



12TH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN PARTY

Rules of the Twelfth Congressional District of the Georgia Republican Party

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1 ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION

The Twelfth Congressional District Republican Committee is a political organization, the primary purpose of which is to recruit, promote and elect Republican candidates for public office. The Committee shall call any Convention other than those Conventions required by the Georgia Republican State Committee and shall issue and publish the "Call" for its Conventions in conformity with the State Call, and shall make arrangements for such Conventions. It shall have power to arrange for primaries and to promulgate rules and regulations for the conduct thereof in conjunction with the Georgia Republican Party and in compliance with the Laws of the State of Georgia. It shall assist the National and State Party and otherwise aid the State Committee in other efforts where practical. It shall decide all controversies within its jurisdiction with the right of appeal from the County Committee to the District Committee, and from the District Committee to the State Committee. It shall fix the basis of representation to its Conventions, consistent with State Rules. It shall cooperate with the State Committee in conducting statewide campaigns within its units. It shall set delegate, alternate, and other fees as required prior to the District Convention or other meetings.

2 ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Qualification for Participation

All voters who are registered and qualified to vote under the Laws of the State of Georgia, and who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declarations of policy, and in sympathy with its aims and purposes, upon verification of registration and qualification may participate as members of their respective jurisdictions. All officers, members, delegates, and voters provided for in these rules, must be qualified, registered resident electors of the respective units which they represent; except as provided for in the State Rules.

3 ARTICLE III - DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

3.1 12th District Executive Committee

There shall be a Twelfth District Executive Committee which shall be composed of the District Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate past District Chair, and six (6) at large members from throughout the Twelfth Congressional District. The District Chairman shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee. At the call of the Chairman, the Executive Committee shall conduct routine business.

3.2 District Committee

There shall be a committee officially known as the "Twelfth Congressional District Committee of the Georgia Republican Party" or the "Twelfth Congressional District Republican Committee" hereinafter referred as the "District Committee". A person holding more than one qualifying position to be a member of the District Committee shall only be entitled to one vote and shall only count as one person for consideration of a quorum.

The District Committee shall be comprised of the following voting members:

1. A District Chairman.
2. A First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and a Treasurer.
3. The immediate past District Chair.
4. Six (6) at-large members as listed in Paragraph 3.1.
5. The County Chairman of every county within the District holding a recognized convention or otherwise organized in strict accordance with the Rules of the State Republican Party. The local party shall authorize a different representative than the County Chairman if the County Chairman resides outside of the Twelfth District.
6. Any active officer or member of the State Committee residing in the Twelfth District.
7. All other past District Chairmen residing in the District and requesting in writing to the District Secretary or District Chairman and approved by the District Committee. (non-voting members)
8. The District Chairman or Director of any Republican Organization chartered by their respective State Organization and sanctioned by the Georgia Republican Party or the Republican National Committee and residing within the Twelfth District. (non-voting members)
9. Any Republican elected to public office, partisan or non-partisan, in the Twelfth District requesting in writing to the District Secretary or Chairman to become a member of the District Committee during the term of his or her office with the concurrence of the County Chairman in the county he or she resides. (non-voting members)

A. Election and Term of Office

The officers and members of the District Committee shall be elected by the biennial District Convention, or members may be elected by any other method approved by the District Convention, and shall hold office for two years or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, unless sooner removed from office in accordance with these rules.

4 ARTICLE IV - ALTERATION OF THE DISTRICT OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Vacancies of District Officers

Any vacancy in the officers of the District Committee, other than District Chairman, shall be filled by majority vote of a quorum present and voting of the District Committee.

4.1.1 *Vacancy of the Office of District Chairman*

If any vacancy shall occur in the office of District Chairman, the First Vice-Chairman shall automatically serve as Acting Chairman until a new District Chairman is elected or until the Acting Chairman is confirmed by a majority vote of a quorum of the District Committee.

4.1.2 *Vacancies of the State Committee Members*

Any vacancy in the District membership on the Republican State Committee of Georgia shall be filled within thirty (30) days of such vacancy by a majority vote of a quorum of the District Executive Committee and the District Secretary shall notify the State Committee of its action in writing within five (5) days after the election, in accordance with the State Rules.

State Committee Candidates - Individuals interested in serving as a State Committee Member of the GAGOP 12th Congressional District for the next biennial shall submit a resume detailing their political involvement in the GOP within the District and/or County to the Nominating Committee prior to the convention. Those who fail to meet these requirements shall not be considered by the Convention Nominating Committee or the Convention itself. The Nominating Committee will make a best effort to ensure representation is distributed throughout the district and will submit its report to the convention.

4.1.3 *Removal for Cause*

An officer or member may be removed from office for cause by his respective Committee under the terms and conditions of the appropriate rules hereof.

4.1.4 *Removal of County Chairman from either the Executive or District Committee*

Should the District Committee determine that any County Chairman or Committeeman is subject to removal for cause and remedial action has not been taken by the affected County Committee, and corrective action is not taken within thirty (30) days after written notice from the District Committee to such County Committee, the District Committee shall not recognize and shall may remove such Chairman or Committeeman from the Executive or District Committee(s). Further, the County Party will no longer be recognized by the District Committee until the situation is rectified.

4.1.5 *Reason for Removal*

"Cause" as used herein, shall include continued failure to perform the duties of his or her post or participation in the affairs of the Party; or, conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Party.

4.1.6 *Procedure for Removal*

Persons may be removed from office for cause by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of a quorum present of the respective Committee at a properly called meeting of the Committee. Such individual shall be given written notice of such meeting at least thirty-two (32) days in advance thereof, setting forth the grounds therefore. Such individuals shall be given an opportunity to be present and to be heard in person and/or by any representative of his choice for the purpose of defending himself of such charges.

4.1.7 *Reinstatement*

Members removed for cause may be reinstated by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of a quorum present upon petition of such member to said Committee.

5 ARTICLE V - DISTRICT MEETINGS

5.1 Notification and Frequency of Meetings

Meetings of the District Committee shall be held upon written notice at least fourteen (14) days in advance, on the call of the Chairman, a majority of the members of the District Executive Committee, or on call of one-third (1/3) of the members thereof. Meetings of the District Committee and the District Executive Committee may be attended in person, by proxy as provided in paragraph 5.4 or by audio or video conference call. Notice of all meetings shall state the proposed agenda. All meetings of the District Committee shall be held whenever practical in a public place suitable for such meeting and shall be open to the public. District Committee meetings may be closed to the public by majority vote of the District Committee. Votes to close the meeting to the public may occur during the incident meeting, in advance at any district meeting, or by individual Committee member query by the Chairman or by the Chairman's duly appointed representative. Proxy votes shall be considered in determining a majority for the purpose of closing a meeting to the public. The District Committee shall meet at least twice each year. The District Executive Committee shall meet as required and on call of the District Chairman.

5.2 Quorum

A simple majority of the members present and voting of each Committee, except the District Committee, shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business. One-third (1/3) of the members of the District Committee shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business by the District Committee.

5.3 Absenteeism

Members of the District Committee shall be notified of pending loss of privilege by the District Secretary when they miss two (2) consecutive meetings and fail to provide a proxy for the two consecutive meetings. After such notification if the member fails to appear and show cause at the third (3rd) consecutive meeting such member may lose membership privilege.

5.4 Proxies

Proxies may be used to represent members of the District Committee in official matters when held by another member. They may also be used to represent members of the Executive Committee. No member shall vote more than two (2) proxies. The District Chairman shall not vote any proxies. (NOTE: A sample proxy is annexed to these rules and available from the Secretary.)

6 ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

6.1 District Chairman

The Chairman shall have oversight of the other District Officers to ensure the faithful performance of their respective duties.

1. The District Chairman shall issue and publish Calls for District Conventions upon at least fifteen (15) days prior notice and shall preside until a temporary organization is affected. 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 such County is entitled. The District Chairman shall convene the District Committee when the needs of the Party may require, but in no event less than semi-annually. The District Chairman shall preside at meetings of said District Committee and may appoint additional committees as deemed advisable. The District Chair shall appoint a Parliamentarian at all District meetings. The District Chair may appoint persons to necessary positions to conduct District business. These shall be non-voting positions.
2. It is the responsibility of the District Chairman to see that the District Secretary supplies any person offering as a candidate for the position as an officer, delegate or alternate delegate in the Republican Party the names in the election for these positions.
3. It is the responsibility of the District Chairman to see that the Convention Secretary supply all County Chairmen copies of the Rules, Platforms, Resolutions, and Minutes of the previous Convention within thirty (30) days following the District Convention.
4. The Chairman shall be responsible for having the minutes of the previous meeting read or distributed.
5. The Chairman shall be responsible to see that all Reports, Resolutions, Rules, and Amendments are filed in compliance with State Election Laws and the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party.
6. The Chairman shall recruit, appoint and preside over a Committee known as the County Organization Committee, which shall recruit and organize volunteers in unorganized Counties and to arrange for training of County volunteers throughout the Twelfth District. The County Organization Committee shall authorize and appoint a temporary presiding officer to assist such Counties, as are deemed necessary, to organizing in strict compliance with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party.
7. The Chairman shall be subject to the oversight of the District Committee to ensure faithful performance of his or her

duties.

8. The Chairman shall appoint the following interim committees for approval by the Executive Committee prior to the District Convention:
 - Arrangements Committee
 - Registration Committee
 - Nominating Committee
 - Rules Committee
 - Resolutions Committee
 - Credentials Committee
 - Sergeant-at-Arms

6.2 First Vice-Chairman

The First Vice-Chairman shall:

1. Preside in the absence of the Chairman.
2. Serve as Acting Chairman in the event of vacancy of the Chairman's office.
3. And perform any other duties, as assigned by the Chairman.

6.3 Second Vice-Chairman

The Second Vice-Chairman shall:

1. Preside in the absence of both the Chairman and First Vice Chairman.
2. Serve as Acting Chairman in the event of vacancy of the Chairman's and First Vice Chairman's office.
3. And perform any other duties, as assigned by the Chairman.

6.4 Secretary

The Secretary shall:

1. Keep all minutes of the District and Executive Committee meetings, membership rolls, correspondence and usual secretarial duties.
2. Keep attendance records and shall, at each meeting, notify a list of those Committee Members who have acquired two (2) or more consecutive absences, unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of those present and voting at that District or Executive Committee Meeting.
3. Be responsible for providing, verifying, and counting proxies.

6.5 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

1. Keep and maintain all financial activities and shall provide a written report to each District Meeting.
2. Ensure that the District Committee is in compliance with the applicable Federal and State Laws, registering and reporting as required by Federal and State Law.

7 ARTICLE VII - CONVENTIONS

7.1 General

No official business shall be transacted at any Convention while any of its Committees are in session.

7.2 Representation

Representation in State, District, and County Conventions shall be based upon the Republican vote in the respective unit in

such ratio as may be fixed by the State Committee or by the State Rules.

7.3 Notification

The District Committee shall notify all delegates and alternates by written notice of the time, date, and place of the District Convention. The written notice shall be sent no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of said District Convention. At least 14 days prior to the District Convention, the names of and full contact information for the Delegates and Alternates to the District Convention shall be given to any person who intends to seek nomination as a Delegate or Alternate to the Republican National Convention. This information shall be provided in electronic form.

7.4 Voting

Except where otherwise expressly provided, a majority vote of the Delegates meeting in Convention shall be necessary to adopt any proposed action by the respective Conventions. No person shall be elected to any office except by a majority vote.

7.5 Rules

At the District Convention, rules shall not be adopted inconsistent with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party. A certified copy of the District Rules must be filed with the State Chairman and a certified copy must be filed with the Secretary of the State Committee. Any amendments to such rules shall be similarly filed. All such filing shall be within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the Rules or Amendments, as the case may be.

7.6 Interim Committee Reports

Printed copies of all interim Committee reports shall be distributed to Convention Delegates at or before the respective Convention and prior to the voting by the Convention on said reports.

8 ARTICLE VIII - APPEALS

8.1 Appeals

Any appeal must be taken to the appropriate Committee within thirty (30) days after the decision. A petition shall be signed by not less than twenty-five (25%) percent of the members of the affected committee.

9 ARTICLE IX – DISTRICT ASSISTANCE TO UNORGANIZED COUNTIES

9.1 County Conventions

Where for any reason a County Convention of a County within the Twelfth Congressional District is not conducted on the date set in a Call for such Convention in off-numbered years, any person in such County interested in the organization of a County Committee may file a written petition with the appropriate Committee requesting that a County Convention be called. Upon receipt of such request, the County Organization Committee shall determine by a majority vote whether or not such County Convention should be held and if so the County Organization Committee shall appoint and instruct a temporary presiding officer to preside at such County Convention until a temporary organization can be effected; provided however, that any such Conventions shall be governed by the Rules applicable to such conventions, as herein provided and from the State Rules, to the extent applicable, including publication of notice in the newspaper and holding in a public place, where practicable.

10 ARTICLE X - PREVAILING RULES

10.1 Relation of State and District Rules

These rules are adopted pursuant to the Rules of the Republican Party of Georgia. Should any of these rules conflict with or be incompatible to the State Rules, the State Rules shall control. Any properly adopted changes in the State Rules shall automatically amend these rules to the extent required to avoid any conflict or incompatibility. Any amendment of the State Rules shall be reported by the District Chairman to the first meeting of the District Committee after its adoption.

10.2 Election Laws

These rules shall be subject to the Election Laws of the State of Georgia.

10.3 Amendments

These rules may be amended at any properly called Twelfth District Convention by a majority vote; or by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at a legally constituted meeting of the District Committee, provided that the notice by which the meeting is called shall have contained in writing the full text of the proposed amendment or that the text of such an amendment shall have been proposed at a previous District Committee meeting and shall have been recorded in full in the minutes of said meeting, and providing that such amendment is not in conflict with the rules of the Georgia Republican Party or the Republican National Committee, and further providing that such amendment shall not be inconsistent with the laws of the United States, the laws of the State of Georgia, or any applicable local laws.

10.4 Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the procedure to be followed at any Committee Meeting or Convention unless modified by a majority vote of the Convention or three-fourths (3/4) vote of those present and voting at a District Meeting.

10.5 Proxies

(See previous section in Article V, Paragraph 5.4)

11 ARTICLE XI - EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE RULES

These Rules and any amendments thereto, shall become effective immediately upon their adoption.

Glossary

Quorum

A simple majority of the members present and voting of each Committee, except the District Committee, shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business. One-third (1/3) of the members of the District Committee shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business by the District Committee.

Written Notice

A notice sent to each member either:

- a) by postal mail to the member's last known address; or
- b) by email, by which the member has agreed to receive notice.

Year

For the purposes of this document, a "year" begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st.

CERTIFICATION

We, Michael V. Wiltse, Convention Chairman of the 12th District Republican Party of Georgia, and Edward Lawton Sack, Convention Secretary of the 12th District Republican Party of Georgia, hereby affirm and certify that these Rules were amended and adopted at the April 26, 2025, District Convention held in Vidalia, Toombs County, Georgia, and that they are the true and correct copy.



April 26, 2025

Michael V. Wiltse, Convention Chairman, GA-12 GAGOP

Date



April 26, 2025

Edward Lawton Sack, Convention Secretary, GA-12 GAGOP

Date



**12TH DISTRICT
REPUBLICAN PARTY**

12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE PROXY

I, _____, being a qualified member of the GAGOP 12th Congressional District Committee, appoint _____ in my name, place and stead to vote for me as my true and lawful proxy at the District Committee meeting on the _____ day of _____, 20____, or on such day as the meeting may thereafter be adjourned, upon any regular matter properly before the body, as I could do if personally present, and I hereby ratify and confirm all that he/she may do in my name, place and stead. I hereby revoke any previous proxies granted.

This the _____ day of _____.

Signature of District Committee Member