

**RULES OF THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
REPUBLICAN PARTY
As Adopted April 13, 2019**

**ARTICLE I
ORGANIZATION**

There is hereby created an organization to be named "Fourth Congressional District Republican Party, hereinafter referred to as the District.

**ARTICLE II
OFFICERS**

Section A. The District officers shall be a Chairman; First Vice-Chairman; Second Vice- Chairman; Third Vice-Chairman; Secretary; Assistant Secretary; Treasurer; Assistant Treasurer; Immediate Past Chairman. All officers must be qualified electors residing in the Fourth Congressional District.

Section B. The officers of the District shall have such powers and duties as shall be specified in writing in an instrument separately adopted by the District Committee. Such instrument shall have the power of rules, however said instrument shall require majority vote of members present and voting at any legally constituted meeting of the District Committee for adoption or amendment. Advance publication of proposed amendments to said instrument shall not be required.

Section C. The above officers shall be elected at the biennial District convention and shall hold office for two years. or until their successors are elected and qualified. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of Chairman through resignation or inability to serve, the duties of this office shall be assumed by the First Vice-Chairman through the remainder of the term. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of Secretary through resignation or inability to serve, the duties of this office shall be assumed by the Assistant Secretary. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of Treasurer through resignation or inability to serve, the duties of this office shall be assumed by the Assistant Treasurer. In the event a vacancy occurs more than ninety days prior to any Fourth District Convention in any other offices through resignation or inability to serve, the Chairman shall nominate a successor who shall assume the duties of said office upon confirmation by the majority of the District Committee present at any regular or called meeting of the District Committee.

Section D. Should any officer announce candidacy or intended candidacy for any elected public office or for the office of Chairman of the Georgia Republican Party, that officer's position shall be declared vacant and shall be filled in the above prescribed manner.

Section E. The Chairman may appoint a General Counsel who shall serve, if so appointed, as a non-voting officer of the District.

ARTICLE III DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Section A. There is hereby created a District Committee, which shall have the power to act in all respects for and on behalf of the District between the conventions of the District.

Section B. The District Committee shall be composed of the District officers, voting members of the State Committee who reside within the District, County Republican Party Chairmen who reside within the District, the Fourth District Director of the Georgia Federation of Republican Women if she resides in the District, the Chairman of the Georgia Young Republicans if he/she resides in the District, one representative each from any State GOP authorized organization in the District. The Chairmen of counties that lie partially within the District but do not themselves reside within the District shall be non-voting members. Additionally, each legally constituted County Republican Party may elect or appoint, at the discretion of the county party, one additional member if the County Chairman is a voting member or two additional members if the Chairman is a non-voting member. The District Chairman may appoint four at-large members to the District Committee. Such appointments shall be made with the approval of the District Executive Committee. Republican Elected Officials who reside within or represent the District shall be ex-officio, non voting members of the District Committee.

Section C. Meetings of the District Committee shall be held upon call of the Chairman, a majority of the members of the District Executive Committee, or one-third of the members of the District Committee. District Committee meetings shall be called once each quarter of the District's fiscal year (May 1 - April 30), unless voted otherwise by the District Committee, however there shall be no less than two meetings per fiscal year. Written notice shall be mailed to all members of the District Committee not later than ten calendar days in advance therefore. All meetings of the District Committee shall be held whenever practicable 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 present and voting. Votes to close the meeting to the public may occur during the incident meeting, in advance at any district meeting, or by individual member query by the Chairman or the Chairman's duly appointed representative.

Section D. The authority to expend funds totaling \$300.00 or more for any single purpose shall be reserved solely to the District Committee.

Section E. A quorum shall consist of twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting members of the District Committee.

ARTICLE IV DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section A. There is hereby created a District Executive Committee which shall have the power between District Committee meetings to act for and on behalf of the District Committee solely for the purpose of carrying out policy established by the District Committee.

Section B. The District Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the District.

Section C. Meetings of the District Executive Committee shall be held upon the call of the Chairman or a majority of the members of the Executive Committee once each quarter of the fiscal year (May 1 - April 30) unless voted otherwise by the District Executive Committee, however, no less than twice each fiscal year.

Section D. Authority for the expenditure of funds of less than \$300 for any single purpose shall be vested in the District Executive Committee, all or any portion of which authority may be delegated to the Chairman and/or Treasurer upon majority vote of the District Executive Committee.

Section E. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the District Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS

Section A. Conventions and meetings of the District shall be governed by the latest edition of Roberts Rules of Order insofar as they are applicable and not inconsistent with the rules of the District or of the Georgia Republican Party or of the Republican National Committee.

Section B. The District shall meet in convention biannually for the purpose of electing officers, adopting rules, adopting a platform, adopting resolutions, electing delegates to other conventions, electing members of the Georgia Republican Party State Committee, and activities as may be appropriate, and conducting business at the discretion of the convention. Delegates to District conventions shall be selected in a manner prescribed by the Call to convention of the Georgia Republican Party. Rules governing District conventions shall be proposed under the authority of the District Chairman and shall be made available in writing to any interested party not later than ten calendar days prior to the call to order. Such proposed rules shall be made available in writing to all delegates at the call to order.

Section C. The District shall meet in convention in Presidential election years according to the call of the Georgia Republican Party for the purpose of electing delegates to represent the district at the Republican National Convention.

Section D. Standing Rules for Conventions.

The following standing rules are applicable to all District Conventions.

1. No Campaign signs, posters or banners will be allowed unless permitted by the 4th District Chairman.
2. All electronic devices are to be turned off unless authorized by the District Chairman or Convention Chairman.
3. Prior to any voting on any position open for election by the Convention electors, nominations for that specific position must be closed. Once nominations are closed, no additional nominations shall be permitted for that specific position.
4. A candidate for a position open for election may be nominated by the Nominating Committee or nominated from the Convention floor provided said candidate has complied with Section E, Paragraph 1 of the 4th District Rules and has appeared before the Nominating Committee. Being nominated by the Nominating Committee in the Nominating Committee's Report to the Convention will automatically place a candidate in nomination before the Convention.
5. No dilatory or frivolous motion will be entertained.
6. Only 4th District Credentialed Delegates, seated Alternates, 4th District Officers, officers of the Convention and individuals otherwise authorized by the District or Convention Chairman shall be allowed on the Convention floor and must wear their registration badges at all times, and only delegates are authorized to vote.
7. To be elected to a position, a candidate must receive a majority vote of the votes cast (50% + 1).
8. After the first round of voting, in the event that the top voted candidate did not receive a majority, the next round will include only the 2 top voted candidates. If there is a tie for first place in the first round, all first-place finishers are considered the top voted candidates and will run only among themselves in the second round. If the second-place finishers are tied after the first round, all of those may run in the second round with the first-place finisher. If, after the second round of voting, no candidate has received the majority, the first and second place finishers of the second round will proceed to the third round. The same tie rules apply for each round.

9. A person elected to one position cannot hold that position and run for another position. A person must resign from his or her elected position in order to be eligible to run for another.
10. No paper ballot is required for elections, and these Convention rules specifically take precedence over and supersede any and all provisions of Robert's Rules that require a written ballot of candidates and nominations. All elections shall first be held by voice vote, whose outcome shall be decided by the discretion of the Convention Chairman. At the Convention Chairman's discretion, votes may be held by standing vote.
11. A delegate may only vote for one candidate per open position per election round.
12. A 2/3 vote is required to overrule the Convention Chairman.
13. The Sergeant-at-Arms and his/her Committee (collectively "Sergeants-at-Arms") have been given the authority to protect the decorum of all proceedings before, during, and immediately after the District Convention.
14. The Sergeants-at-Arms are the only official counters for any and all votes, but may only count once ordered to do so by the Convention Chairman if, in the Convention Chairman's discretion, such a vote is necessary.
15. Anyone requesting to speak must be recognized by the Convention Chairman prior to speaking to the Convention.
16. Only delegates may address the Convention. Each delegate who wishes to speak shall be given up to two minutes, and no delegate may speak more than 2 times on one subject. A delegate that has already addressed the Convention may not re-address the Convention until after all other delegates that have not yet addressed the Convention but are actively in line waiting to address the Convention have finished addressing the Convention. The Convention Chairman shall be given the authority to order the Sergeant-At-Arms to enforce this rule.
17. The same question, including without limitation point of order, point of information, or any other statement or point, may only be asked once per subject.
18. Calls for "Division" shall be accommodated by a standing vote. After "Division," by standing vote, the Convention Chairman will make a final determination of the vote; any further actions can be ruled dilatory by the Convention Chairman.
19. Participants failing to comply with these rules will forfeit their delegate or alternate status and will be removed from the proceedings.

Section E. Qualification for Participation in Conventions.

1. In order to be eligible for consideration by the 4th District Convention for any elected position (District Officer, District Committee member, State Committee member or national delegate or national delegate alternate), an individual is required to submit a resume package, including a political resume and a completed candidate information sheet(s), and appear before the Nominating Committee in advance of the convention for which elections are being held. The dates and times for submission of the resume package will be published in letters to the delegates and alternates as required by the Call issued by the Georgia Republican Party.
2. Persons who are active members of organizations, including recognized and unrecognized political parties, whose principles/bylaws are in contrast with the principles of the Republican Party shall be subject to disqualification as an alternate delegate or delegate to District Conventions.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

Section A. The Chairman may appoint the following standing committees: Rules, Finance and Budget, Candidate Recruitment and Assistance, Publicity, Program, Political Education and Community Involvement.

Additional committees may be appointed as necessary.

Section B. Each committee shall report to the District Committee as its business and activities shall require, or as the District Committee shall require.

Section C. The Finance and Budget Committee, if appointed, shall annually prepare a budget for the District and present said budget for District Committee consideration and approval at the first regularly scheduled District Committee meeting of the fiscal year (May 1 - April 30).

Section D. The Chairman shall appoint an Audit Committee annually at the first regularly scheduled District Committee meeting of the fiscal year (May 1 - April 30). The Audit committee shall review the financial records of the District for the fiscal year ending and shall report its findings to the District Committee at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the District Committee following the close of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

These Rules may be amended by two-thirds 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 such an amendment or that the text of said amendment shall have been proposed at a previous District Committee meeting and recorded in full in the minutes of said meeting. No amendment shall be made to these Rules that is in contradiction with the rules of the Georgia Republican Party or the Republican National Committee, No amendment shall be made to these Rules that is inconsistent with the laws of the United States, the laws of the State of Georgia, or any applicable local laws. Any revision of any proposed amendment that occurs as a result of deliberation shall not require additional publication for the purposes of continued consideration insofar as the revision does not substantially alter the intent or the effect of the amendment. Amendments to an amendment or attachments (riders') to an amendment that are not material to the subject matter of the originally proposed amendment or which substantially alter the intent or the effect of the originally proposed amendment shall not be permitted as a part of the amendment.