

CALL FOR THE 2019 GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PRECINCT MASS MEETINGS AND FOR COUNTY, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTIONS

The Georgia Republican Party, pursuant to the Rules of the Party, as adopted on August 18, 2018, hereby issues this Official Call (“Call”) to all qualified registered resident voters in the State of Georgia who believe in the principles of the Republican Party and support its aims and purposes, to unite under this Call in the selection of Delegates and Alternates to County, Congressional District, and State Conventions.

The Georgia Republican Party seeks the broadest possible participation by such persons in Party affairs and delegate selection. Participation in all Mass Meetings and Conventions shall in no way be abridged for reasons of sex, race, religion, color, age, or national origin.

Precinct Mass Meetings in Counties over 80,000
Population are hereby called to convene at **10:00 A.M.** on **February 9, 2019**
(Or pursuant to an approved plan under Rule 9.2(A)(2) at any other date & time between January 31 – February 9, 2019)

Precinct Mass Meetings in Counties under 80,000
Population are hereby called to convene at **9:00 A.M.** on **March 9, 2019**
(Or pursuant to an approved plan under Rule 9.2(A)(5) at any other date & time between January 31 – March 8, 2019)

County Conventions are hereby called to convene in each County in the State of Georgia at **10:00 A.M.** on **March 9, 2019**
(Or pursuant to an approved plan under Rule 9.2(A)(3) at any other date & time between February 28 – March 9, 2019)

Congressional District Conventions are hereby called to convene in each Congressional District of the State of Georgia at **10:00 A.M.** on **April 13, 2019**
(Or pursuant to an approved plan under Rule 9.3 at any other date & time between April 4 – April 13, 2019)

The **2019 State Convention** of the Georgia Republican Party is hereby called to convene in the city of Savannah in the County of Chatham Georgia, commencing at **2:00 P.M.** on **May 17, 2019** and continuing from day to day until adjournment
(Registration for Delegates and Alternates shall close at precisely 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 18, 2019)

1. Any plan adopted by a County Committee pursuant to Rule 9.2(A) for one or more of the purposes as set forth therein must be submitted in writing to the State Executive Committee not later than **December 15, 2018**.
2. Any plan adopted by a Congressional District Committee pursuant to Rule 9.3(A) must be submitted in writing to the State Executive Committee not later than **December 15, 2018**.
3. The notice of Mass Meetings and County & District Conventions required by Rule 9.4(A) shall be published not later than **January 16, 2019** (for Counties holding their Mass Meeting between January 31 – March 8, 2019) or not later than **February 22, 2019** (for Counties holding their Mass Meeting on March 9, 2019).
4. Pursuant to Rule 9.11(A), in order for a resolution or rule to be considered by Resolutions Committee or Rules Committee and ultimately by the State Convention, it must be submitted in writing in editable electronic format to the State Secretary on or before **April 20, 2019**. Resolutions, other than the annual memorial resolution, shall be no more than **250 words** in length. Any resolution which contains any assertion of fact must be accompanied by sufficient documentation to allow the Resolutions Committee to verify the accuracy of any such assertions. No other resolutions or rules shall be considered by the State Convention.
5. Pursuant to Rule 9.11(B), in order to be eligible for consideration by the Nominating Committee and ultimately by the State Convention for election to the offices of Chairman, First Vice Chairman, Second Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, a candidate must submit a notice of candidacy and a political resume to the State Secretary at GRP headquarters on or before **April 20, 2019**.
6. **Appendix A** lists the number of Delegates & Alternates to be elected by each County to the State Convention pursuant to Rule 9.6(A).
7. **Appendix B** lists the number of Delegates & Alternates to be elected by each County to the respective Congressional District Conventions pursuant to Rule 9.6(B).
8. **Appendix C** lists the population of Georgia Counties as determined by the 2010 Decennial U.S. Census.
9. **Appendix D** lists the number of members of the State Committee to be elected by each Congressional District Convention pursuant to Rule 2.2(O).

Appendices A – D are hereby incorporated into this Call by this reference.

All Mass Meetings, County Conventions, Congressional District Conventions, and the State Convention shall be conducted in accordance with Rules 9.1 – 9.12 of the Rules of Georgia Republican Party, Inc. as set forth below:

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) Mass Meetings 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 and organize the Party in the respective Counties for the next two years and adopt any new or amended 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 Mass Meetings, 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 Mass Meetings and the County Convention, including, but not limited to, the adoption of any plan authorized by these Rules.

9.2 HOLDING OF MASS MEETINGS AND COUNTY CONVENTIONS

A) Mass Meetings shall be held for each Precinct in accordance with the Call at a single location as determined by the County Committee; provided, however, that a County Committee may adopt a plan to include one or more of the following:

- (1) to hold Precinct Mass Meetings in multiple locations grouped by other political subdivisions;

- (2) to hold Precinct Mass Meetings on a date or at a time other than that set forth in the Call; provided that such alternative date and time shall, other than as provided in Rule 9.2(A)(5), fall within the ten (10) day period ending on the date and time for Mass Meetings for such County as set forth in the Call;
- (3) to hold the County Convention on a date or at a time other than that set forth in the Call; provided that such alternative date and time shall fall within the ten (10) day period ending on the date and time for County Conventions as set forth in the Call;
- (4) for Counties having a population of over 100,000, to provide for the use of one of the alternate divisor numbers specified in Rule 9.5(B) for determining the number of Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention;
- (5) for Counties having a population of 80,000 or fewer, to opt out of the provisions of Rule 9.2(D) specifying that such County hold both its Precinct Mass Meetings and County Convention on the same date and to hold such County's Precinct Mass Meetings either: (a) on the date and time set forth in the Call for Precinct Mass Meetings for Counties over 80,000 in population (or within the ten (10) day period ending on the date and time for such Precinct Mass Meetings), or (b) on a date and at a time between the period described in Rule 9.2(A)(2) and the date and time set forth in the Call for County Conventions for Counties with a population of 80,000 or fewer.

B) Any such plan must be submitted in writing by the County Chairman or other person designated by the County Committee to the State Executive Committee to the attention of the State Secretary at GRP headquarters on or before December 15 of the year preceding such Mass Meetings or Conventions. With regard to any such plan submitted, the State Executive Committee may: (1) approve the plan as submitted, (2) approve the plan subject to certain conditions, or (3) reject the plan. If the State Executive Committee takes no action on the plan on or before January 5 of the year in which such Mass Meetings are to be held, such plan shall be deemed approved and the County may proceed with the plan.

C) If, at a Mass Meeting, any precinct does not caucus or does not elect a full delegation, any unfilled delegate or alternate positions for that precinct may not be filled by any other precinct or by the Mass Meeting.

D) Counties whose population is 80,000 or fewer shall hold both their Mass Meetings and County Conventions on the date set by the Call for County Conventions unless such County shall have filed a plan pursuant to Rule 9.2(A)(5) and such plan shall not have been rejected by the State Executive Committee.

E) There will be only one Mass Meeting Chairman, one Mass Meeting Secretary, and one registration committee appointed by the County Chairman (or as otherwise specified in the County party rules) for each Mass Meeting location. The County Chairman shall appoint a temporary Mass Meeting Chairman for each Mass Meeting. The County Chairman may also appoint, or shall delegate to the Mass Meeting Chairman the authority to appoint, a temporary Precinct Chairman for each Precinct Meeting, giving preference where possible to the ranking officer of such precinct.

F) The County Chairman shall appoint interim County Convention Committees and their respective Chairmen, subject to the approval of the County Committee. Except when the County's Mass Meeting and County Convention shall be held on the same date pursuant to Rule 9.2(D), the County Chairman shall send written notice of the date, time, and location of the County Convention by mail or by written electronic communication at least ten (10) days in advance of the date of the Convention to all Delegates and Alternates elected to such Convention at the Mass Meeting, which notice shall indicate that the Convention is to be held pursuant to the Call.

9.3 HOLDING OF DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

A) Congressional District Conventions shall be held in each Congressional District in accordance with the Call at a location as determined by the District Committee ; provided, however, that in a non-presidential election year a District Committee may adopt a plan to hold the District Convention on a date or at a time other than that set forth in the Call; provided that such alternative date and time shall fall within the ten (10) day period ending on the date and time for District Conventions as set forth in the Call.

B) Any such plan must be submitted in writing by the District Chairman or other person designated by the District Committee or District Executive Committee to the State Executive Committee to the attention of the State Secretary at GRP headquarters on or before December 15 of the year preceding such Convention. With regard to any such plan submitted, the State Executive Committee may: (1) approve the plan as submitted, (2) approve the plan subject to certain conditions,

or (3) reject the plan. If the State Executive Committee takes no action on the plan on or before January 5 of the year in which such Convention is to be held, such plan shall be deemed approved and the District may proceed with the plan.

C) Each District Chairman shall send written notice of the date, time, and location of the Congressional District Convention 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.

9.4 PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF MASS MEETINGS

A) Each County Chairman shall cause to be printed in a newspaper of general circulation in their County a notice of the date, time, and place of each Mass Meeting to be held in such County at least fifteen (15) days, but not more than sixty (60) days, before the date of the Mass Meeting and shall arrange for such other notice of the Mass Meeting as may be directed by the County Committee.

B) The date, time, and place of the County Convention and, if known, the District Convention for each Congressional District located in whole or in part in the County shall be included in this notice.

C) If a County's Mass Meetings and County Convention are to be held on the same date, the notice shall specify that the Mass Meetings and County Convention will be held at separate times on the same date and will specify the location for each.

D) The County Chairman shall provide a written or electronic copy of the notice to the State Secretary at GRP headquarters within five (5) business days after publication.

9.5 ALLOCATION OF DELEGATES TO COUNTY CONVENTIONS

A) Each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the County Convention. Each Precinct shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each 50 votes and major fraction thereof (26 or more) cast for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding presidential general election.

B) Provided however, that in lieu of the foregoing calculation, pursuant to a plan adopted by the County Committee as provided in Rule 9.2(A)(4): (1) in Counties having population of over one

hundred thousand (100,000), each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate for each one hundred fifty (150) votes and major fraction thereof (76 or more); or (2) in counties having a population of over five hundred thousand (500,000), each precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate for each two hundred and fifty (250) votes and major fraction thereof (126), cast for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding presidential general election.

C) Any county which has had changes in precinct lines since the last Presidential Election may use the vote totals cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in the immediately preceding gubernatorial general election to allocate their county convention delegates. In such case the calculation of the number of delegates and alternates for each precinct shall be the same as previously specified in this Rule 9.5.

9.6 ALLOCATION OF DELEGATES TO DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTIONS A)

Each County shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the State Convention. Each County shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each one-thousand (1,000) votes or major fraction thereof (501 or more), cast in that County for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding presidential general election.

B) Each County shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the District Convention. In Counties situated in more than one Congressional District, such Delegate shall be allotted to the Congressional District with the largest number of votes cast in that County for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding presidential general election. With respect to each Congressional District each County shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each seven hundred fifty (750) votes or major fraction thereof (376), cast in that portion of the County located within such Congressional District for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding presidential general election.

C) Delegates and Alternates may not be transferred among Counties within a Congressional District or between Congressional Districts.

9.7 REPORTS AND FILING OF CREDENTIALS

A) **Mass Meetings.** Within two (2) business days after adjournment of the Mass Meeting, the Chairman of the Mass Meeting shall file with the County Chairman:

- (1) a list (including residence addresses, telephone numbers, and (if provided) email addresses) of Delegates and Alternates elected to the County Convention;
- (2) in odd-numbered years, a list of the Precinct officers and committeemen duly elected at such Mass Meeting.

The County Chairman shall file copies of the above documents with the State Secretary at GRP headquarters within seven (7) business days of the adjournment of the Mass Meeting. One set of the lists will be retained by the Mass Meeting Secretary. The provisions of this Rule 9.7(A) shall not apply to Counties holding Mass Meetings and County Convention on the same date pursuant to Rule 9.2 (E).

B) County Conventions. Within five (5) business days after the adjournment of the County Convention, the Chairman of the County Convention shall file with the State Secretary at GRP headquarters, and with the Chairman of each Congressional District in which a part of the County is located:

- (1) a certified copy of the convention minutes and a certified list (including residence addresses, telephone numbers, and (if provided) email addresses) of the Delegates and Alternates elected to the Congressional District and State Conventions; and
- (2) in odd-numbered years, a certified list of the officers and members of the County Committee duly elected by the County Convention.

A copy of the lists will be retained by the Secretary of the County Committee.

C) Congressional District Conventions. Within five (5) business days of the adjournment of the District Convention, the Chairman of the District Convention shall file with the State Secretary at GRP headquarters:

- (1) in odd-numbered years, a certified list (including residence addresses, telephone numbers, and (if provided) email addresses) of the members of the State Committee and the officers and District Committee of the Congressional District duly elected at the Convention accompanied by the convention minutes; or
- (2) in Presidential Election years, a certified list (including residence addresses, telephone numbers, and (if provided) email addresses) of the National Delegates and

Alternates elected by the District Convention; and

(3) in all years, a certified copy of the convention minutes..

A copy of the lists will be retained by the Secretary of the Congressional District Committee.

D) National Convention. The GRP State Chairman shall file with the Secretary of the Republican National Convention the list of National Delegates and Alternates elected at the Congressional District Conventions and the State Convention, as required by the Rules adopted by the most recent Republican National Convention.

9.8 ADOPTION AND FILING OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT RULES

A) Each County Convention and each District Convention may amend their respective rules or may adopt new rules for each respective County and District, provided such rules shall not be inconsistent with the Rules of the GRP.

B) A certified copy of the current County Rules shall be filed: (1) within five (5) business days of the adjournment of the County Convention with the District Chairman of each applicable District and with the State Secretary at GRP headquarters; and (2) in accordance with the Georgia Election Code, within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the County Convention with the election superintendent of the County.

C) A certified copy of the current District Rules shall be filed with the State Secretary at GRP headquarters within five (5) business days following the adjournment of the District Convention.

9.9 APPEALS RELATING TO MASS MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 8.4 and Rule 8.8, the following appeal procedures shall apply to disputes regarding Mass Meetings, County Conventions and District Conventions:

A) Any disputed action regarding a Mass Meeting that occurs prior to the date of the County Convention shall be appealed in writing to the County Committee (with copies of the appeal filed with the applicable District Committee, and the State Committee on Appeals) within five (5) days of

adjournment of the Mass Meeting. No appeal petition shall be heard unless it shall be in writing and signed by a number of registered participants in the Mass Meeting equal to not less than twenty percent (20%) of the number of Delegates to the County Convention allocated to the Precinct(s) from which such disputed action shall have arisen. If a County fails to hear and decide the appeal within ten (10) days of its receipt of the appeal, the appeal will be automatically be referred to the District Committee of the Congressional District in which the largest number of voters from the County reside.

B) If the Mass Meeting occurs the same day as the County any disputed actions regarding the Mass Meeting or regarding the County Convention must be appealed in writing to the District Committee, within five (5) days of adjournment of the County Convention in question, with a copy of such appeal filed with the State Committee on Appeals at GRP headquarters. No appeal petition shall be heard unless it shall be in writing and, if the appeal involves disputed actions arising from the Mass Meeting, signed by registered participants in the Mass Meeting equal to not less than twenty percent (20%) of the number of Delegates to the County Convention allocated to the Precinct(s) from which such disputed action shall have arisen, or if the appeal involves disputed actions arising from the County Convention, by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the registered Delegates to the County Convention. In Counties lying within multiple Congressional Districts, the appeal should be presented to the District Committee of the Congressional District in which the largest number of voters from the County reside.

C) Should the District Committee not hear and decide the appeal within ten (10) days of receiving the appeal, the appeal will automatically be referred to the State Committee on Appeals and reviewed and decided within ten (10) days of receipt of such referral by the State Committee on Appeals.

D) If the District Committee takes up the appeal, it shall report its findings to both the State Committee on Appeals and the appellants. Should a party wish to appeal the decision of the District Committee with respect to the County to the State Committee on Appeals, they shall do so within five (5) days of the date of the District Committee's decision.

E) Any disputed actions of a District Convention must be appealed in writing to the State Committee on Appeals within five (5) days of adjournment of the District Convention in question.

In order to pursue an appeal, the appeal must be signed by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the registered Delegates to the District Convention.

9.10 GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO MASS MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

A) Open Meetings. The Mass Meetings and Conventions shall be open to the public as spectators.

B) Rules Regarding Delegates & Alternates. (1) Only registered voters (electors) of a given Precinct, County, or Congressional District may be elected as a Delegate or Alternate to, or, hold office, vote or otherwise participate in the respective Mass Meetings or Conventions. No Mass Meeting or Convention may elect any Alternates before filling all allocated Delegate positions. (2) After all Delegate positions have been filled, Mass Meetings and Conventions shall attempt to elect a number of Alternates equal to the number of Delegates. (3) Delegates and Alternates shall not be paired. (4) No unit rule may be imposed by a Precinct, County, District, or State Convention on any Delegate elected by it. (5) A person does not have to be in attendance or be a Delegate or Alternate to the Convention at which they are elected to serve as Delegates or Alternates to another convention. (6) Delegates may not cast fractional votes.

C) Meeting Locations. Mass Meetings and County Conventions shall be held within the respective Counties. Congressional District Conventions shall be held in the respective Congressional Districts. All Mass Meetings and Conventions shall be held in buildings appropriate for public use, where practical.

D) Certification & Filing of Documents. All documents required to be filed pursuant to these Rules shall be signed: (1) with regard to the Mass Meeting, by the Mass Meeting Chairman and Secretary, (2) with regard to the County Convention, by the Chairman and Secretary of the County Convention, and (3) with regard to the District Convention, by the Chairman and Secretary of the District Convention. Each such signature shall constitute a certification that, to the best of signatory's knowledge the information in each document filed is true and correct and that the respective Mass Meeting, or Convention was conducted in accordance with these Rules. Each item required by this Rule 9 to be filed with the Secretary of the GRP or with any County or District Chairman, in order to be timely filed, such item must either be delivered by hand, by electronic filing, or by mail if

postmarked within any time period specified for delivery.

E) Access to Lists. Any person offering as a candidate for the position as a party officer, state committee member, or National Convention Delegate or Alternate shall be entitled to access on an equitable basis to 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.

F) Seating of Alternates. At any Congressional District Convention or at the State Convention, should the total number of Alternates from a County registered and present at such Convention, when combined with the total number of Delegates registered from such County, not exceed the total allocation of Delegates from such County, then the Credentials Committee for such Convention will have the authority to elevate all Alternates from such County to Delegates. In all other cases, the Delegates of each delegation shall by caucus and by majority vote adopt a plan for the seating of Alternates for any missing Delegates of their delegation.

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

H) Determination of Population. Population of the various Counties for all purposes under this Rule 9 shall be determined by reference to the then-most recent decennial U.S. Census.

9.11 STATE CONVENTION PROCEDURES

A) The procedure for submission of proposed resolutions and proposed 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.

B) The procedure to qualify to run for an office to be elected by the State Convention shall be as provided in the Call, including, but not limited to, specifying a date for submission of a notice of candidacy and political resume.

C) The Permanent Rules Committee shall prepare recommended rules and orders of business for the conduct of each State Convention in advance thereof, which rules and order of business shall be submitted to the rules committee of each State Convention for its consideration and report to the State Convention in session.

9.12 RULES OF ORDER

All Mass Meetings, County Conventions, District Conventions and the State Convention shall be governed and conducted: first, in accordance with these Rules and the Call, and second, except as modified by these Rules or by the Call, or, with regard to the respective County and District Conventions, by the respective rules of each such County or District, the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certify that foregoing was adopted by the State Committee of the Georgia Republican Party on this 18th day of August, 2018.

ATTEST

/s/John Watson
John Watson
Chairman

/s/Vincent Russo
Vincent Russo
Deputy General Counsel &
Chairman of the Permanent Rules Committee

/s/Kirk Shook
Kirk Shook
Secretary

/s/Anne W. Lewis
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