

**CALL FOR THE 2009 GEORGIA REPUBLICAN ELECTION DISTRICT
[PRECINCT], CONSOLIDATED POLITICAL SUBDIVISION (RULE 5.1), COUNTY,
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTIONS**

The Georgia Republican Party pursuant to the Rules of the Party, as adopted at the 2007 State Convention in Gwinnett County, Georgia, hereby issues this Official 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 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. Additionally, participation in all Mass Meetings and Conventions shall in no way be abridged for reasons of sex, race, religion, color, age, or national origin.

There shall be Election District [Precinct] Mass Meetings held in each precinct (unless consolidated pursuant to State Party Rule 5.1) throughout the State of Georgia, which shall organize the party in the respective counties for two years and shall elect Delegates and Alternates to County Conventions to be held in each of the Counties. County Conventions shall in turn elect Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District and State Conventions. The Election District [Precinct], Rule 5.1 Mass Meetings, County, District, and State Conventions also shall elect officers, adopt rules and transact all other necessary and proper business of the respective individual or consolidated Precincts, County, District, and State Parties, as provided herein.

The following procedures shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party, as applicable:

SECTION A. MEETING AND CONVENTION DATES.

Precinct Mass Meetings <i>(Counties over 80,000)</i>	February 7, 2009
Precinct Mass Meetings <i>(Counties 80,000 and under)</i>	March 14, 2009
County Conventions	March 14, 2009
District Conventions	April 18, 2009
State Convention <i>Savannah Trade Center</i> <i>One International Drive</i> <i>Savannah, Georgia 31402</i>	May 15-16, 2009

SECTION B. ELECTION DISTRICT [PRECINCT] MASS MEETINGS FOR COUNTIES WITH POPULATIONS OF OVER 80,000.

1. For Counties whose population, according to the Official Census of 2000, is over 80,000 Election District [precinct] and Rule 5.1 Consolidated Political Subdivision Mass Meetings shall convene at exactly 10 A.M. on the 7th day of February, 2009 in a building appropriate for public use where practical, and within the geographic limits of the Election District [Precinct] or Rule 5.1 Political Subdivision (as that Election District existed in November 2008), for the purpose of electing officers and electing Delegates and Alternates to the respective County Conventions and all other necessary and proper business.

2. A copy of this Call shall be sent to each County Chairman, who upon receipt of said Call, shall call for a meeting of the County Committee for the purpose of disseminating a Call for an Election District [Precinct] Mass Meeting in each Election District [Precinct] of this State at the time and for the purpose set out above.

3. If any County Committee so desires, said Committee may adopt the provisions of and publish this Call as the Official Call in said County in lieu of publishing a separate Call for said Mass Meetings.

4. Each County Chairman shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the County a notice of the time, date, location and address of each Election District [Precinct] Mass Meeting or Rule 5.1 Mass Meeting not later than January 19, 2009, and by such other notice as may be directed by the County Committee. The time and address of the County and Congressional District Conventions should be included in this notice.

5. The number of Delegates and Alternates to the respective County Conventions shall be determined as set out in Section G of this Call.

6. In the absence of an existing Election District [Precinct] Chairman not otherwise replaced pursuant to applicable rules, the County Chairman shall appoint a Temporary Chairman for that Election District [Precinct] Mass Meeting.

Explanation of Rule 5.1 consolidation of Election Districts [Precincts]:

Counties may, under State Rule 5.1, use other political subdivisions than precincts for holding Mass Meetings and electing Delegates to County Conventions provided that the plan for holding said Mass Meetings is submitted to the Republican State Executive Committee in writing no later than January 9, 2009. If the State Executive Committee takes no action on the above-mentioned plan prior to January 15, 2009 the County may proceed with such plan. In precincts which meet in a Rule 5.1 Mass Meeting, the Delegates and Alternates allocated to the County Conventions from a particular precinct shall be elected by the resident, registered electors in attendance from that precinct.

SECTION C. ELECTION DISTRICT [PRECINCT] MASS MEETINGS FOR COUNTIES WITH POPULATIONS UNDER 80,000.

1. Counties whose population, according to the official census of 2000, was 80,000 or fewer shall hold both their Election District [Precinct] Mass Meetings and County Conventions at the location and on the date provided for County Conventions, as stated in Section C: (1). Such Mass Meetings shall be held at exactly 9:00 A.M. with the County Convention at exactly 10 A.M. on that same date and at the same location.

2. Rule 5.1 also applies to counties with populations fewer than 80,000. Counties fitting this description wishing to invoke Rule 5.2 and hold their Mass Meetings on February 7, 2008, must give written notice of their plan to the State party by January 15, 2009.

3. In under 80,000 population counties where mass meetings and the County Convention are held on the same day, each County Chairman shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the County a notice containing the time and place of the meeting not later than February 23, 2009. The notice shall specify that the Mass Meetings and the County Convention will be held at separate times on the same day and the same place as specified in Section B. 1.

4. In under 80,000 population counties which have, under Rule 5.2, opted out of the process of having Mass Meetings and the County Convention on the same date and elect to have their Mass Meetings on February 7, 2008, the County Chairman shall publish not later than January 19, 2009 in a newspaper of general circulation in the County a notice containing the time and place of the Mass Meetings. The time and address of the County and Congressional District Conventions should be included in this notice.

5. Except as specifically set forth in Sections B: (1) and (2), above, the provisions of Section A shall govern in Mass Meetings conducted under this Section B.

6. All Delegates and Alternates must be elected from the precinct in which they reside. In the event a particular precinct does not have any person present neither Delegates nor Alternates may be elected from that precinct.

SECTION D. COUNTY CONVENTIONS

1. County Conventions are hereby called to convene in buildings appropriate for public use within in the geographic boundaries of each respective County in Georgia, on the 14th day of March 2009 at exactly 10 A.M., for the purpose of electing Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District and State Conventions, adopting rules and electing a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and other officers as determined by the County Convention and County Committee and all other necessary and proper business. All officers so elected shall serve until the County Convention for the election of officers of the Republican Party in 2011.

2. A copy of this Call shall be sent to each County Chairman, who upon receipt of said Call shall call for a meeting of the County Committee for the purpose of publishing a Call for a County Convention in the County at such time and for the purposes set out in Subsection C1.

3. If any County Committee so desires, it may adopt the provisions of and publish this Call as the Official Call of the County Convention in said County in lieu of publishing a separate Call.

4. Before any Delegate or Alternate elected at the Election District [Precinct] Mass Meetings [or from a precinct in a Rule 5.1 Mass Meetings] to the respective County Conventions shall sit, act and participate in the County Convention and be eligible to vote as a Delegate or Alternate, he shall present to the Chairman and Secretary of the County Convention his credentials, properly certified, as described in Section H: (1).

5. Only Delegates and Alternates elected by the Election District [Precinct] Mass Meetings or Delegates and Alternates selected by precincts under the provision of State Rule 5.1 may participate in the County Convention.

6. Each County in Georgia shall elect at its County Convention that number of Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District and State Conventions as set out in Section G of this Call.

7. In the absence of an existing County Chairman not otherwise replaced pursuant to applicable rules, the Congressional District Chairman shall appoint a Temporary Chairman of the County Convention.

SECTION E. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

1. Congressional District Conventions are hereby called to convene in each Congressional District of the State of Georgia on the 18th Day of April, 2009 at exactly 10 A.M., at a place suitable for public use for the purpose of electing a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and other officers as determined by the convention, a district committee, which shall be comprised of the aforementioned officers and such additional officers and members as may be determined by the District Convention, and District members of the State Committee, as allocated in Appendix D. Said officers and committees shall serve until the 2011 Republican Congressional District Convention and all other necessary and proper business.

2. A copy of this Call shall be sent to each Congressional District Chairman, who upon receipt of said Call shall cause to be held a meeting of the Congressional District Committee for the purpose of publishing a Call for a Congressional District Convention in the respective Congressional District at the time and for the purpose set out in Section D: (1).

3. If any Congressional District Committee so desires, it may adopt the provisions of and publish this Call as the Official Call of the Republican Congressional District Convention in said District in lieu of publishing a separate Call.

4. The Congressional District Committee shall notify by written notice, mailed no later than April 6, 2009 to all Delegates and Alternates, elected at County Conventions, of the time, date, and place of the Congressional District Convention.

5. Before any Delegate or Alternate elected at County Conventions shall sit, act and participate in any Congressional District Convention and be eligible to vote, he shall present to the Chairman and Secretary of the Congressional District Convention his credentials, properly certified as set forth in Section H: (2).

6. Only Delegates and Alternates elected by the various County Conventions as Delegates and Alternates to the particular Congressional District Convention may sit, act and participate in such Congressional District Convention.

7. If any Congressional District Chairman shall fail or refuse to act, then the State Chairman shall call such District Committee together for said purpose.

SECTION F. STATE CONVENTION

1. A State Convention of the Georgia Republican party is hereby called to be held in Chatham County, Georgia, on the 15th and 16th days of May, 2009 commencing at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, May 16th for the purpose of electing the following State Party Officers: State Chairman, First Vice Chairman, Second Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer to serve until the next State Convention to elect state party officers in 2011, and for all other necessary and proper business.

2. The State Chairman shall cause prior written notice to be sent to all Delegates and Alternates elected at the various county conventions, informing them of the date, time, and address of the State Convention.

3. Before any Delegate or Alternate elected at County Conventions shall sit, act, and participate in the State Convention and be eligible to be a Delegate or Alternate, he shall present to the Chairman and Secretary of the State Convention his credentials, properly certified, as described in Section H: (2). Delegate and Alternate registration shall close at exactly 10 A. M. on Saturday May 16, 2009.

4. Only Delegates and Alternates elected by the various County Conventions to the State Convention as set forth in Section C may sit, act and participate in the State Convention.

5. Proposed resolutions and rules changes must be submitted no later than April 27, 2009 to the State Chairman at the Georgia Republican Party, P. O. Box 550008, Atlanta, GA 30355. No proposed resolutions or rules changes received after that date may be considered by the State Convention.

SECTION G. GENERAL PROVISIONS REGARDING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

1. Only qualified, registered, resident electors of the given Election District [Precinct], Rule 5.1 Consolidated Political Subdivision, or County may vote, hold office, or be elected as a Delegate or Alternate in the respective Mass Meeting.

2. Delegates and Alternates do not have to be in attendance or a Delegate or Alternate to the Convention at which they are elected to serve as Delegates or Alternates to another convention.

3. A person elected from one Election District [Precinct], County, or District cannot fill the slot of a missing Delegate or Alternate from another Election District [Precinct], Rule 5.1 Consolidated Political Subdivision, or County at any Convention or Mass Meeting.

4. Delegates and Alternates shall not be paired. 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.

5. Conventions shall attempt to elect a number of Alternates equal to the number of Delegates. No Alternate shall be elected before all Delegate slots are filled.

6. All Conventions and Mass Meetings shall be open to the public as spectators.

SECTION H. APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES

1. Allocation of Delegates to the County Conventions shall be as follows:

a. Each Election District [Precinct] shall be entitled to one Delegate to the County Convention and further it shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each fifty (50) votes and major fraction thereof (26 or more) cast for John McCain for President in the 2008 Georgia General Election. The Election District [Precinct] votes shall be determined on the basis of the boundary lines of the Election District [Precinct] in the 2008 General Election.

b. Or at the discretion of the County Executive Committee in Counties having a population of over one hundred thousand (100,000), each Election District (Precinct) shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each one hundred and fifty (150) votes and major fraction thereof (76 or more) cast for John McCain for President in the 2008 Georgia General Election. If such determination is made, notice of such action must be made to the State Executive Committee in writing no later than February 6, 2009.

2. The allocation of Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District Conventions and State Convention has been calculated in accordance with the following: Each County is entitled to one Delegate to the State Convention and further is entitled to one additional Delegate for each one thousand (1,000) votes and major fraction thereof (501 or more) cast for John McCain for President in the 2008 Georgia General Election. Each County is entitled to one Delegate to the District Convention (in split counties said Delegate shall be awarded to the District in which the majority of the County's voters reside) and further is entitled to one additional Delegate for each seven hundred-fifty (750) votes and major fraction thereof (376 or more) cast for John McCain for President in the 2008 Georgia General Election. **(See Appendixes A and B for a complete listing of County and Congressional delegate allocations.)** No Delegate or Alternate shall have permission to cast a fractional vote.

SECTION I. REPORTS AND FILING OF CREDENTIALS

1. Election District [Precinct] Mass Meetings:

No later than five days after adjournment of the Mass Meeting, the Chairman of the Election District (Precinct) Mass Meeting [or Rule 5.1 Mass Meeting] shall file the credentials of the Delegates and Alternates elected to the respective County Conventions at the Mass Meeting, and the names and addresses of the precinct officers elected, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Election District (Precinct) Mass Meeting as follows:

FIRST: Mail one set of credentials and officer information to the Secretary of the GRP at GRP Headquarters, P. O. Box 550008, Atlanta, GA 30355.

SECOND: Mail one set of credentials and officer information to the Chairman of the County in which the Election District (Precinct) is located. [In cases of counties with 80,000 or fewer population which hold their Precinct Conventions on March 14, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., the Precinct credentials shall be hand delivered to the County Chairman for use in the County Convention beginning at 10:00 a.m. that day.]

THIRD: One set of credentials and officer information shall be retained by the Election District (Precinct) Secretary. Credential forms for Election District (Precinct) Mass Meetings shall be approved and furnished by the Chairman and Secretary of the GRP and shall be sent to the County Chairman for delivery to the Precinct Chairman. All of the credential forms shall provide thereon a certification signed by the respective Mass Meeting Chairman and Secretary.

2. County Conventions

Within five (5) days of adjournment, the Chairman of the County Convention shall file the credentials of the Delegates and Alternates elected to the Congressional District and State Conventions and the county officer and committee information, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the County Conventions as follows:

FIRST: Mail one set of credentials and the county officer and committee information to the Secretary of the GRP at GRP Headquarters, P. O. Box 550008, Atlanta, GA 30355. Prior to the Congressional District Convention, the State Secretary shall determine whether the publication of the public notice required under this Call has been made.

SECOND: Mail one set of credentials and the county officer and committee information to the Chairman of the Congressional District(s) in which the County is located.

THIRD: One set of credentials and the county officer and committee information shall be retained by the Secretary of the County Committee. Credential forms for County Conventions shall be approved and furnished by the Chairman and Secretary of the GRP and shall be sent to the County Chairman. All of the Credential forms shall provide thereon a certification signed by the respective Convention Chairman and Secretary.

3. Congressional District Conventions

Within five (5) days of adjournment, the Chairman of each Congressional District Convention shall file the names and addresses of the District officers, District committeemen and members of the State Committee elected by the District Convention as follows:

FIRST: Mail one set of the materials above to the Secretary of the GRP at GRP Headquarters, P. O. Box 550008, Atlanta, GA 30355.

SECOND: One set of the materials is to be retained by the Secretary of the Congressional District Committee.

SECTION J. ADOPTION AND FILING OF RULES

At each Convention, rules shall be adopted, which are consistent with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party. In accordance with the Georgia Election Code and Rule 5.14 of the Georgia Republican Party, *a copy of the County rules must be filed with the election superintendent of the respective County and the District Chairman of the appropriate District.* A copy of the District Rules must be filed with the Chairman and Secretary of the Republican State Committee and a copy of the State Rules must be filed with the Secretary of State. All such distribution and filing shall be within thirty (30) days of the adoption of said Rules.

SECTION K. GOVERNING RULES

Except to the extent modified, if any, by the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be followed in all Mass Meetings and Conventions.

SECTION L. NO BUSINESS WHILE COMMITTEES ARE IN SESSION

No official business shall be transacted at any Mass Meeting or Convention while any of its Committees are in session.

SECTION M. NO PROXIES

No proxies are allowed at any meeting or conventions. In the absence of a Delegate, only an elected Alternate may vote in place of a Delegate.

SECTION N. NO AUTOMATIC DELEGATES

There shall be no Delegates or Alternates who serve automatically by virtue of Party position or elective office.

SECTION O. NO UNIT RULE

No unit rule may be imposed by any Mass Meeting or Convention on any Delegates or Alternates elected by it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certify that foregoing was adopted by the State Committee of the Georgia Republican Party on December 11, 2008.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sue Everhart
Sue Everhart
Chairman

/s/ Bert Guy
Bert Guy
Secretary

/s/ J. Randolph Evans
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General Counsel

/s/ Ben Fry
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Executive Director