

**THE RULES OF THE  
THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
REPUBLICAN PARTY  
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**1.0 MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION**

**1.1 QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PARTY ACTIONS**

All electors<sup>1[1]</sup> who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policy and are in agreement with its aims and purposes may participate as members of the Georgia Republican Party (hereinafter “GRP”) in its conventions or mass meetings. All chairmen<sup>2[2]</sup> and members of committees, delegates to conventions and voters in mass meetings, provided for in these Rules, shall be members of the GRP and must be electors of the respective units which they represent as chairmen, members, delegates, or voters in mass meetings.

**1.2 PUBLICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS**

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

<sup>1[1]</sup> As defined by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-2(7).

<sup>2</sup> The terms, in the masculine and all other such terms used in these rules, shall be gender neutral so that a person of either gender may hold such office.

## **2.0 THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

### **2.1 DISTRICT NAME**

This committee, by virtue of the Rules of the Republican Party of Georgia, is known as the **Third Congressional District Republican Committee**. It may be referred to hereinafter in these rules as the District Committee.

### **2.2 DUTIES**

The District Committee shall be the governing body of the Third Congressional District of the Georgia Republican Party. In the interim between District Conventions, it shall be vested with all the duties, powers, and privileges possessed by the District Convention and shall act as and for the Republican Party in the Third Congressional District during such period. It shall call District Conventions and Primaries and shall make arrangements therefore consistent with the State Rules and the State Call. It shall decide all controversies within its jurisdiction with the right of appeal by petition to the State Committee. It shall have such other functions as placed thereon by the State Committee.

### **2.3 VOTING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

The District Committee shall consist of the following officers and members who shall be voting members unless otherwise specified:

1. District Chairman
2. First Vice-Chairman
3. Second Vice-Chairman
4. Third Vice-Chairman
5. Fourth Vice-Chairman
6. Secretary
7. Treasurer
8. Finance Chairman
9. The County Chairman of each County Committee of the Third District (15)

Note: In split counties if the County Chairman does not reside in the Third Congressional District then the County Committee or County Executive Committee shall elect a representative to serve in his stead. If for any reason the County Chairman will be unable to attend District Committee meetings and effectively serve on the District Committee then the County Committee may elect a representative to serve in his stead.

10. Members of the State Committee (Currently 17 members) who reside in the Third Congressional District.
11. The immediate-past District Chairman.
12. One Representative from each county within the Third Congressional District elected by the County Convention or the County Executive Committee or County Committee. (Currently 15 Counties)

### **2.4 VOTING MEMBERS A [[POINTED BY DISTRICT CHAIRMAN AND CONFIRMED BY DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

1. District General Counsel

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## **2.5 EX OFFICIO MEMBERS**

The following members shall be considered honorary members *ex officio* of the District Committee and shall not have a vote and shall not be counted for a quorum:

### **1) Elected Officials**

All state elected officials , all members of the United States Congress  
And all members of the Georgia legislature residing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District who  
ran as Republicans and were elected as Republican nominees

### **2) Representatives of the Allied Organizations**

- a) The President of the Georgia Federation of Republican Women
- b) The Chairman Georgia Federation of Young Republican Clubs
- c) The Chairman of the Georgia College Republicans
- d) The Chairman of the Georgia Black Republican Council
- e) The State Chairman of the Georgia Teenage Republicans
- f) Or their appointed representative by message to the District Chairman and District Secretary.

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

### **3) NON-VOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY CHAIRMAN AND CONFIRMED BY DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

- a) Parliamentarian
- b) Assistant Treasurer
- c) Assistant Secretary

## **2.6 NUMBER OF OFFICES HELD BY MEMBERS OF THE THIRD DISTRICT**

Effective at the convening of the 2011 District Convention, no person may hold more than one position on the District Committee, District Executive Committee or State Committee within the Third Congressional District with the exception of a County Chairman. No person may hold more than one position nor cast more than one vote on the District Committee.

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### **3.0 DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

#### **3.1 TERMS OF OFFICE**

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

#### **3.2 RECORDS OF THE THIRD DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

All Financial records (Bank Statements for past Two years and reports of all Assets, Liabilities, Income and Disbursements), Secretarial Minutes of records of the Third District and any other Documents of record held by the Chairman, Vice-Chairs or any other officer of record, shall be immediately transferred to the newly elected officers of record at the adjournment of the District Convention at a special called Meeting of the new District Committee immediately after said convention.

#### **3.3 DUTIES OF DISTRICT CHAIRMAN**

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

#### **3.4 DISTRICT VICE-CHAIRS**

##### **A) First Vice-Chairman**

shall see to it that a copy of these rules and a copy of the State Rules are present at each legally constituted meeting of the District Committee. He shall also act as and for the District Chairman in his absence, and upon the death, resignation, or removal of the District Chairman, shall serve as chairman until a successor be elected by the District Committee

##### **B) Second Vice-Chairman**

shall have such duties as shall be assigned by the District Chairman and in the absence of the District Chairman and the First Vice-Chairman shall preside at any legally constituted meeting of the District Committee.

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**C) Third Vice-Chairman**

shall have such duties as shall be assigned by the District Chairman and in the absence of the District Chairman, and the First and Second Vice-Chairmen shall preside at any legally constituted meeting of the District Committee.

**D) Fourth Vice-Chairman**

shall have such duties as shall be assigned by the District Chairman and in the absence of the District Chairman, and the First, Second and Third Vice-Chairmen shall preside at any legally constituted meeting of the District Committee.

**Note:** In addition to the duties set forth above, the Executive Committee shall assign to each of the four vice-chairmen an area of the District in which they will work with the County Committees to strengthen the county and precinct organizations and serve as a liaison between the District Chairman and the Executive Committee and the County Committees.

**3.5 SECRETARY**

shall keep minutes of District Committee and District Executive Committee meetings and shall be the custodian of those minutes. The Secretary shall also serve as secretary to all District Conventions until temporary organization of the Convention is completed. The Secretary shall give all notices required for meetings under these Rules and shall furnish copies of all minutes required. The Secretary shall keep a roster of the names and addresses and Emails of all County Chairmen and State Committee members and any other voting member and shall perform such other duties prescribed by the District Chairman and District Committee. Minutes of each and every District Meeting and any other activities shall be distributed to the District committee within 10 days of such meeting.

In addition to his other duties, the District Secretary shall maintain a roll of the properly elected and certified members and officers of the District Committee and District Executive Committee, said roll to be called at each legally constituted meeting of the District Committee or District Executive Committee in order to determine the presence of a quorum. All District information is proprietary and should only be used for District business.

**3.6 TREASURER**

shall keep a full and accurate account of all money and property received and disbursed. He shall disburse funds only as ordered by the District Committee or the Executive Committee. He shall surrender all records to the audit committee as appointed by the District Chairman prior to each convention. A financial report shall be presented summarizing income, expenses: assets and liabilities at each District Committee meeting. All disbursements must be accompanied by receipts and description before approval.

**3.7 FINANCE CHAIRMAN**

shall be Chairman of the District Finance Committee and shall be responsible for raising the funds of the 3<sup>RD</sup> District.

**3.8 GENERAL COUNSEL**

shall be a licensed attorney and a member of the Georgia Bar, and shall advise the District Committee as requested on legal matters.

**3.9 NON-VOTING MEMBERS appointed by the Chairman confirmed by the District Committee.**

- 1) **PARLIAMENTARIAN:** shall be responsible for all interpretation of District and GRP Rules.
- 2) **ASSISTANT TREASURER:** shall, subject to the direction of the Treasurer, assist the Treasurer in the performance of the duties of the office of Treasurer and in the absence of the Treasurer, perform those duties and have the right to vote at any meeting of the District Committee and District Executive Committee.
- 3) **ASSISTANT SECRETARY:** Shall, at the direction of the Secretary, assist the Secretary in the duties of the office of secretary and in the absence of the Secretary, perform those duties and have the right to vote at any meeting of the District Committee and District Executive Committee.

**4.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**4.1 DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

A) **Voting Members.** The Executive Committee of the Third District shall be composed of the following members who shall be voting members unless otherwise specified:

1. District Chairman
2. First Vice-Chairman
3. Second Vice-Chairman
4. Third Vice-Chairman
5. Fourth Vice-Chairman
6. Secretary
7. Treasurer
8. Finance Chairman
9. County Chairman or their Representative (15)
10. Immediate Past District Chairman (This may be the current 2<sup>nd</sup> term Chairman and will not have a vote count for this position)

B) **Non-Voting Members** of the Executive Committee

1. General Counsel
2. Parliamentarian
3. Assistant Treasurer
4. Assistant Secretary

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#### **4.2. MEETING QUORUM**

The Executive Committee shall have all the duty, responsibility, power and authority to conduct the day-to-day affairs of the District between meetings of the District Committee and between District Conventions provided a quorum of the Executive Committee is present. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee.

#### **4.3 PARTICIPATION EXCLUDED**

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

#### **4.4 CALL OF A MEETING**

The Chairman may call Executive Committee meetings at his discretion. Minutes shall be taken at each Executive Committee meeting and shall be mailed to each member of the District Committee within 10 days after such meeting.

### **5.0 MEETINGS: DISTRICT COMMITTEE / DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **5.1 NOTICE OF CALL**

Official meetings of the District Committee and the District 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 the written request of eight one-third (1/3) of the voting members.

Notice, Waiver by Attendance. No notice of a meeting of the Third {3<sup>rd</sup>} Congressional District need be given to any member who signs a waiver of notice either before or after the meeting. The attendance of a member at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting and a waiver of any and all objections to the place of the meeting, the time of the meeting or the matter in which it has been called or convened.

#### **5.2 CALL OF MEETING BY**

The Secretary shall issue the call as directed by the District Chairman or by the 8 voting members of the District Committee.

#### **5.3 ATTENDANCE**

Attendance at a meeting of the District Committee or District Executive Committee or the State Committee by members from the Third District are required by rules (9.2 and 9.3) below.

#### **5.4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TIMES**

The Executive Committee shall meet not less than TWO (2) times per year.

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## **5.5 DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING TIMES**

The District Committee shall meet not less than twice each year.

## **5.6 MINUTES**

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

## **6.0 PROXY VOTING: DISTRICT COMMITTEE / DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **6.1 CONDITIONS**

Members may be represented by proxy, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Any member may direct his proxy only to another voting member
- (b) No proxy may be directed to or voted by the District Chairman, and
- (c) No member may vote more than one (1) proxy.
- (d) No member may vote a proxy more than once (1) time per year.
- (e) (See Form For Proxy on last page of these Rules)

## **7.0 QUORUMS: DISTRICT COMMITTEE / DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

NOTE: A legally constituted meeting of the District Committee and or District Executive Committee must meet all of the following requirements:

### **7.1 PERCENTAGE REQUIRED**

Twenty Five percent (25%) of the District Committee must be present to constitute a quorum. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee. A Proxy counts toward a quorum.

### **7.2 SECRET BALLOT**

Votes cast and taken requiring secret ballot shall only be taken at an official meeting of the District Committee or District Executive Committee in which all members casting a vote are present in person or with a duly executed proxy.

### **7.3 ELECTRONIC VOTING**

In special cases electronic voting may be issued by the Chairman.

- a.) all votes cast by electronic means shall be cast within {5} five business days of submission to members.
- b.) a tally of all votes cast shall be circulated to all members within {8} eight business days of submission to members.
- c.) electronic voting shall have the same effect and force as votes cast in person.
- d.) Electronic voting shall be pursuant to roll call.

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## **8.0 DUTIES OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

### **8.1 CONVENTION CALL**

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

### **8.2 CONTROVERSIES**

In the event of controversies, other than those involving the election of National Convention delegates and alternates, originating within the District GRP organization, petition shall first be made to the District Committee by filing with the District Chairman, setting forth the particulars of the controversy. Said petition by at least five (5) qualified Republican voters shall be filed with the District Chairman no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the alleged event giving rise to the controversy. The petition shall be heard by the District Committee within forty-five (45) days following receipt by the District Chairman. For each case referred to it, the District Committee shall make a report of its findings and decision to the parties involved not more than forty-five (45) days from receipt of the appeal. Appeals of such District Committee decisions may be made to the State Committee within thirty (30) days from the date of said decision, if signed by twenty-five (25) qualified Republican voters of the District. Said appeal shall then be heard by the State Committee .

[All appeals made to the State Committee under this rule shall first be referred to a subcommittee known as the Committee on Appeals. The Committee on Appeals shall be appointed by the State Chairman. The Committee on Appeals shall investigate the matter referred, review appropriate documents, receive and review written representations from the parties involved in the dispute which may include a stenographic record, testimony and other evidence.

The Committee may hold hearings if it deems necessary. For each case referred to it, the Committee on Appeals shall make a report of its findings, including a proposed judgment, to the State Committee not less than seventy-five (75) days from receipt of the appeal by the Appeals Committee.

The State Committee shall vote on the report and proposed judgment of the Committee on Appeals not less than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the report and proposed judgment. In all cases the decision of the State Committee shall be final, and there shall be no appeal from the decision of the State Committee.] Said petition shall be filed with the State Secretary at GRP headquarters. The foregoing shall not apply to appeals to the District Committee arising from action of County Committees,

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

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### **8.3 APPEALS**

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

### **8.4 JURISDICTION**

The District Executive Committee may decide all controversies and contests arising within its jurisdiction, with the right to appeal to the full District Committee. If an appeal is made, it must be in writing and presented to the District Committee within thirty (30) days after the decision. The District Committee shall rule on the appeal by majority vote at its next legally constituted meeting. Notice of the fact that it intends to decide the appeal shall be included in the meeting notice to give all interested parties an opportunity to present evidence and be heard.

## **9.0 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

### **9.1 REQUIREMENTS**

The District Committee shall have the power, by two-third (2/3's) vote of those present and voting at a legally constituted meeting, to determine that an officer or member of the District Committee has failed to function as such. Such officer or member must be given written notice of this pending action mailed at least thirty-two (32) days prior to the meeting, setting forth the grounds for removal, and be given an opportunity to be heard in person or by his representative. Failure to function could be an action or inaction, which damages or hinders the Republican Party. If such determination is made, the officer or member shall be removed from his position on the District Committee. Final determination of what constitutes a failure to function shall rest with the District Committee.

### **9.2 OFFICER ATTENDANCE**

If any officer or member should fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the District Committee, then that will constitute a resignation of his position on the District Committee and that position shall be declared vacant without the necessity of a vote by the District Committee.

### **9.3 STATE COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE**

If anyone elected by the Third District as a State Committeeman fails to attend three (3) consecutive State Committee meetings or fails to attend more than fifty percent (50%) of the State Committee meetings held in any twelve (12) month period, unless a proxy is sent, then that will constitute a resignation of his position as a State Committeeman and that position shall be declared vacant without the necessity of a vote by the District Committee.

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## **10.0 FILLING VACANCIES IN DISTRICT OFFICES**

### **10.1 GENERAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

In the event of death, resignation, or removal from office of any elected District officer except District Chairman, the District Executive Committee shall elect a successor by a majority vote of a quorum present. In the event of a vacancy in the position of District Chairman, the First Vice-Chairman shall automatically serve as Chairman until the District Committee elects a District Chairman. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Treasurer, the District Chairman shall immediately appoint an acting Treasurer until the District Executive Committee elects a successor. If any such vacancies are not filled within thirty (30) days after those vacancies occur, the District Executive Committee may fill such vacancies by a majority vote on its own motion. The District Committee shall elect a temporary Chair in the event the District Chairman is the subject of such removal.

### **10.2 STATE COMMITTEE MEMBER**

In the event of the death, resignation, or extended failure to function of a State Committee member elected by a District Convention, the District Executive Committee shall fill such vacancy and shall notify the State Secretary at the GRP headquarters within five (5) days after the election. If such vacancy is not filled within thirty (30) days after it occurs, the State Executive Committee may fill such vacancy by a majority vote on its own motion. Any District Committee member removed from office for any cause shall forfeit their right to vote in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District until the end of that term.

### **10.3 COUNTY CHAIRS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES**

Upon the death, resignation or removal from the District Committee of a County Representative or County Chairman, the vacancy shall be filled by the respective County Executive Committee or County Committee. Within ten (10) working days of a vacancy in representation being declared, the District Secretary shall notify the affected county of such vacancy by written notice to the County Chairman or County Secretary. This shall only affect the position of such representative or chairman on the District Committee. His position on the County Committee shall be determined solely by the County Committee or County Executive Committee.

### **10.4 THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ELECT**

A County Chairman and a County Committee to serve in any county that did not, for any reason, properly elect and certify a committee or chairman.

## **11.0 ENDORSEMENTS OF CANDIDATES**

### **11.1 RESTRICTIONS ON ENDORSEMENTS BY GRP OFFICIALS**

Members of the District Executive Committee, the District Committee, State Committee members, appointed District Officials, County Chairmen, members of any County Committee and members of any District Committee shall not use their official title in any manner in connection with their support of any candidate for the Republican nomination for any public office in the State of Georgia in primaries where there is at least one other Republican candidate.

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**11.2 SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION CANDIDATE**

Neither the District Committee or Executive Committee, nor any County Committee or Executive Committee, nor any member of these committees shall publicly endorse any candidate of an opposition party or any independent candidate against a Republican nominee in any election. Violation of this rule shall be grounds for removal from the committee under Article VII of these rules.

**12.0. MISCELLANEOUS**

**12.1 AMENDMENT OF RULES**

These rules may be amended by any Third District Republican Convention by a majority vote or by the District Committee by a two-third (2/3's) vote of votes cast at any properly constituted meeting, after a copy of the proposed amendment has been served on all members thereof in the notice for such meeting.

**12.2 VOTE**

Unless otherwise specified in these rules, all actions of the District Committee and the Executive Committee shall require a majority vote of a quorum present.

**12.3 ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER**

Unless modified by these Rules or those of any organization listed herein or by the State Call, the latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be followed in all meetings and conventions of the GRP, including, without limitation, the State Committee, the State Executive Committee, the District Committee, the District Executive Committee, the County Committees, the County Executive Committees, the Mass Meetings, and the State, District and County Conventions.

**12.4 EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULES**

These rules and any amendments to these rules shall become effective upon their adoption and adjournment of the meeting.

**13.0 SUBJECT TO STATE RULES**

These rules are subject and subordinate to the laws of the State of Georgia and the State Rules. Any part of these rules found to be in conflict with said laws or State Rules shall be deemed void and invalid. However, if any part of these rules are found to be in conflict, such conflict shall not affect the validity of the remainder of these rules.

Respectfully submitted, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Convention Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Convention Secretary

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**FORM OF PROXY**

A proxy shall be in writing, shall be signed by the maker, and shall be substantially in the following form:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ County do hereby constitute and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ my true and lawful attorney to vote at a meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, or at any adjourned meeting thereof, and for me with all the power that I should possess if personally present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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