either by mail, tele facsimile or electronic format at least thirty-two (32) days in advance thereof, setting forth the grounds, therefore.
  - c. An opportunity to be present at such a meeting and to be heard in person and/or by any representative of his choice.
  - d. "Cause" as used herein shall include:
    - i. Continued failure to perform their duties or participate in the affairs of the party. Failure to attend in person or by proxy, three (3) consecutive meetings of the District Committee or State Committee if a State Committee member shall be prima facie evidence of failure to perform duties.

- ii. Conduct detrimental to the Party. Public support of any candidate or nominee of an opposition party in a primary, runoff, or general election by any member of the District Committee shall be prima facie evidence of conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Party. Public endorsement by a member of the committee, in their official capacity, of any Republican candidate in a contested primary prior to the election of the Party nominee in that contest shall be prima facie evidence of conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Party.
- e. Any member or officer may resign by submitting his written resignation to the District Chairman or the District Committee. Such resignation shall be deemed to be completed upon receipt by the District Chairman or the District Committee.
- f. Any Officer of the District, or State Committee Member that openly endorses or supports a candidate during a contested Republican Primary, and uses their official title in doing so, shall have been deemed to have resigned their position.
- g. As soon as an officer qualifies to run for an elected public office for which at least one other Republican has also qualified, they shall be deemed to have resigned. An officer who qualifies as a candidate for elected public office for which no other Republican has also qualified shall be deemed to have resigned immediately upon being elected to that office. As soon as a member or officer qualifies as a candidate for any political party other than the Republican Party, they shall be deemed to have resigned all positions in the Republican Party of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

## **9. Quorum**

### **a. 9th District Executive Committee**

- i. A majority of the voting members, noting the above exceptions, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of said Executive Committee.

### **b. 9th District Committee**

- i. A majority of the voting membership, with the exceptions mentioned in Article II Section 2.a and 5.a, of the 9th District Committee, in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of said Committee.

### **c. Proxies**

- i. The members of the 9th District Committee may be represented in all official matters by proxies, subject to the following conditions:
- ii. Except as provided in Article II Section 8 C of these bylaws, any member of the District Committee may direct their proxy only to another member of the District Committee. No District Committee member may hold more than three (3) proxies.

- iii. Any member of the District Executive Committee may direct their proxy only to another member of the Executive Committee. No Executive Committee member may hold more than three (3) proxies.
- iv. All proxies shall be in writing, shall specify the meeting for which they are given, and shall be assigned by the maker. Proxies transmitted by signed electronic means shall be acceptable. No verbal proxies are allowed.

## **10. Meetings**

- a. In the event of an emergency declared by the State, or due to conflict with the Georgia Republican Party Rules or the Republican Party of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Bylaws that may disrupt the normal conduct of the 9th District Committee or the 9th District Executive Committee, or events of a time sensitive nature occur, an Emergency Meeting may be called by the Chairman, or by two-thirds of either committee, with less than ten (10) days' notice in accordance to the Article II Section 1 C notification clause that the notice should be no less than 24 hrs. to all members.
- b. Meetings of the 9th District Committee and the 9th District Executive Committee may be held via electronic communications and media platforms designated by the Chairman in the meeting call, so the majority of either committee may participate in.

## **Article III DUTIES OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

### **1. Duties**

- a. The District Committee shall, in the interim between District Conventions, be invested with all the duties, powers, and privileges possessed by the District Convention, shall act as the Republican Party of and for the 9<sup>th</sup> District in said period and shall be the governing body of said District.
- b. The District Committee shall call all District Conventions according to the State Republican Party Call and make arrangements therefore and fix the time and place for holding of same. Each such call shall state the purpose of the convention, as well as the time and place of such convention, and shall notify each County Chairman of the number of delegates and alternates to which all units are entitled therein. It shall cooperate and assist with all District Campaigns. It shall cooperate with the State Committee in conducting all statewide campaigns within its District boundaries, National and State causes and otherwise aids the State Committee in efforts where practical.
- c. The District Committee shall decide all controversies within its jurisdiction, with the right to appeal by petition to the State Committee.
- d. If a district officer or committee member is a party to an initial hearing, an appeal, or another controversy to be heard at the district level, the officer(s) or member(s) shall be recused from the Executive Session and shall not be present at the Executive Session or participate in the actual vote regarding the issue or controversy.

- e. The Executive Committee shall have the power to transact the administrative business of the District Committee and make recommendations to the District Committee for its consideration

#### **Article IV: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

##### **1. Chairman**

- a. **District Convention Call:** The District Chairman shall issue and publish the Call for District Convention upon at least fifteen (15) days' notice prior thereto and shall preside until a temporary organization is completed. Each such call shall state the purpose of the District Convention and shall notify each County Chairman in said District of the number of Delegates and Alternates to which each county is entitled therein.
- b. **District Committee Meetings:** The District Chairman shall convene the District Committee when the needs of the Party so demand, but not less than four (4) times yearly, and they shall preside at the meeting of said District Committee. They shall appoint such additional committees as they deem advisable. They shall also appoint interim convention committees prior to the District Convention and shall provide for the timely distribution of all convention-related notices required by these Bylaws and the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party.
- c. **Special Appointments:** the Chairman may appoint anyone meeting the Qualifications for Participation in the Party to various individual positions as needed to promote the 9th District Republican Party. Such positions shall fulfill such duties and exercise such powers as the Chairman shall request or delegate. Appointed positions serve at the discretion of the Chairman. They may be appointed or removed at any time.
- d. **Committees:** The Chairman of the 9<sup>th</sup> District may appoint Standing Committees following the Biennial District Convention, to help facilitate the business of the Party. Such Standing Committees may include, but not be limited to:
  - i. Fundraising
  - ii. Rules
  - iii. Resolutions
  - iv. Arrangements
  - v. Training
- e. While there is no business pending for the Standing Committees, they shall be deemed suspended until business is assigned to their committee by the Chairman. The Chairman shall also appoint other committees as they see fit and shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman to conduct the business of the Party.
- f. **Expenditure Limit:** The Chairman of the Party shall have an expenditure limit of \$500 on a singular expense without requiring approval from the Executive Committee, or District Committee. The District Executive Committee shall have the authority to

expend between \$501 and \$2,500 on a singular expense upon majority vote of the Committee. Expenditures exceeding \$2,501 shall require the approval of the District Committee. The signatory authority on behalf of the Party will reside in the duly elected Chairman and the Treasurer.

## **2. First Vice Chairman**

- a. The First Vice Chairman shall act for the District Chairman in their absence and assume the office of Chairman temporarily until a replacement can be made according to Article II Section 7, if the office of the Chairman become vacant.
- b. The First Vice Chairman shall perform other duties assigned by the District Chairman or the District Committee.

## **3. Second Vice Chairman**

- a. The Second Vice Chairman shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the District Chairman or the District Committee and shall perform the duties of the First Vice-Chairman in their absence.

## **4. Third Vice Chairman**

- a. The Third Vice Chairman shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the District Chairman or the District Committee, and shall perform the duties of the Second Vice-Chairman in their absence

## **5. Secretary**

- a. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the District Committee and the District Executive Committee. They shall serve as interim secretary of the District Convention until a permanent organization is completed and shall keep a record of the proceeding of each District Convention and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chairman, the District Committee, or the Executive Committee. The District Secretary shall keep a roster of the names and addresses of all County Chairmans and District Committee members. They shall notify each member of a committee of meetings of said committees at least ten (10) days prior to said meeting upon request by the Chairman of that committee. The Secretary shall furnish copies of all minutes of the Executive and/or District Committee meetings within thirty (30) days after said meeting to all members of the respective committees.
- b. The Secretary shall perform other duties assigned by the District Chairman or the District Committee.

## **6. Assistant Secretary**

- a. The Assistant Secretary shall perform all duties assigned by the District Chairman or the District Secretary.



## **7. Treasurer**

- a. The Treasurer shall have custody of and responsibility for the funds of the Republican Party of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, shall deposit said funds in a bank or banks selected by the District Executive Committee, which said funds may be drawn against as prescribed by the District Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall annually secure an accounting and same shall be presented to the Committee at the first meeting following the accounting completion. The Treasurer shall present at each District Executive Committee meeting a financial report summarizing income, expense, assets, and liabilities of the 9<sup>th</sup> District.
- b. The Treasurer shall perform other duties assigned by the District Chairman or the District Committee.

## **8. Assistant Treasurer**

- a. The Assistant Treasurer shall perform all such duties assigned by the District Chairman or by the District Treasurer.

## **9. 9th District Communications Director**

- a. There shall be a 9<sup>th</sup> District Communications Director who shall oversee communications of and manage various media functions of the District including maintaining the 9<sup>th</sup> District Web Page and social media pages which shall include but not be limited to: Facebook, Instagram, X, Snapchat, Truth Social, and any newsletters that the 9<sup>th</sup> District may use for communication. The 9<sup>th</sup> District Communications Director shall be appointed by the District Committee at the first-called meeting of said committee following the biennial District Convention.

## **10. Endorsements**

- a. No elected officer of the District Committee as provided for in Article IV of these Bylaws is allowed to publicly endorse any Republican candidate in a contested Primary prior to the Primary Election on behalf of or in the name of the 9<sup>th</sup> District Republican Committee or in their capacity as an officer. The District Committee, and all subsidiary Committees, including the Executive Board, Standing Committees, Special Committees, or otherwise, shall not endorse, support, hinder, or otherwise disrupt the neutrality of the Party for any candidate during a contested Republican Primary. If there is any vote to do so, those voting in the affirmative on such endorsement will be deemed by these bylaws to have immediately resigned any and all positions and titles in the 9<sup>th</sup> District Republican Party.

## **11. Delivery of Records**

- a. The outgoing officers shall deliver to the new office holders the records pertinent to their office within one (1) week after retiring from office.

## **Article V: CONVENTIONS**

### **1. Conventions**

- a. There shall be held in each odd numbered year, District Conventions for the purpose of reorganizing the Republican Party in the District and for the purpose of transacting all necessary and proper business of the District Party. In Presidential Election years, District Conventions shall be held for the purpose of electing Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention and for the transacting of all necessary and proper business of the Party. Said Convention shall be held in a building suitable for public use.

### **2. Official Business**

- a. All District Conventions shall be open to the public. No official business shall be transacted at any Convention while any of its committees are in session. Only Delegates and Alternates elected by the various County Conventions may participate in the official business of the District Convention provided, however, that the sitting Chairman of the District, if not elected as a Delegate or Alternate thereto, may participate in the District Convention, but in such event said Chairman shall have no vote.

### **3. Interim Convention Committees**

- a. The District Chairman shall appoint, subject to the qualifications of these Bylaws, all interim committees no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the District Convention. The Chairman must appoint an Interim Rules, Interim Nominating Committee, and Interim Credentials Committee and may appoint such other committees as he deems appropriate. The appointments to the Interim Nominating Committee are subject to the approval by a majority vote of the District Committee. At least one representative of each county should be appointed to the Interim Credentials Committee.
- b. If any member of the Interim Rules, Interim Nominating, or Interim Credentials Committee that is not elected as a Delegate or Alternate to the District Convention, a vacancy shall be declared by the Chairman and the Chairman shall appoint a Delegate or Alternate to fill the vacancy.

- c. The Chairman of each Convention Committee must provide notice to the District Chairman and all Convention Committee members reflecting the meeting schedule for their respective committees. The District Chairman shall notify by written notice transmitted either by mail, tele facsimile or electronic format at least ten (10) days in advance thereof, all Delegates and Alternates and County Chairmen of the time, place, and date of the District and Interim Convention Committee meetings and appointments.
- d. The Interim Rules Committee shall prepare the Rules and Order of Business for the conduct of each District Convention in advance thereof, which Rules and Order of Business shall be submitted to the official Committee on Rules of each Convention for its consideration and report to the convention in session. This committee shall provide a full copy of the existing Bylaws to each county Chairman and a summary of the rules to be changed and the proposed changes to each rule to be changed to all Delegates and Alternates upon their registration at the convention.
- e. The Interim and Permanent Nominating Committee shall nominate one eligible candidate for each position to be filled at the District Convention. If any member of the Interim or permanent Nominating Committee decides to seek a party office or State Committee position or as a Delegate or Alternate to The National Convention in an election that they are serving as Nominating Committee for, that member must inform the District Chairman so that the District Chairman may appoint a replacement. No member of the Nominating Committee can stand for party office and remain on the Nominating Committee.
- f. All Interim Committees shall meet at least once at a common place, date, and time, at a meeting place within the District which shall be set by the District Chairman at least seven (7) days prior to convening of District Convention. Each Interim Committee may have additional meetings as deemed necessary by the committee Chairman.

## **Article VI: MISCELLANEOUS**

### **1. Amendments to these Bylaws**

- a. These Bylaws may be amended at any 9<sup>th</sup> District Republican Convention by a majority vote or by the District Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum present at any properly constituted meeting, after due notice of such intention has been served on all members thereof in the Call for such a meeting.

### **2. Consistency Priority.**

- a. These Bylaws as adopted by the 9<sup>th</sup> District shall not be inconsistent with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party and the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party shall prevail when in conflict with these Rules.

**3. Effective Date**

- a. These Bylaws shall become effective upon their adoption.

**4. Rules for Meetings**

- a. Except as modified by these Bylaws or Georgia Republican Party Rules, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, shall govern the conduct of meetings and conventions.

**Article VII: EFFECTIVE DATE**

These Bylaws and any amendments thereto, shall become effective immediately upon their adoption:

- Adopted at Convention April 21, 2004
- Amended and Adopted August 21, 2004
- Amended and Adopted June 18, 2005
- Amended and Adopted December 10, 2005
- Adopted at Convention April 21, 2007
- Amended and Adopted May 19, 2007
- Amended and Adopted August 4, 2007
- Adopted at Convention April 18, 2009
- Adopted at Convention April 16, 2011
- Amended and Adopted November 05, 2011, Congressional District Reorganization Meeting
- Adopted at Convention April 14, 2012
- Adopted at Convention April 20, 2013
- Adopted at Convention April 18, 2015
- Adopted at Convention April 16, 2016
- Adopted at Convention April 22, 2017
- Adopted at Convention May 15, 2021
- Adopted at Convention April 20, 2024
- Amended and Adopted January 25, 2025, District Committee Meeting

**The Republican Party of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**

<u>/s/ Carl Blackburn</u>	<u>1/25/25</u>
Carl Blackburn - Chairman	Date

<u>/s/ Kathy Wortham</u>	<u>1/25/25</u>
Kathy Wortham – Secretary	Date