

RULES OF THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY COMMITTEES OF THE GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PARTY

INTRODUCTION AND FUNCTION

The Effingham County Republican Committee is a political organization, the primary purpose of which is to educate and inform the general public on the principles of the Republican Party. 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 Committee and in compliance with the Laws of the State of Georgia. It shall assist in raising funds for the National and State causes 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 County Conventions or other meetings.

ARTICLE I GENERAL ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Qualifications 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 principles, and in sympathy with its aims and purposes, upon verification of registration and qualification to vote 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.

Section 2. Relation of State and County 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 to the County Committee after its adoption.

Section 3. State Election Laws: These rules shall be subject to the election Laws of the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE II COUNTY ORGANIZATION

Section 1. County Committee: There shall be a committee officially known as the "Effingham County Committee of the Georgia Republican Party" or the "Effingham County Republican Party".

Section 2. Executive Committee of the County Committee: There shall be an Effingham County Executive Committee which shall be composed of a County Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The County Chairman shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee. Should other officers be able to call any officer, the Executive Committee shall conduct routine business.

Section 3. Election and Term of Office: The officers and members of the County Committee shall be elected by the biennial County Convention, or members may be elected by another method approved by the County 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.

ARTICLE III
ALTERATION OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Vacancies of County Officers: Any vacancy in the officers of the County Committee other than County Chairman shall be filled by majority vote of a quorum present and voting of the County Committee.

Section 2. Vacancy of the Office of County Chairman: If any vacancy shall occur in the office of County Chairman, the First Vice-Chairman shall automatically serve as Acting Chairman until a new County Chairman is elected or until the Acting Chairman is confirmed by a majority vote of a quorum of the County Committee.

Section 3. Candidates, Electors, Delegates, Alternates, and Others: Where candidates, electors, delegates, alternates, or any other persons duly elected by any Convention or unit for any office and a vacancy in the position shall occur, the appropriate committee is authorized to fill such vacancy in a properly called meeting by a majority vote of those present and voting.

Section 4. Removal for Cause: All officers or member may be removed from office for cause by his respective Committee under the terms and conditions of the appropriate rule thereof.

Section 5. Reasons 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 interest of the Party.

Section 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, mailed 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 or by any representative of his choice for the purpose of defending himself or herself of such charges.

Section 7. Reinstatement: Members removed for cause may be reinstated by a majority vote of the County Committee present and voting upon petition of such member to said Committee.

ARTICLE IV
COUNTY MEETINGS

Section 1. Notification and Frequency of Meetings: Regular meeting of the County Committee shall be held at least quarterly, and also at the call of the Chair. Meetings must be announced in the county legal organ with at least seven (7) days notice. The County Executive Committee shall meet as required and on call of any officer.

Section 2. Quorum: A quorum shall consist of the members present; and any member present is authorized to vote on all matters brought before the committee. No business shall be conducted unless three (3) officers are present.

ARTICLE V
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. County Chairman: The Chairman shall issue and publish calls for all Conventions and Meeting in accordance with the State Rules.

A. The County Chairman shall issue and publish Call for County Conventions Organization is affected. Each such call shall state the purpose of the County Convention and shall notify each

County Officer and member in said District of the number of delegates and alternates to which each such County is entitled. The County Chairman shall convene the County Committee when the needs of the Party may require, but in no event less than-annually. The County Chairman shall preside at meetings of said County Committee and may appoint additional committees as deemed advisable.

B. It is the responsibility of the County Chairman to see that 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 those positions.

C. The Chairman shall be responsible for having the minutes of the previous meeting read or distributed.

D. 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.

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

F. The Chairman shall be subject to the oversight of the Committee to ensure faithful performance of his or her duties.

Section 2. First Vice-Chairman: The First Vice-Chairman shall be responsible for maximizing organizations for the Committee and to assist the Chairperson.

A. The First Vice-Chairman shall recruit, appoint and preside over a Committee known as the County Organization, which shall assist the First Vice-Chairperson in recruiting and organizing volunteers and to arrange for training for County volunteers; and recruiting members.

B. The First Vice-Chairman shall preside in the absence of the Chairman.

C. The First Vice-Chairman shall serve as Acting Chairman in the event of vacancy of the Chairman's office and perform all such duties.

Section 3. Second Vice Chairman: The Second Vice-Chairman shall be responsible for candidate recruiting within the District and to assist the Chairman.

A. The Second Vice-Chairman shall recruit, appoint and preside over a Committee known as the Candidate Recruitment Committee to assist the First Vice-Chairman in recruiting and arrange for training of Republican Candidates throughout the County.

B. The Second Vice-Chairman shall preside in the absence of both the Chairman and the First Vice-Chairman and perform all such duties.

Section 4. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep all minutes of the County and Executive Committee meetings, membership rolls, correspondence and usual secretarial duties.

Section 5. Treasurer: The Treasurer and the Executive Committee, shall keep and maintain all financial activities and shall provide a written report to each County Meeting.

A. The treasurer shall ensure that the County Committee is in compliance with the applicable Federal and State Laws, registering and reporting as required by Federal and State Law.

B. The Treasurer Shall be a chairperson of the Fund-Raising Committee.

Section 6. Secretary/Treasurer: The Officer positions set forth in Sections 4 & 5 may be

held by the same person at the same time if so granted by the members of the County Committee. **All** other offices may be held by only one separate person at the same time.

ARTICLE VI CONVENTIONS

Section 1. General: No Official business shall be transacted at any Convention while any of its Committees are in session.

Section 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 State Rules.

Section 3. Notification: The Effingham County Republican Committee shall notify all members by written notice of the time, date, and place of the County Convention. The notice shall be published in the County Organ not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of said County Convention. All members who have registered their email address with the secretary shall also be notified by email.

Section 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.

Section 5. Rules: At the County Convention, rules shall be adopted not inconsistent with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party. A certified copy of the County 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.

ARTICLE VII APPEALS

Section 1. Appeals: Any appeal must be taken in accordance with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party.

ARTICLE VII PREVAILING RULES

Section 1. Rules of Order: Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the procedure to be followed at any Committee Meeting or Convention unless mandated otherwise by the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party.

Section 2. Amendments: These Rules may be amended at any properly called Effingham County Republican Committee with notice of the proposed rule change being sent pursuant to ARTICLE IV Section 1. However, in the event of a conflict with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party; the latter shall govern.