

**A
HANDBOOK
FOR
JASPER COUNTY
REPUBLICAN
CENTRAL
COMMITTEE
MEMBERS**

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JASPER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

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Dear Central Committee Member:

Welcome and congratulations on your election as the official representative of the Republican Party in the Precinct or Township in which you live. We have prepared this handbook for you which is intended to provide a starting point for the work which each of us must do if we are to continue to be successful in electing outstanding Republicans to public office in Jasper County, State of Missouri and in Washington DC.

Please review the materials we have assembled. This provides information, which will be essential to your service as a member of the Central Committee.

Please become familiar with our website: www.jaspercountyrepublicans.com.

We encourage you to join the Republican Women of Jasper County. The Republican Women meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Men are welcome. President Kimberly Kuhns - Contact Info: Tnkdk@hotmail.com (417) 434-4311. Membership is \$35.00 a year. Men can join as an associate member for \$10.00 for a non-voting position.

We encourage you to join the Jasper County MRA (Missouri Republican Assembly) meetings. MRA is considered the right arm of the Republican party and its main objective is making sure that Republicans are Republicans. Cathy Jo Loy and Ray Schell are the organizers and can be reached at cjheartart@yahoo.com and ray.schell@att.net respectively. Check their website (jasco-mra.org) for meeting dates/time/place.

We encourage you to attend the Southwest Missouri Conservative Network programs. The Conservative Network is one educational arm of conservatives in the Joplin area. They meet the first Thursday of each month at Granny Shaffer's Restaurant, 2728 N Range Line, Joplin, MO 64801 @ 7:00pm. Arrive at 6:30 to order dinner. President Chris Yaudas - Contact Info: chrisyaudas@hotmail.com or (417) 434-1218.

We also communicate information about various events and meetings to our Central Committee members by email. Please be sure we have your current email address on our email list.

Become a fan on Facebook at [Jasper County Republicans web page: https://Jaspercountyrepublicans.com](https://Jaspercountyrepublicans.com)

I look forward to working with you to continue the tradition of excellence established by the Jasper County Republican Central Committee.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Kuhns, Chair - Phone: +1 (417) 434-4311 - email:tnkdk@hotmail.com

THE REPUBLICAN PHILOSOPHY

The Republican Party was started in 1854 and has been guided since then by a philosophy that is marked by:

1. A commitment to Individualism; and,
2. Belief in the free enterprise system.

As Republicans we hold that social, economic and political stability can be best achieved with a minimum of federal government intervention. The party accepts the idea that the government closest to the individual citizen can serve the citizen best and at the lowest cost. For this reason the party has a long and distinguished history of activity in local elections. This activity is based on the premise that political power held locally, rather than nationally, will ensure good government through the development of capable state and federal leadership in local offices. Therefore, it is vitally important to attract high quality candidates for local level offices.

The party holds that those who cannot provide for themselves should be assisted by the government, through local government if possible, and by society, but that every effort should be made to help them become self-supporting and independent.

The party looks to the federal government for the maintenance of sound money and a responsible economy. We also expect the federal government to maintain a strong defense.

The party believes that equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all should be a national right regardless of sex, creed, race, age or national origin.

The party supports the security of the individual through support of the Constitution, the laws and the courts.

These concepts are the foundation of our strength as a political party and our promise for the future of our nation.

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2. DUTIES OF A COMMITTEE PERSON

1. Work for the election of Republican candidates.
2. Represent the Republicans in the Ward or Township from which you have been elected in meetings and activities of the Central Committee.
3. Attend ALL meetings of the Central Committee unless prevented by illness or absence from the County.
4. Build and maintain a network of your Republican neighbors and friends in your Ward or Township. Establish a means of communications-via text, email, phone, etc. to help spread the word about party events. Identify people who will help you “get out the vote”, who would consider permitting Republican Candidates (approved by them of course) to put yard signs on their property, who would “walk” the neighborhood with a given Republican candidate or perhaps be willing to host a coffee or candidate event. In short, become the link between your constituents and the Republican Party.
5. Use your ability as a Committee Person to nominate the individuals who serve at polling places during elections as paid “poll workers” to help build the party’s strength in your Ward or Township. Personally talk to each person who is presently a Republican “poll worker” or whom you might consider nominating for such a position. Make sure that they will support you and the party by helping with the tasks described in the preceding paragraph.
6. Assist the party in identifying and encouraging outstanding Republicans to run for public office.
7. Be responsible for placing Republican yard signs at their polling place for a general election.
8. Be willing to volunteer and to remain active in the community, as well as political campaigns.
9. Recruit Ward or Township volunteers as well as Auxiliary Members (as defined in the By-Laws). Provide Ward or Township voter identification and canvassing of precinct.
10. Remember the Republican Philosophy. Remember that the work of the party is to promote candidates and the Republican party platform. Remember that our party seeks to include all who embrace the Republican Philosophy. Be positive about your service on the Central Committee and attempt to live by Ronald Reagan’s 11th Commandment for our party: *“Never speak ill of another Republican!”*

DUTIES OF THE COUNTY CHAIR

1. Execute all of the duties of Committee person for the Ward or Township from which elected.
2. Preside at meetings of the Central Committee and Executive Committee.
3. Serve as the link between elected Republican officials and the party structure. Know their concerns and keep them “plugged-in” to the Party.
4. Organize the Central Committee and help the Coordinating Committee prepare a plan for every two year period to include major elections.
5. Remain neutral in all primary elections and do those things necessary to encourage primary candidates to refrain from tactics or public statements detrimental to the party as a whole.
6. Serve as the official spokesman for the Jasper County Republican Party.
7. Assist the Central Committee in planning and executing the following activities and undertakings:
 - a. Fund-raising activities to enable the Central Committee to carry on its work—that is the election of Republicans to office
 - b. Voter Identification and Get- Out-The Vote Campaigns.
 - c. Voter Registration Drives and Absentee Voter Assistance.
 - d. Provision of assistance to candidates through joint activities; joint campaign headquarters; computer support; joint media buys when appropriate; maintenance of a “County Calendar” listing all Republican Events to enable coordination of efforts, etc.
8. Supervise and direct staff and GOP Headquarters office(s).
9. Attend meetings and functions of auxiliary organizations whenever possible.
10. Keep all Republicans working together in concerted, ongoing efforts to bring more voters to the Republican Party

Duties of a Legislative District Chair

The election of Legislative District officers is governed by Section 115.619 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri:

Composition of legislative, senatorial, congressional and judicial district committees.

1. The membership of a legislative district committee shall consist of all county committee members within the legislative district. In all counties of this state which are wholly contained within a legislative district, or in which there are two or more whole legislative districts, or one whole legislative district and part of another legislative district, or parts of two or more legislative districts, there shall be elected from the membership of each legislative district committee a chairman and a vice chairman, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, and each legislative district committee at the same time shall elect a secretary and a treasurer, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, but who may or may not be members of the legislative district committee, as long as part of the township/ward/precinct in which they reside is within the district. Party state committees may provide for voting by proxy and for weighted or fractional voting.

The organization of a Legislative District Committee is prescribed by Section 115.621, R.S. MO as follows

2. The members of each legislative district committee shall meet at some place within the legislative district or within one of the counties in which the legislative district exists, to be designated by the current chair of the committee, not earlier than three weeks after each primary election but in no event later than the fourth Saturday after each primary election. The county courthouse in counties of the first, second and third classification in which the meeting is to take place, as designated by the chair, shall be made available for such meeting and any other legislative district political party committee meeting at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, the committee shall organize pursuant to subsection 1 of section 115.619

115.605. Purpose of committee. –

Each party committee shall be selected as provided in this subchapter for the purpose of representing and acting for the party in the interim between party conventions (L. 1977 H.B. 101&14.005)

Legislative District Officers are usually comprised of members of the Central Committee; therefore, the Central Committee has established the following expectations for Legislative District officials:

1. The Legislative District Chairs and Officers are charged with the obligation to organize the district committee and to see to its operation during the election cycle.

2. The Chairs of Legislative Districts are to serve as a primary resource of advice and support for the Committee persons elected to serve their respective voting subdivisions located within the Legislative District.
3. In voting districts where there is no serving Committeeman or Committeewoman, the Legislative District Chair shall attempt to seek out a suitable person or persons to nominate for election by the Central Committee to such position. In doing so the Legislative District officers shall inquire of any such candidate of his or her qualifications, their loyalty to the Republican Party and its candidates for election and their willingness to aid the party by their efforts, to assist, aid and elect the party's candidates and the District Chair shall provide a written endorsement of each such person so nominated.
4. The Legislative District Committee should also establish and maintain a "calling tree" stretching from its Chair throughout each voting subdivision in their respective District to enable the expeditious notification of party members of important information in exigent circumstances.

Legislative District Chairs also play an important role in the composition of the Congressional District Committees and one of the criteria for election as a Congressional District Chair is that the person chosen must be a seated Legislative District Chair of a Legislative District within the Congressional District.

PRECINCTS in Legislative Districts

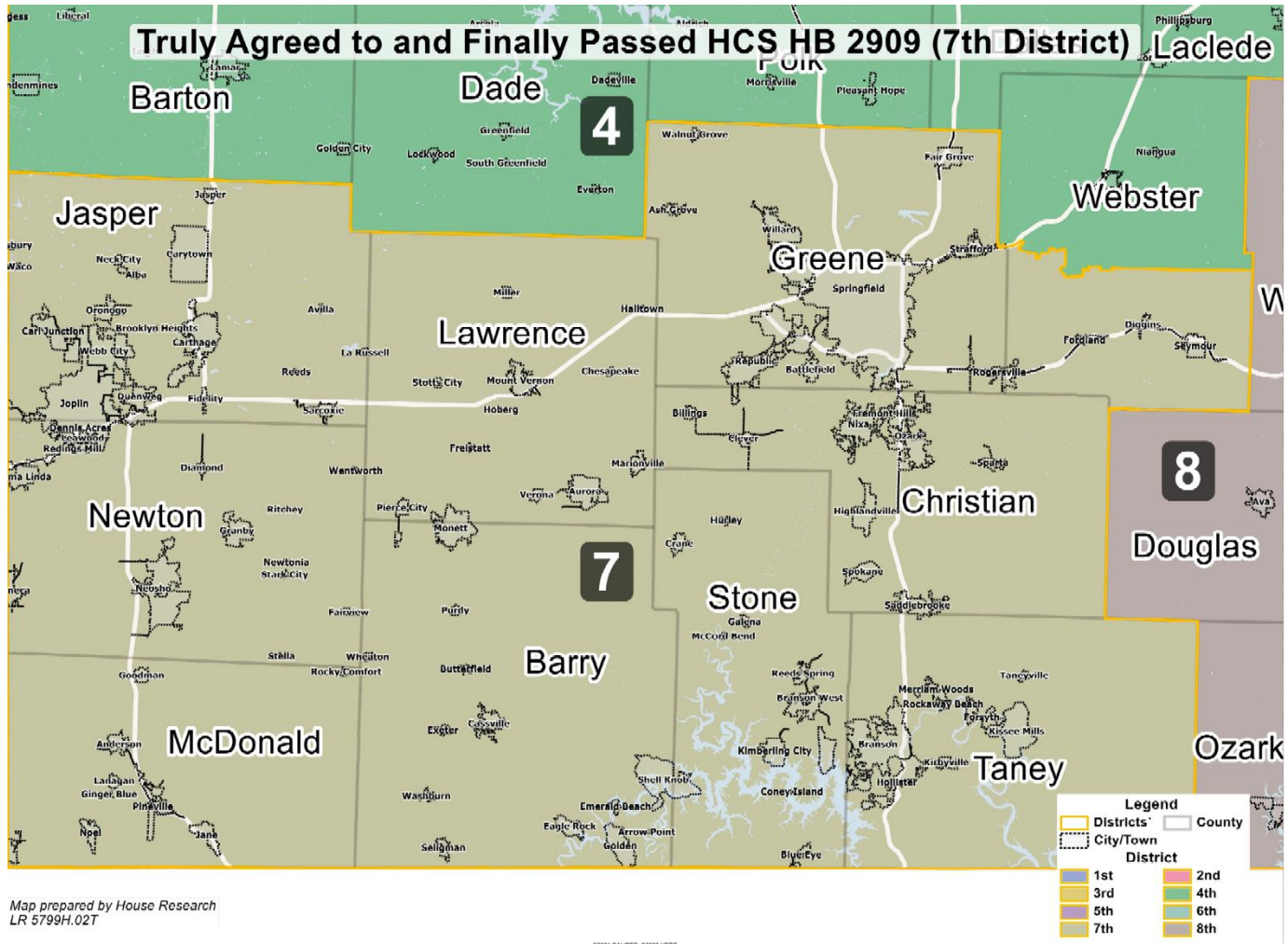
127^h Legislative District – Alba, Centennial, Jasper, LaRussell, Lincoln, Marion, McDonald, Neck City, Oronogo 1, Oronogo 2, Pine, Prairie Star, Purcell, Reeds, Sarcoxie1, Sarcoxie2, Sheridan

161st Legislative District – Central City, Joplin 1, Joplin 2, Joplin 3, Joplin 5, Joplin 7, Joplin 8, Joplin 10, Joplin 11, Joplin 12, Joplin 13, Joplin 14, Joplin 15, Joplin 16, Joplin 18, Joplin 22, Joplin 23, Joplin 24, Joplin 25, Joplin 26

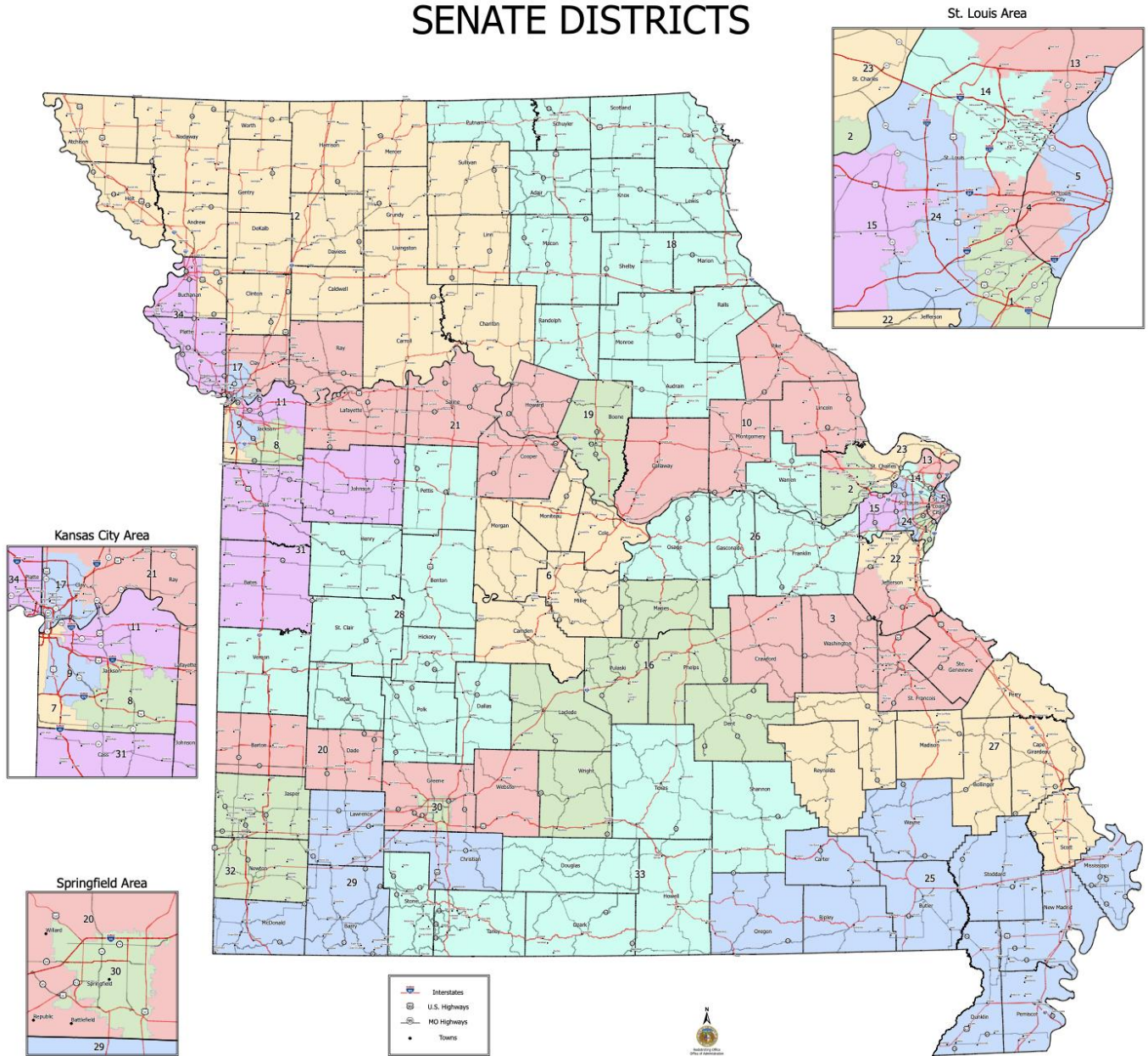
162nd Legislative District – Asbury, Carl Junction 1, Carl Junction 2, Carl Junction 3, Carl Junction 4, Cartersville 1, Cartersville 2, Cartersville 3, Cartersville 4, Central City, Joplin 3, Joplin 15, Lakeside, Medoc, Oronogo 1, Tuckahoe, Waco, Webb City 1, Webb City 2, Webb City 3, Webb City 4, Zincite

163^d Legislative District – Cartersville 3, Cartersville 4, Carthage 1, Carthage 2, Carthage 3, Carthage 4, Carthage 5, Centennial, Duenweg, Gem, East Jackson, West Jackson, Joplin 4, Joplin 25, Lakeside, Madison North, Madison South, Marion, Monitor, Oronogo 1, Oronogo 2, Rex, Webb City 2

7th U S Congressional District



MISSOURI SENATE DISTRICTS



Judicial Redistricting Commission
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Missouri Senate Districts

Jasper County Congressional Districts

