

Proposal for GRP Rules Amendment
The State Committee shall be the Governing Body of the Georgia Republican Party (1)

Purpose

The meaning of the term “executive committee” as used in O.C.G.A. § 21-2 must be understood in its complete context starting with 21-2-110 (a)(5) where the statute refers to “governing committees” and also in (b)(3). The Robert’s Rules definition of “executive committee”, and “governing committee” seem to be used interchangeably in the statute.

This references O.C.G.A. § 21-2-111, which enumerate the State Committee role, including:

- Have control over party affairs (21-2-111 a).
- Determine the appointment and membership of other committees (21-2-111 a)
- Formulate, adopt, and promulgate rules and regulations (21-2-111 b)

The following amendment is proposed:

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

3.1 AUTHORITY The State Executive Committee shall have the duty, responsibility, power, and authority, **as specifically delegated,** to conduct the affairs of the GRP between meetings of the State Committee and between State Conventions. ~~including without limitation exercising statewide jurisdiction and control over party affairs.~~

Submitted by Susan Opraseuth (State Committee, Fulton GOP) & Sarah Thompson (Secretary, Bulloch GOP)

Proposal for GPR Rules Amendment
Representative Proxies (2)

Purpose

To ensure the representative nature of our party committees and to ensure that our party remains responsive to our grassroots members, proxies should be provided from the committee being represented, not simply added to another person who will already be voting.

The purpose of the proxy should be to ensure that a county or precinct does not go without representation if its representative cannot attend the meeting. It is not intended to allow officers to skip meetings and pass their vote onto someone else.

The text of the current rule is ambiguous because it does not clarify which committee is the “respective committee” where the person is a member of two committees, such as a member on the County Committee representing the Precinct.

The following amendment is proposed:

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8.15 PROXIES

B. Where District or County Committee rules specifically permit, members of the District, County and Precinct Committees may be represented by proxy provided however, **one of two conditions are met 1)** a proxy may be given ~~only~~ to a member of the respective committee **on which the proxy will be voted, or 2) in the case of proxy needing to be voted by one committee into another committee, the proxy may be given to any officer of the committee of origin to cast on that voting member’s behalf.** *(e.g. Precinct Chairman member of the County Committee may give his proxy to his Precinct Vice Chairman to vote on his behalf).*

4.4 VOTING OF PROXIES

Members **of the State Committee** may be represented by proxies **only as follows**, 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 State Chairman, and (c) no member may vote more than **two (2) proxies**.

A. Chair of the Under 80,000 County Caucus may give a proxy to another County Chair of a Under 80,000 county to vote in the State Committee

B. Chair of the Over 80,000 County Caucus may give a proxy to another County Chair of a Over 80,000 County to vote in the State Committee

C. District Chairman may give a proxy to another officer of the same District to vote in the State Committee

Submitted by Susan Opraseuth (State Committee, Fulton GOP) & Sarah Thompson (Secretary, Bulloch GOP)

Proposal for GRP Rules Amendments - Set of Rules County Committee Fair Representation (3)

Purpose

To ensure the representative nature of our party committees and to ensure that our party remains responsive to our grassroots members, we must make it clear the County Committees membership are comprised only of persons elected by the convention delegates and representatives elected by the Precincts, namely the Precinct Chairman.

While to many this already seems as the clear meaning of the rules, the obligation of the State Committee is to ensure that the meaning of our Rules is indisputable. “Non-voting members” of the County Committee have the right to participate in discussion, and should be allowed only with the permission of the County Committee. The County Committee should also have approval over the appointment of committees to ensure the power of the county party is centered in the committee and not centered in any one person. A requirement to this effect is also included in this proposal.

The following amendment is proposed:

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8.7 COUNTY COMMITTEES AND THEIR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

A. Membership There shall be a committee in each County officially known as the “_____ County Republican Committee” hereinafter the “County Committee.” The County Committee **voting membership** shall be composed of a County Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, ~~with not less than one member having any Precinct officers.~~ **and the Precinct Chairman** from each Precinct in said County, with such additional officers and members as may be determined by **the county Rules and elected only at the County Convention by the County Delegation itself to two year terms commencing at adjournment. Previous County Chairman must receive a majority vote of the County Convention in order to become a voting member for one term following that Chairman’s expired term. Non-voting committee members may be appointed by the County Chairman with the approval of the County Committee for each appointment.**

B. Duties of the County Convention and County Committee The County Conventions shall elect County Delegates and Alternates to the District and State Conventions. The County Committee exercises county-wide jurisdiction and control over party affairs, as defined by and required under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-111, which powers may in part be delegated as provided in these rules and the County Rules to a subcommittee of the County Committee called the “County Executive Committee.”

C. Exclusion from membership As soon as an officer qualifies to run for an elected public office for which at least one other Republican has also qualified, he shall be deemed to have resigned. An officer who qualifies as a candidate for an 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 an officer qualifies as a candidate for elected office as a candidate of any political party other than the Republican Party, he shall be deemed to have resigned all positions on the County, Municipal, Precinct or other GRP governing committees.

8.10 DUTIES OF COUNTY CHAIRMAN

The County Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the County Committee. **The County Chairman shall establish a website for broadest committee participation.** The County Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the County Committee and the County Executive Committee. He ~~shall~~ **may** appoint ~~such~~ additional officers (nonvoting) and committees ~~as he deems advisable~~ **with the approval of the County Committee for each appointment.** The County Chairman shall appoint a temporary presiding officer for each single-location Precinct Caucus or multi-location Precinct Caucus (as the case may be), who shall preside until a temporary chairman is elected. The temporary presiding officer shall not necessarily be an elector of the area in which the Precinct Caucus was held. The County Chairman shall appoint interim County Convention Committees and their respective Chairmen subject to the approval of the County Committee. Except as provided in Rule 9.2(B), the County 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 County Convention, which notice shall indicate that the County Convention is to be held pursuant to the State Call. An officer who qualifies as a candidate for an 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 an officer qualifies as a candidate for elected office as a candidate of any political party other than the Republican Party, he shall be deemed to have resigned all positions on the County, Municipal, Precinct or other GRP governing committees.

8.11 PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN Any vacancies on the Precinct Committee not filled pursuant to Rules 9.1 or 9.4 may be filled by the County Committee **at any time after the adjournment of the Precinct Caucus Mass Meeting.** Except as provided in Rule 9.1, ~~each Precinct Caucus~~ **qualified Republican electors in a precinct area who can attest to the principles of the party per Rule 1.1 or the Precinct Committee** shall elect its own Chairman and other officers in accordance with any applicable County Party Rules or otherwise as it deems necessary. **Upon submission of the elector's address information to the County Committee, these electors shall be considered official.**

Submitted by Susan P. Opraseuth (State Committee, Fulton GOP) & Sarah Thompson (Secretary, Bulloch GOP)

Proposal for GRP Rules Amendment Duties of the Parliamentarian (4)

Purpose: The current GRP rules give all power of interpreting rules to the Parliamentarian. But this is not the proper role for the unelected parliamentarian under Robert's Rules. This rule takes away the right of the chair and of the assembly to interpret the bylaws. Some legislative bodies, or users of other parliamentary authorities have this idea of the parliamentarian being a judge of the rules, but under Robert's Rule the chair, as the one elected by the assembly to do so, is always responsible to rule on such matters, with the right of appeal to the assembly.

Under RONR, the assembly itself, not the parliamentarian, is always the final judge of the meaning of its own rules. This provision of the bylaws deprives the chair and the assembly of this essential duty and right, respectively. RONR (12th ed.) 56:68.

This rule provision also conflicts with the duties of the Rules Committee, District Committee, and the Committee on Appeals, which may need to make determinations relating to the Rules and their meaning.

The proper role of the parliamentarian under RONR is only as a consultant, and the parliamentarian makes no ruling on the interpretation of rules, or any other matter. RONR (12th ed.) 47:46. The parliamentarian must retain a position of impartiality and is prohibited from participating in debate or voting by RONR, and by the parliamentary Professional Standards.

Likewise the General Counsel should be an advisor, and not a voting member of any committee, as this makes the General Counsel a possible plaintiff or defendant instead of counsel.

The following amendment is proposed:

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5.6 DUTIES OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Parliamentarian shall ~~be responsible for all interpretation of GRP Rules.~~ **have the duties prescribed by the parliamentary authority, the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, and as assigned by these Rules in a manner consistent with them. Qualifications shall include a professional parliamentary certification acquired previous to appointment.**

THE GRP PARLIAMENTARIAN SHALL BE CERTIFIED

Submitted by Susan P. Opraseuth (State Committee, Fulton GOP) & Sarah Thompson (Secretary, Bulloch GOP)

**Proposal for GPR Rules Amendment
Fair Nomination Process for County Officers (5)**

Purpose: The process of electing County Officers must be fair and open to anyone willing to stand for election. Members have a right to seek office and to have a level playing field, including equal access to information.

The current rules do not have enough structure. It allows opportunities for unscrupulous county officers to create secret processes and timelines which no one can find out until the convention. The following amendment is proposed:

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8.9 ELECTION OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

The officers and members of the County Committee shall be elected in odd-numbered years by the respective County Conventions. **If a pre-convention nomination or filing period for candidates is to be used, a) it must be announced at Precinct Caucuses and closed 7 days before the convention b) the process and timelines for filing must be published on the County Party website by the public notice deadline required by 9.4(A) or the Call and made available upon request to any county officer c) all candidates will have equal and timely access to delegate contact information including, but not limited to the standards of 9.10E. Nominations from the floor will be taken from among the delegate membership, per Robert's Rules of Order. Those outside of the member delegation must apply through the nominating committee and can be nominated from the floor if they are not selected by the committee.**

They shall begin office at the adjournment of the County Convention and shall hold office for two years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, unless sooner removed in accordance with these Rules or the County Party Rules.

Submitted by Susan P. Opraseuth (State Committee, Fulton GOP) & Sarah Thompson (Secretary, Bulloch GOP)

**Proposal for GPR Rules Amendment
Fairness and Timeliness of Candidate List Access (6)**

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

**Submitted by Susan P. Opraseuth (State Committee, Fulton GOP) & Sarah Thompson
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**Proposal for GPR Rules Amendment
Precinct Committee Defined (7)**

Purpose

The State Committee has a defined membership in the Rules, as does the District and County Committee. The Precinct Committee is not defined although the term “Precinct Committee” is referred to in 10 different paragraphs.

The term including “and until their successors are elected” allows for continuation of leadership in case the Precinct Caucus is delayed or not held.

The following amendment is proposed:

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Section number to be determined at time of adoption.

Precinct Committee

Each precinct shall have a Precinct Committee. The officers of the Precinct Committee shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Precinct Committee may also include any number of committeemen as determined by the Precinct Caucus. The term of office for the Precinct Committee shall be two years and until their successors are elected. Any person desiring to offer themselves to a position in the Precinct Committee must first present a registration for party participation, which shall include the criteria in Rule 1.1, which shall be made available through any county officer.

Submitted by Susan P. Opraseuth (State Committee, Fulton GOP) & Sarah Thompson (Secretary, Bulloch GOP)

Proposal for GRP Rules Amendment Representative Appeals Committee and Fair Hearing Process (8)

Purpose

The mission of the appeals committee is to provide fair treatment of, and due process for, all members. Therefore the makeup of such committees should be a representative body, rather than concentrating power by being appointed by only one person.

A proper procedure, which provides due process, is outlined in Robert's Rules of order, to which the GPR already subscribes. However this process is not always followed, and so it needs to be specifically called out in the section, for clarity.

The following amendment is proposed:

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6.3 COMMITTEE ON APPEALS

All appeals made to the State Committee under this rule shall first be referred to a subcommittee known as the Committee on Appeals, **the members of which shall be made available to any GRP member upon request of the State Committee.** The Committee on Appeals, ~~shall be appointed by the State Chairman~~ **consisting of five (5) elected members of the State Committee, shall be appointed by the State Executive Committee and approved by the State Committee, by majority votes.** 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 **minutes**, a stenographic record, testimony and other evidence. **The Committee shall investigate matters in which the orders, rules, or regulations of the state executive committee, relating to all party matters except the conduct of primaries, are not being, or will not be, fairly, impartially, or properly enforced or applied in any county and follow statutory due process in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-112).**

The Committee may hold hearings if it deems necessary, **or upon the request of one party.** For each case referred to it, the Committee on Appeals shall make a report of its findings **to all involved parties**, including a proposed judgment, to the State Committee not more than seventy-five (75) days from receipt of the appeal by the Appeals Committee. The State Committee shall vote, **no sooner than 30 days after the receipt of the judgment to allow for a period of ample review**, on the report and proposed judgment of the Committee on Appeals not more than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the report and proposed 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, **except for provisions in 9.9F.**

Submitted by Susan P. Opraseuth (State Committee, Fulton GOP) & Sarah Thompson (Secretary, Bulloch GOP)

**Proposal for GPR Rules Amendment
Removal of State Officers (9)**

7.5 REMOVAL OF STATE OFFICERS

- A. **... (remains as is)** “Cause” as used herein shall include continued failure to perform his duties or ~~conduct detrimental~~ **misconduct in office** ~~to the best interests of the GRP~~, all as may be determined by the two-third (2/3) vote of a quorum of the State Committee. **An officer may be deemed to be derelict in the execution of his or her responsibilities in office, by: 1. Failing to perform statutory or ruled duties with the proper resources to so; 2. Failing to attend two (2) consecutive statutory Executive Committee Meetings; 3. Embezzling party funds; 4. Being convicted of election fraud; 5. At least three other documented instances of sufficiently egregious conduct that the Republican Party, however not insofar as to disregard the basic rights of officers to activities under the First Amendment.**

Submitted by Susan P. Opraseuth (State Committee, Fulton GOP) & Sarah Thompson (Secretary, Bulloch GOP)

**Proposal for GRP Rules Amendment
Permanent Representative Rules Committee (10)**

Purpose

The mission of the Permanent Rules Committee is to provide advice on the rules that is fair to all and promotes participation and representation. Therefore the makeup of the committee should be a representative body, rather than concentrating power by being appointed by only one person.

The following amendment is proposed:

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6.1 PERMANENT RULES COMMITTEE

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

Submitted by Susan P. Opraseuth (State Committee, Fulton GOP) & Sarah Thompson (Secretary, Bulloch GOP)

Proposal for GRP Rules Amendment Publication Convention Procedure (11)

Purpose

To rule and regulate timelines to support the broadest possible participation in party affairs, caucuses, and conventions.

The following amendment is proposed:

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The State Chairman shall ensure that the GRP publishes an official press release of *The Call*, and a press-size summary document to at least the 25 broadest distributing digital / print publications in the state of Georgia. And, at least 15 video interview media outlets must be contacted to schedule interviews. Press releases must be made within 7 days of the release of *The Call*. Interviews must be held within 30 days of release of *The Call*.

District Chairman shall ensure that a notice for District Convention is made on at least 15 media platforms, at least five of which should be print media. These shall be submitted to the media outlets at least 30 days prior to the scheduled District Convention and shall include convention event information and requirements to run for district and state committee positions.

County Chairman shall ensure that a notice is made in the county legal organ and on at least 10 media platforms, at least two of which should be print media. The notice shall be submitted to the media outlets at least 30 days prior to EACH precinct caucuses and county convention each and shall include information for both events and requirements to run for precinct / county positions.

9. PRECINCT CAUCUSES AND CONVENTIONS

9.1 THE STATE CALL

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

- A. Precinct Caucuses for each Precinct, which shall elect Delegates and Alternates to the respective County Conventions, and in each odd-numbered year shall also elect Precinct officers and Precinct Committeemen.
- B. County Conventions, which in odd-numbered years shall elect officers for the Party in the respective Counties for the next two years and adopt any new or amended existing rules pursuant to Rule 9.8, and which in both odd-numbered and in Presidential Election years shall elect Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District and State Conventions and conduct all other necessary and proper business.

- C. District Conventions, which in odd-numbered years shall elect officers, District Committee members, and State Committee members for the next two years, adopt any new or amended rules pursuant to Rule 9.8, and conduct all other necessary and proper business, and which in Presidential Election years shall elect National Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention.
- D. The Call shall be issued a reasonable time prior to the Precinct Caucuses, shall include a copy of all forms to be used, and shall be sent by the State GRP headquarters to each County Chairman and Congressional District Chairman.
- E. The County Chairman, upon receipt of this Call, shall cause a meeting of the County Committee to be held to make all arrangements necessary for the Precinct Caucuses and the County Convention, including, but not limited to, the adoption of any plan authorized by these Rules.

Submitted by Susan P. Opraseuth (State Committee, Fulton GOP) & Sarah Thompson (Secretary, Bulloch GOP)

Proposal for GPR Rules Amendment Notice of Proposed Convention Standing Rules (12)

Purpose

The proposed Convention Standing Rules should be provided to delegates far in advance, so that delegates can know what they will be voting on at the convention, and to provide fair opportunity for the rules to be vetted.

In the case of the State Convention rules, this proposal clarifies that the proposed rules must be provided in the call, not just the procedure to adopt the rules.

The following amendment is proposed:

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8.10 DUTIES OF COUNTY CHAIRMAN

The County Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the County Committee. The County Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the County Committee and the County Executive Committee. He shall appoint such additional officers (nonvoting), committees **and their chairmen (nonvoting)** as he deems advisable. The County Chairman shall appoint a temporary presiding officer for each single location Precinct Caucus or multi-location Precinct Caucus (as the case may be), who shall preside until a temporary chairman is elected. The temporary presiding officer shall not necessarily be an elector of the area in which the Precinct Caucus was held. The County Chairman shall appoint interim County Convention Committees and their respective Chairmen subject to the approval of the County Committee. Except as provided in Rule 9.2(B), the County Chairman shall send written notices, **including the proposed Convention Standing Rules and a list of any qualified electors who have offered themselves for electable positions,** mailed or circulated by written electronic communication **which platform must include professional, auditable read receipt feature able to be inspected by any delegate** at least ten (10) days in advance to all Delegates and Alternates of the time, place and date of the County Convention, which notice shall indicate that the County Convention is to be held pursuant to the State Call.

9.3 HOLDING OF DISTRICT CONVENTIONS- AMEND

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

9.11 STATE CONVENTION PROCEDURES

A. The **proposed Convention Standing Rules, and the** procedure for submission of proposed resolutions ~~and proposed rules~~ AND PROPOSED GPR RULES to be considered at the State Convention shall be as provided in the Call, including, but not limited to, specifying a date for submission of proposed resolutions ~~and proposed rules~~.

**Submitted by Susan P. Opraseuth (State Committee, Fulton GOP) & Sarah Thompson
(Secretary, Bulloch GOP)**

**Proposal for GPR Rules Amendment
Appointment of Convention Committees (13)**

Purpose

This proposal sets a time for appointment of convention committees.

The following amendment is proposed:

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5.1 DUTIES OF THE STATE CHAIRMAN

The State Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer, chairman of the State Committee, chairman of the State Executive Committee and spokesman of the GRP and shall perform the duties required by these Rules, the State Convention, the State Committee, and the State Executive Committee. The State Chairman shall convene the State Committee and the State Executive Committee when the needs of the GRP require or at such other time as specified in Rule 4.1. The State Chairman shall preside at all State Committee meetings and State Executive Committee meetings and at all State Conventions until temporary organization of the Convention is completed. The State Chairman shall appoint all pre-convention committees with the approval of the STATE Committee EXCEPT THE RULES COMMITTEE WILL BE NOMINATED BY THE STATE COMMITTEE **no later than the same meeting where the Call is approved, and publish the names of the committee members in the call.** The State Chairman shall be responsible for the general direction of the GRP. The State Chairman shall, with the approval of a majority of the State Executive Committee, appoint the General Counsel and Finance Chairman who shall be voting members of the State Committee and the State Executive Committee. The State Chairman shall appoint other members as provided in Section 2.2(Q), who shall be non-voting members of the State Committee; and shall appoint such other temporary committees and their members as the State Chairman shall deem appropriate and shall fill any vacancies which shall occur in such positions due to death, resignation or removal. The State Chairman shall remove such officers and dissolve such committees when he deems desirable.

Submitted by Susan P. Opraseuth (State Committee, Fulton GOP) & Sarah Thompson (Secretary, Bulloch GOP)

Proposal for GPR Rules Amendment
Filling vacancies (14)

Purpose

To ensure the representative nature of our party committees and to ensure that our party remains responsive to our grassroots members, and selection of replacements should be from the most representative process possible.

This proposal depends on another proposal which makes the Precinct Chairman the automatic representative for the Precinct on the County Committee. Therefore if the Precinct Chairman becomes vacant, it is the Precinct that selects the replacement, not the County Committee. Likewise in the unlikely event that the County Chairman becomes vacant, the First Vice Chairman that was selected by the convention should be the replacement, not someone arbitrarily selected by the County Committee.

The following amendment is proposed:

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8.17 VACANCIES IN OFFICES OF DISTRICT, COUNTY, AND PRECINCT COMMITTEES
~~Vacancies created by death, resignation, removal from office, or other cause of any District, County or Precinct Chairman, officers or Committee members shall be filled by a majority vote of a quorum present of the voting members of the respective committee, unless rules of the District, County or Precinct provide otherwise. deemed to have resigned.~~

Vacancies for any reason in the offices of District, County or Precinct Committees shall be filled for the unexpired term as follows:

- i. In the case of a vacancy in the office of Precinct Chairman, the Precinct Vice Chairman, if there is one, will become the Precinct Chair. In any other case of vacancy of the Precinct Officers or Committeemen, the Precinct Committee will elect a replacement. If there are no members of the Precinct Committee then the County Committee must, at the County Committee meeting immediately following the vacancy, elect one or more Precinct Officers as provided in 9.15**
- ii. In the case of a vacancy in the office of County Chairman or District Chairman, the First Vice Chairman shall become the Chairman.**
- iii. In the case of a vacancy in the office of County First Vice Chairman, the County Vice Chairman shall become the First Vice Chairman.**
- iv. In the case of vacancy in the office of District First Vice Chairman, the District Vice Chairman who received majority votes when elected will become the District First Vice Chairman**
- v. In the case of a vacancy in the office of any other voting members of the County Committee or the District Committee which cannot be resolved by one of the above rules in this section A, the County Committee or District Committee, respectively, shall elect a replacement.**

An officer who qualifies as a candidate for an 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 an officer qualifies as a candidate for elected office as a candidate of any political party other than the Republican Party, he shall be

deemed to have resigned all positions on the County, Municipal, Precinct or other GRP governing committees.

Submitted by Susan P. Opraseuth (State Committee, Fulton GOP) & Sarah Thompson (Secretary, Bulloch GOP)

**Proposal for GPR Rules Amendment
Filling Vacancies / Growth Caucus (15)**

Purpose

To improve representation of more precincts in the County Committee, it is desirable to give precincts the opportunity to organize and elect their leadership, where possible, rather than having the Precinct Committee appointed by the County Committee.

The proposal gives the precinct a second chance to do so, even though it is after the County and State Convention. After the work of organizing all of the caucuses and conventions is completed, party leaders and activists will be able to focus more time and effort into publicizing the Precinct Caucus in only those precincts that did not caucus at the first caucus event.

The following amendment is proposed:

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9.15 ORGANIZATION OF VACANT PRECINCTS

Where for any reason a Precinct Caucus is not conducted on the date set in the Call for such meetings in odd-numbered years (other than pursuant to a plan adopted in accordance with Rule 9.2(A)), the County Committee ~~may~~

COUNTY CHAIR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A PRECINCT 30 DAY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE DEFINED AS THE PRECINCT GROWTH CAUCUS.

shall hold a 2nd Precinct GROWTH Caucus for all vacant precincts within 90 days after the State Convention and provide public notice at least 30 days in advance equivalent to the notice, and using the same rules and procedures, as provided for the Precinct Caucus in the Call. For any Precincts which fail to elect at least one Precinct Officer at this Precinct Caucus, the County Committee may by majority vote appoint a non voting Precinct Chair at any time after the State Convention held in such odd-numbered years, elect one or more Precinct officers and committeemen for such Precinct to serve until the next Precinct Caucus or earlier removal from office in accordance with these Rules and the County Party Rules.

PRECINCT VACANCIES EXISTING AFTER THE 2ND PRECINCT GROWTH CAUCUS WILL BE FILLED ON A ROLLING ADMISSIONS BASIS REQUIRING QUALIFIED ELECTORS THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS AND FORMS AS PRECINCT CAUCUS/MASS MEETING

NOTE: TRIGGERS AMENDMENTS TO OTHER RULES.

CORRECT 8.11 VACANCIES NOT FILLED PURSUANT TO S.R. 9.1

COMPARE TO S. R. RRO CONVENTIONS, THE CALL, CONVENTION MANUAL

Submitted by Susan P. Opraseuth (State Committee, Fulton GOP) & Sarah Thompson (Secretary, Bulloch GOP)

**Proposal for GPR Rules Amendment
Rules of Order (16)**

11.3 RULES OF ORDER **Unless otherwise provided for by the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Georgia Law, or applicable Bylaws and Rules,** Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be followed in all meetings **and conduct** of the GRP, including, without limitation, the State Committee and State Executive Committee, the District Committees and District Executive Committees, and the County Committees and County Executive Committees, ~~unless modified by, respectively, these Rules, applicable County Party rules, or applicable District Party rules;~~ provided, however, that the provisions of Rule 9.12 shall govern all Precinct Caucuses, County Conventions, District Conventions, and the State Convention.

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