

Bulloch County Republican Party

Bulloch County Rules 2013-2015

All qualified voters under the laws of the State of Georgia who are legal residents of Bulloch County and are in accord with the principles of the Georgia Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policy, and are in sympathy with its aims and purposes, may participate as members of the Bulloch County Republican Party in its conventions or mass meetings in their respective jurisdictions.

All chairmen and members of committees, delegates to conventions, and voters in mass meetings, provided for in these rules, shall be members of the Republican Party, as defined above, and must be qualified resident electors of the respective units which they represent as chairmen, members, delegates, or voters in mass meetings, except as provided in State Party Rules.

The qualifications for such membership in the Georgia Republican Party shall be published in all official calls for mass meetings and conventions, as herein stated, and as may hereafter be prescribed by the State Committee, and pursuant to the rules of the Republican National Convention.

ARTICLE I.

At all times, the terms used in the masculine gender in these rules shall also constitute the feminine gender. Any typographical and grammatical errors should not detract from the intent of or the enforcement of these Rules.

ARTICLE II. THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

Section I. This committee by virtue of the Rules of the Republican Party of Georgia is known as the Bulloch County Republican Committee. It may be referred to hereinafter in these rules as the County Committee.

Section II. The County Committee shall be the governing body of the Bulloch County Republican Party. In the interim between County Conventions, it shall be vested with all the duties, powers, and privileges possessed by the County Convention and shall act as and for the Republican Party in the County during the period. It shall call County Conventions and Primaries and shall make arrangements therefore consistent with the State Rules and the State Call. It shall decide all controversies within its jurisdiction with the right of appeal by petition to the District Committee. It shall have such other functions as placed thereon by the District and State Committees. The County Committee shall consist of the following officers and members:

- A. County Chairman, who shall be the Chairman of the County Committee.
- B. A Vice-Chairman.
- C. A Secretary.
- D. A Treasurer.
- E. All State, County or City Elected officials who ran as Republicans, were elected as Republican nominees, reside in Bulloch County, and request to the County Chairman in writing to be added to the County Committee.
- F. The Precinct Chairman of each Precinct in Bulloch County. If for any reason the Precinct Chairman will be unable to attend the County Committee meetings and effectively serve on the County Committee, then the Precinct Committee may elect a Representative to serve in his stead.
- G. The County Director of the Republican Women's Federation for Bulloch County which shall be an ex-officio vote in compliance with State Party Rules.

- H. A Representative from the Young Republican Clubs in Bulloch County who are recognized by the Georgia Federation of Young Republicans and which shall be an ex-officio vote in compliance with State Party Rules.
- I. All members of the State Committee who reside in Bulloch County.
- J. All members of the District Committee who reside in Bulloch County.
- K. The immediate-past Chairman if a resident of the County and if they request in writing to the County Chairman to be added to the County Committee.
- L. No more than six (6) persons shall be appointed by the County Chairman to serve on the County Committee.
- M. The Chairman of the Georgia Southern University College Republicans and which shall be an ex-officio vote in compliance with State Party Rules.

Section III. The Officers of the County Committee shall be elected by the Bulloch County Convention. They shall hold office for two years or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, unless sooner removed in accordance with these rules or the District and State Party Rules.

Section IV. No person may hold more than one position or cast more than one vote on the County

ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section I. The County Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the County Committee and shall appoint any and all temporary committees. He shall perform all duties assigned to him by the Rules of the Republican Party of Georgia (referred to hereinafter as the State Rules). The County Convention Committees and their respective Chairmen shall be subject to the approval of the County Committee. The County Chairman may appoint such other committees and their chairmen as he deems desirable and he may dissolve such committees. The appointment of such committees and chairmen shall not create a position or vote on the County Committee. The Chairman shall direct the issuance and publication of the notice of the County Convention as directed by the State Party Call. The Chairman shall keep all County Committee Meetings within the bounds of the County, District, and State Rules, as well as Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Section II. The Vice-Chairman shall act as and for the County Chairman in his absence, and upon the death, resignation, or removal of the County Chairman, shall act as chairman until a successor be elected by the County Committee.

Section III. The Secretary shall perform the correspondence of the County Committee and shall keep minutes of the legally constituted meetings of the County Committee to their satisfaction. Minutes of the County Committee, including the attendance roster, shall be made available at or prior to the next County Committee meeting.

Section IV. The Treasurer shall keep a full and accurate account of all money and property received and disbursed. He shall disburse funds only as ordered by the County Committee or the Executive Committee. He shall surrender all records to the audit committee as appointed by the County chairman prior to each convention. A financial report shall be presented summarizing income, expense, assets and liabilities at each County Committee meeting.

Section V. Outgoing officers and holders of records shall deliver all records and documents to the new officers within ten (10) days of their election or appointment.

ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section I. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall also be known collectively as the County Executive Committee and, as such, shall have one vote. The Executive Committee shall have all the duties, responsibility, power, and authority to conduct the day-to-day affairs of the Committee between meetings of the County Committee provided a quorum of the Executive Committee is present. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee.

Section II. The Chairman may call Executive Committee meetings at his discretion. Minutes shall be taken at each Executive Committee meeting and shall be made available at or prior to the next County Committee Meeting.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

Section I. It is recommended that County meetings shall be held at a minimum of once a quarter.

Section II. A legally constituted meeting of the County Committee must meet all of the following:

- A. Twenty percent (20%) of the Committee must be present to constitute a quorum.
- B. At least ten (10) days prior written notice must have been provided to every officer and member of the Committee.
- C. Said written notice must have been issued over the signature of the County Chairman or over the signature of at least three (3) officers and/or members of the County Committee.

Section III. If at any legally constituted meeting of the County Committee, the County Chairman and the Vice Chairman shall be absent, the County Committee shall elect a presiding officer from among those present; unless one has previously been designated to preside by the County Chairman and he has so advised the Secretary.

Section IV. In addition to his other duties, the County Secretary shall maintain a roll of the properly elected and certified members and officers of the County Committee, said roll to be taken at each legally constituted meeting of the County Committee in order to determine the presence of a quorum. Any officer or member of the County Committee shall have the right to challenge the correctness of the roll call at any meeting. Such challenge shall be decided by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, on which question of the person whose right or representation has been challenged shall not have the right to vote.

ARTICLE VI. CONTROVERSIES

The County Executive Committee may decide all controversies and contests arising within its jurisdiction, with the right to appeal to the full County Committee. If an appeal is made, it must be in writing and presented to the County Committee within thirty (30) days after the decision. The County Committee shall rule on the appeal by majority vote at its next legally constituted meeting. Notice of the fact that it intends to decide the appeal shall be included in the meeting notice to give all interested parties an opportunity to present evidence and be heard.

ARTICLE VII. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Section I. The County Committee shall have the power, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting in a legally constituted meeting, to determine that an officer or member of the County Committee has failed to function as such. Failure to function could be an action or inaction that damages or hinders the Republican Party. If such determination is made, the officer or member shall be removed from his position on the County Committee. Final determination of what constitutes a failure to function shall rest with the County Committee.

Section II. The County Committee shall have the power to appoint a Precinct Chairman to serve in any precinct that did not, for any reason, properly elect a chairman.

Section III. Upon the death, resignation or removal from the County Committee of an appointed member or Precinct Chairman, the respective County Chairman shall fill the vacancy. Within ten (10) working days of a vacancy in representation being declared, the County Secretary shall notify the affected precinct of such vacancy by written notice to the Precinct Chairman or Precinct Secretary. This shall only affect the position of such representative or chairman on the County Committee. His position on the County Committee shall be determined solely by the Precinct Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Section I. These rules may be amended at any County Convention by a majority vote or by the County Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members present at any properly constituted meeting, after a copy of the proposed amendment has been served on all members thereof in the notice for such meeting.

Section II. Unless otherwise specified in these rules, all actions of the County Committee and the Executive Committee shall require a majority vote of a quorum present.

Section III. All actions of the County Convention shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting.

Section IV. Except as modified by these Rules, by any Standing Rules the party may adopt, or the State or District Rules, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the conduct of meetings and conventions.

Section V. These rules and any amendments to these rules shall become effective upon their adoption.

ARTICLE IX. SUBJECT TO STATE AND DISTRICT RULES

These rules are subject and subordinate to the laws of the State of Georgia and the State and District Rules. Any part of these rules found to be in conflict with the said laws or State or District Rules shall be deemed to be void and invalid. However, if any parts of these rules are found to be in conflict, such conflict shall not affect the validity of the remainder of these rules.

I, _____, Chairman of the Bulloch County Republican Party, certify the foregoing to be the Rules and Regulations adopted at the March 9, 2013 County Convention that will govern the conduct of the Bulloch County Republican Party in accordance with all applicable Georgia Code and District and State Party Rules.

Chairman

Date