

**BY-LAWS
OF THE PICKENS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY**

These Rules shall become effective immediately upon their adoption and recording with the Board of Elections.

ARTICLE I: NAME, PURPOSE, AND FUNCTION

- A. **NAME.** This organization shall be known and referred to as the Pickens County Republican Party.
- B. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of the Pickens County Republican Party shall be to develop, foster, advance, and perpetuate the principles of the Republican Party, to support and otherwise do all within its power to insure the election of all Republican nominees for public office whose names appear on the general election and any special election or other regular election ballots in Pickens County, to fill such vacancies as may occur by virtue of the death or inability of any Republican nominee to serve as such nominee or as an official of the Republican Party, to manage the affairs of the Republican Party, and to engage in such other activities and perform such functions and services as may from time to time be necessary to further the cause of the Republican Party, its principles and its candidates.
- C. **FUNCTION.** The Pickens County Republican Party, consisting of its members shall serve as the central and unified authority and representative body of the Republican platform and policies within Pickens County. It shall function to assist and endeavor to develop, implement, encourage, educate, and create Republican principles within Pickens County; and it shall strive to recruit and elect qualified Republican candidates to every available public office.

ARTICLE II: PARTY MEMBERSHIP

- A. **QUALIFICATION.** All legal and qualified voters residing within Pickens County, Georgia, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policies, are in sympathy with its aims and purposes and who support its candidates are eligible to be members of the Pickens County Republican Party.
- B. **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.** Upon approval of the Executive Committee, individuals, who are interested in supporting the Pickens County Republican Party and its aims and purposes, may be extended honorary membership into the Pickens County Republican Party. For honorary membership, it is not necessary to fulfill residency or voter qualification requirements. Honorary members shall have no voting rights. They are invited to attend Party activities, and may be members of the County Committee.
- C. **PARTICIPATION.**
1. Any person thus eligible shall be admitted as a voting member in the Pickens County Republican Party upon payment of annual dues of an amount determined by the Executive Committee.
 2. Such qualified members are encouraged to participate in the primary and general elections of the Republican Party in Pickens County, and to attend Mass Meetings and Conventions, pursuant to the rules of conduct thereof, held under the auspices of the Pickens County Republican Party.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

- A. **MEMBERSHIP.** The County Committee shall be the governing body of the Pickens County Republican Party. It shall consist of:
1. County Chairman
 2. Vice-chairman of Candidates and Elected Officials
 3. Vice-chairman of Fund-raising
 4. Vice-chairman of Membership
 5. Vice-chairman of Precinct Development
 6. Immediate Past Chairman
 7. Treasurer
 8. Recording Secretary
 9. Correspondence Secretary

10. State Committee Members from Pickens County
11. District Committee Member(s) and /or District Regional Director from Pickens County
12. Chairman and Secretary of each Voting Precinct
13. All elected Republican officials residing in Pickens County
14. GOP representatives on the Elections and Registration Board, and appointed members of any County Boards and Committees
15. Party members who are current with their dues and attend 75% of the Pickens County Republicans' meetings
16. General Counsel (Parliamentarian)
17. Honorary members (non-voting): elected Republican officials not residents of Pickens County

B. VOTING PRIVILEGES.

1. All members of the County Committee, except Honorary Members, shall be voting members.

C. QUORUMS.

1. A quorum for the transaction of business for the County Committee shall constitute presence in person or by proxy of fifty percent (50%) of the following County Committee members:
 - a. County Chairman
 - b. Vice Chairman of Candidates and Elected Officials
 - c. Vice Chairman of Fund-raising
 - d. Vice Chairman of Membership
 - e. Vice Chairman of Precinct Development
 - f. Immediate Past Chairman
 - g. Treasurer
 - h. Recording Secretary
 - i. Correspondence Secretary
2. Details about how proxies are issued and submitted are described in Article XII.

D. DUTIES

1. The County Committee has the duty to enhance the prestige and reputation, and to build the voting and financial strength of the Pickens County Republican Party.
2. The County Committee may cooperate with the State Committee and with its Districts in conducting elections within its boundaries.
3. The County Committee shall be the sole judge of County and Executive Committee Members if a controversy arises.
4. The County Committee may cooperate with the State Committee in conducting all state-wide campaigns within the County for National and State causes, and otherwise aid the State Committee in other efforts, where practical.
5. The County Committee shall be responsible for filling officer vacancies as described in Article VI.
6. The County Committee shall have the authority to allocate and to contribute funds of the Pickens County Republican Party.
7. In accordance with the State Call, the County Committee shall implement County Conventions and Mass Meetings, shall fix the place for holding same, and shall make arrangements for such meetings.
8. The County Committee may formulate positions on local, state and national political and governmental issues. It may receive reports from County Board/Committee Members to facilitate this activity.

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MEETINGS

1. At the call of the County Chairman, the County Committee shall hold not less than four meetings annually, one per calendar quarter. The County Chairman shall determine the specific time and date of said meetings.
2. Additional County Committee meetings may be called by the County Chairman, or upon written notice requesting a meeting presented to the Recording Secretary by one-third (1/3) of the members of the County Committee.
3. All County Committee meeting notices shall be in writing, unless the meeting place, date, and time were established at the last County Committee meeting. The notice shall designate time and place of said meeting, and shall be mailed, faxed and/or e-mailed by the Recording Secretary to members of the Pickens County Republican Party County Committee not less than (10) days prior to the date of regular or special meetings.

F. TERM OF OFFICE. The officers and members of the County Committee shall be elected by the County Convention. Their term of office shall begin upon adjournment of the County Convention except for officers and members elected between conventions to fill vacancies, in which case the term shall begin at the time of election. All terms of office shall extend until the convening of the next odd-year County Convention unless sooner removed in accordance with these Rules.

G. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE.

1. Any member of the County Committee may be removed from the County Committee for cause by a majority vote of a quorum present at any duly called meeting of the County Committee. However, such individual must be given written notice of such meeting, mailed at least twenty (20) days in advance thereof. The grounds for removal must be stated in the notice, and such individual must be given the opportunity to be present and to be heard in person and/or by any representative of his choice. "Cause" as used herein shall include:
 - a. Failure to perform duties of his office for period of three (3) successive duly called meetings.
 - b. Failure to participate in the affairs of the Party.
 - c. Conduct detrimental to the best interest of the Party.
 - d. All members of the County Committee are expected to support the official qualified candidates of the Republican Party in all contested general elections and uncontested Republican primary elections. Public support of any candidate in opposition to the official Republican candidate in a general election by an elected officer of the Executive Committee shall constitute conduct detrimental to the best interest of the party.
 - e. Any member of the County Committee who votes in a non-Republican primary election shall lose his membership on the County Committee.
 - f. Any other such causes as may be determined by the County Committee.
2. Any member who is not in good standing according to these Rules (Article V) shall automatically lose his membership on the County Committee.
3. If any member of the County Committee of the Pickens County Republican Party qualifies to run in an opposed primary for a public office, such member shall be deemed to have resigned such office upon being elected to public office. However, upon qualification to run for public office in an opposed primary, such member must abstain from all votes by the County Committee pertaining to disbursement of funds to candidates and other election-related issues until such election has been decided.

H. RECRUITMENT. The County Committee, through the Vice Chairman for Candidates and Elected Officials, has a responsibility for recognizing and recruiting potential candidates for elected office in Pickens County. Individuals seeking to run as Republicans should offer evidence of activities in the Republican Party. The Party should not be a "flag" of convenience.

1. The process for evaluating potential candidates will include:
 - a. Identification of potential candidate(s)

- b. Interviewing potential candidates discussing the principles of the Republican Party (see Article IV, Section A, 1.)
- c. Verification that party membership is in good standing
- d. Reviewing attendance at party functions
- e. Noting party leadership positions held
- f. Examining evidence of contributions to the local party such as written report(s) to the County Committee

2. At the conclusion of this process, a decision will be made as to whether the potential candidate is a bona fide Republican, and whether the County Committee encourages him to run as a Republican candidate. The individual should be notified in writing of the decision.

3. A candidate shall not receive financial support from the Pickens County Republican Party in a general election unless he has adequate Republican bona fides as determined by the County Committee.

I. ENDORSEMENTS. The County Committee shall not endorse any primary candidate.

ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1. Must support the principles of the Pickens County Republican Party:
 - a. that each citizen must uphold the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights;
 - b. that the Declaration of Independence still reflects the aspirations of Americans;
 - c. that our government, as defined by the Constitution, requires the active participation of an informed electorate if it is to be sustained;
 - d. that citizens bear responsibility for their actions;
 - e, that the exercise of individual freedom and liberty must not infringe on the common good;
 - f. that the individual is at the heart of good government. Each person’s ability, dignity, freedom and responsibility must be recognized and honored;
 - g. that government at all levels must exercise fiscal responsibility;
 - h. that the free enterprise system with transparency and rule of law provides the greatest opportunity for a strong economy;
 - i. that there is a limited role for government in meeting the social responsibilities of society.
- 2. Must be members in good standing of the Pickens County Republican Party.
- 3. No more than one member of a household may serve on the Executive Committee.

B. MEMBERSHIP. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following County Committee officers:

- 1. Chairman
- 2. Vice-chairman of Candidates and Elected Officials
- 3. Vice-chairman of Fund-raising
- 4. Vice-chairman of Membership
- 5. Vice-chairman of Precinct Development
- 6. Treasurer
- 7. Recording Secretary
- 8. Correspondence Secretary
- 9. State Committee member(s) from Pickens County
- 10. District Officers or Committee members from Pickens County
- 11. General Counsel (Parliamentarian)

C. All members, excluding General Counsel (Parliamentarian), shall be voting members of the Executive Committee.

D. DUTIES.

1. The Executive Committee of the Pickens County Republican Party shall have the duty, responsibility, power, and authority to conduct the affairs of the Republican Party of Pickens County between meetings of the County Committee.
2. In accordance with the State Call, the Executive Committee shall implement County Conventions and Mass Meetings, shall fix the place for holding same, and shall make arrangements for such meeting.
3. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to allocate and to contribute funds of the Pickens County Republican Party to the official campaign funds of Republican Party Candidates.
4. The Executive Committee or County Chairman may authorize and obtain an audit of the books of the Pickens County Republican Party at least once each year. Upon request, the results of said audit shall be available for perusal at the County and Executive Meetings following completion of the audit.
5. The Executive Committee shall approve checks in excess of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). All checks equal to and greater than two hundred dollars (\$200) shall be signed by the Chairman and the Treasurer. Checks less than two hundred dollars (\$200) and checks for rent may be signed by either the Chairman or the Treasurer.
6. Any member who makes a purchase on behalf of the Pickens County Republican Party with prior approval by the County Committee or Executive Committee, and wishes to be reimbursed, must provide a written document or receipt for all moneys spent before reimbursement is made.
7. The Executive Committee shall recruit (through the Appointments Committee) and appoint Republican representatives to serve on Pickens County Boards and Committees such as the Board of Registration and Elections.

E. MEETINGS.

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman or upon written notice to the Secretary requesting a meeting by one-third (1/3) of the members of the Executive Committee.
2. All notices shall be in writing, unless the meeting place, date, and time were established at the last Executive Committee Meeting. The notice shall designate time and place of said meeting, and shall be mailed, e-mailed and/or faxed by the Recording Secretary to members of the Pickens County Republican Party Executive Committee not less than (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.
3. An emergency meeting of the Executive Committee may be called without the 10 day notice if approval is given by at least fifty percent (50%) of the Executive Committee over the phone. The request for an emergency meeting must include the time, place, date, and purpose of said meeting.

F. QUORUM.

1. Presence in person or by proxy of fifty percent (50%) of the voting members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Committee.
2. Details about how proxies are issued and practiced are described in Article XII.

G. TERM OF OFFICE. The officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the County Convention. Their term of office shall begin upon adjournment of the County Convention except for members elected between conventions to fill vacancies, in which case the term shall begin at the time of election. All terms of office shall extend until the convening of the next odd-year County Convention unless sooner removed in accordance with these Rules.

H. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE.

1. Any member of the Executive Committee may be removed from office for cause by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum present at any duly called meeting of the County Committee. However, such individual must be given written notice of such meeting, mailed at least twenty (20) days in advance thereof. The grounds for removal from office must be stated, and such individual must be given the

opportunity to be present, and to be heard in person and/or by any representative of his choice. 'Cause' as used herein shall include:

- a. Any member of the Executive Committee who fails to participate in the affairs of the Party.
 - b. Any member of the Executive Committee who conducts himself in such a way as to be detrimental to the best interests of the Party.
 - c. All members of the Executive Committee are expected to support the official qualified candidates of the Republican Party in all contested general elections and uncontested Republican primary elections. Public support of any candidate in opposition to the official Republican candidate in a general election by an elected officer of the Executive Committee shall constitute conduct detrimental to the best interest of the party.
 - d. Any member of the Executive Committee who votes in a non-Republican primary election shall lose his membership on said committee.
 - e. Any such other causes as may be determined by the Executive Committee.
2. Any member of the Executive Committee who is absent from three (3) meetings of said committee without submitting a valid written proxy in advance of each such meeting, may immediately lose his membership thereon at the conclusion of the third such meeting as determined by the Executive Committee without going before the County Committee for approval.
 3. If any member of the Executive Committee of the Pickens County Republican Party qualifies to run in an opposed primary for a public office, such member shall be deemed to have resigned such office upon being elected to public office. However, upon qualification to run for public office in an opposed primary, such member must abstain from all votes by the Executive Committee pertaining to disbursement of funds to candidates and other election-related issues until such election has been decided.
 4. Good Standing. Any member not in good standing according to these Rules (Article V) shall automatically lose his membership on the Executive Committee.
 5. All vacancies shall be filled according to the Vacancies Rules, Article VI.

ARTICLE V: GOOD STANDING

- A. Good standing refers to any member who has paid dues by the last day of February, or at the County Convention. Any newly elected office holder of the Pickens County Republican Party must pay his dues within thirty (30) days of election thereto or must relinquish the office.
- B. Any member who is not in good standing who wishes to return to good standing, may do so by paying his dues.

ARTICLE VI: VACANCIES IN OFFICE

- A. Should the office of Chairman become vacant for any reason, the Vice Chairman of Candidates and Elected Officials shall automatically and immediately become Acting Chairman and shall serve as same with all of the duties, powers, and prerogatives of the County Chairman until the County Committee shall fill such vacancy by a majority vote at its next regular or special meeting. The intention to fill such vacancy shall be set forth in written notice of the meeting mailed, e-mailed and/or faxed to each member of the County Committee at least 10 days prior to the meeting.
- B. Should the office of any Vice Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, or Treasurer become vacant for any reason, including death, resignation, termination of residence in Pickens County, removal according to these Rules (Article III, Section G and Article IV, Section H), then the County Committee shall fill such vacancy at its next regular or special meeting by a majority vote. The intention to fill such a vacancy shall be set forth in the written notice of the meeting mailed, e-mailed and/or faxed to each member at least 10 days prior to the meeting.
- C. Should the office of any Precinct Chairman become vacant for any reason, including death, resignation, failure to act, termination of residence of said Precinct, removal according to these Rules (Article III, Section G), then the Precinct Vice Chairman of said Precinct shall move to the Precinct Chairman position. In the event that both the Precinct Chairman and the Precinct Vice Chairman cannot serve, the County Chairman may appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a new Precinct Chairman for said Precinct.
- D. Vacancies in a Precinct Committee, other than that of Precinct Chairman, caused by death, resignation, continued failure to perform or termination of residence within the Precinct, shall be filled by the Precinct Chairman with prior approval by a majority of the Precinct Committee.

ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. CHAIRMAN.

1. The County Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the County Committee and of the Executive Committee, shall preside at all meetings thereof, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the County Committee and of the Executive Committee, shall convene County Conventions, and shall be the official spokesman for the County Committee and for the Executive Committee. The County Chairman shall be responsible for providing the County Committee and the Executive Committee with a place to meet and with necessary information, and shall oversee the administration of the office(s) of the County Committee, including the supervision of, and the Right to hire and fire any employees subject to a majority vote of the Executive Committee. The County Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all committees excluding the Nominating Committee.
2. Subject to approval by a majority of the Executive Committee, the County Chairman shall appoint a General Counsel (Parliamentarian), who shall be a member of the County Committee and of the Executive Committee as set forth in these Rules (see Article III, Section A, Article IV, Section B). The County Chairman may appoint such other permanent or special committees and their chairmen as he deems desirable, and he may dissolve such committees. The County Chairman shall appoint temporary County Convention Committees and their respective chairmen, subject to approval by a majority of the Executive Committee, not less than twenty (20) days before a County Convention.
3. The County Chairman may issue checks in accordance with these Rules (Article IV, Section C, Number 5).
4. The County Chairman, in an official capacity, may not endorse any Republican candidate in contested primary races without concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of the County Committee.

B. VICE CHAIRMAN OF CANDIDATES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS.

1. The Vice Chairman of Candidates and Elected Officials shall be responsible for Candidate Recruitment Programs and Candidate training
2. The Vice Chairman of Candidates and Elected Officials shall be the liaison between the candidates and the Pickens County Republican Party, and between the elected officials and the Pickens County Republican Party.
3. The Vice Chairman of Candidates and Elected Officials shall be available during the candidate qualification period to provide assistance to Republican candidates seeking qualification.
4. The Vice Chairman of Candidates and Elected Officials shall keep and distribute voting statistics for all elections by precincts, prepare analyses of voting trends, and prepare position papers on matters of current interest at the request of the Chairman or Executive Committee.
5. The Vice Chairman of Candidates and Elected Officials shall perform other duties the County Chairman may assign to him.

C. VICE CHAIRMAN OF FUND-RAISING.

1. The Vice Chairman of Fund-raising shall be responsible for raising the funds of the Pickens County Republican Party and for obtaining adequate financing for the Pickens County Republican Party. At least two fund raising events, one major and one minor, shall be held per year.
2. The Vice Chairman of Fund Raising shall supervise the preparation and execution of the budget for operating expenses in conjunction with the Treasurer. This budget is subject to approval by the Executive Committee.
3. In election years a special budget for support of elections and Republican candidates shall be prepared by the Vice Chairman for Fund Raising in conjunction with the Treasurer, Chairman and Executive Committee.
4. The Vice Chairman of Fund-raising shall perform other duties the County Chairman may assign to him.

D. VICE CHAIRMAN OF MEMBERSHIP.

1. The Vice Chairman of Membership shall be responsible for party membership development and growth.
2. The Vice Chairman of Membership shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate membership record and mailing list in conjunction with the Recording Secretary.
3. The Vice Chairman for Membership shall be responsible for holding at least one membership drive per year.
4. The Vice Chairman of Membership shall be responsible for visitor follow-up.
5. The Vice Chairman of Membership shall perform other duties the County Chairman may assign to him.

E. VICE CHAIRMAN OF PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT.

1. The Vice Chairman of Precinct Development shall coordinate the activities of Precinct Chairmen. He shall be responsible for scheduling, administering, and overseeing meetings of the Precinct Chairmen. He shall also be responsible for aiding and assisting in the execution of all precinct meetings.
2. He shall, with approval of the County Chairman, arrange to have an adequate number of qualified Republican poll watchers for each precinct and secure a list of poll workers from the Elections Board prior to each election to verify whether enough of them are Republicans. He shall arrange training programs for poll watchers. He shall propose poll watchers for each precinct to the Chairman and the Chairman shall submit to the Executive Committee for approval. He shall be available on election day to answer questions and dispatch assistance to possible trouble areas.
3. The Vice Chairman of Precinct Development shall perform other duties the County Chairman may assign to him.

F. TREASURER.

1. The Treasurer shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Pickens County Republican Party.
2. The Treasurer shall work with the Vice Chairman for Fund Raising in the preparation and execution of the operating expenses budget.
3. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due to the Pickens County Republican Party. The Treasurer shall maintain a record and account of properties and assets of the Pickens County Republican Party.
4. The Treasurer shall be authorized to make payment of all just debts of the Pickens County Republican Party in accordance with these rules (see Article IV, Section C, Number 5).
5. The Treasurer shall render a written report to the Executive Committee at each County meeting, listing all receipts, disbursements, and balances of assets.
6. The Treasurer shall issue checks in accordance with Article IV, Section C, Number 5.
7. The Treasurer shall perform other duties the County Chairman may assign to him.

G. RECORDING SECRETARY.

1. The Recording Secretary shall be the official record keeper of the Pickens County Republican Party. The Recording Secretary shall be the custodian of Party records, except the Treasurer's books. The Recording Secretary shall call the roll when it is required.
2. The Recording Secretary shall have current record books on hand at every meeting. He shall maintain books in which the bylaws, special rules of order, standing rules, and minutes are entered with any amendments to these documents properly recorded. He shall record the minutes (of which committee reports shall be submitted in writing to the secretary), file reports, file the rules, prepare the agenda for County Committee and Executive Committee meetings, and provide committees with relevant information from the assembly (rough draft of minutes to Executive Board Members within a week of each meeting).
3. The minutes shall consist of all main motions in their final form, in their status and all oral notices of motions. The Recording Secretary shall date the committee reports when received, note what further action was taken on them, and preserve them amongst the Secretary's records.
4. He shall keep an accurate attendance record at County Committee Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings

5. He shall furnish to committees whatever documents are required for the performance of their duties and have on hand a list of all existing committees and their members.
6. The Recording Secretary shall have access to a personal computer and shall be familiar with word processing programs so that all minutes may be electronically stored on CD or DVD, if possible.
7. The Recording Secretary shall perform other duties the County Chairman may assign him.

H. CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY.

1. The Correspondence Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the organization.
2. The Correspondence Secretary shall be responsible for announcements of meetings, the newsletter, invitations for special events, and personal correspondence such as, but not limited to, expressions of gratitude, concern, condolence, and congratulations.
3. He shall have access to a personal computer and be familiar with word processing programs. Files of all correspondence shall be maintained electronically on CD or DVD, if possible.
4. The Correspondence Secretary shall perform other duties the County Chairman may assign to him.

I. GENERAL COUNSEL (PARLIAMENTARIAN).

1. The General Counsel shall be appointed by the County Chairman.
2. The General Counsel shall be well versed in the bylaws of the Pickens County Republican Party, the by-laws of the Georgia Republican Party, Robert's Rules of Order, all pertinent State and Federal law and all pertinent election law.
3. The General Counsel shall advise the County Chairman, the Executive Committee, and/or the County Committee on all legal and regulatory matters concerning the Pickens County Republican Party.

J. ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS. The Election Board Members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall also recommend individuals for the member-at-large position on the Board of Elections. Duties of the Election Board Members shall be governed by the State Election Code, State Laws, and the State Election Board. The Election Board Members shall provide the Chairman with a written report of all meetings.

K. PRECINCT OFFICERS. A Precinct Chairman, Precinct Vice Chairman and Precinct Secretary shall be elected by those qualified persons participating in each precinct mass meeting election in accordance with the State Call. They shall preside over all meetings and caucuses of their precinct during their term of office. Their duties shall include identification of property owners in their precinct who will consent to placement of signs on their property, host grassroots meetings, and otherwise support Republican candidates. They shall provide the Vice Chairman of Precinct Development with names of qualified persons who are willing to serve in appointed positions on boards and/or authorities. They shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Vice Chairman of Precinct Development.

L. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS. Upon request from the Chairman or the Executive Committee, the District Committee Members representing Pickens County in Congressional District Committees will provide a written report of the District Committee Meetings.

M. STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. Upon request from the Chairman or the Executive Committee, the State Committee Members representing Pickens County on the State Committee will provide a written report of the State Committee Meetings.

ARTICLE VIII: PERMANENT AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

1. Permanent Committees will exist to assist each County Vice Chairman in fulfilling his duties.
2. The following committees will be permanent committees of the Pickens County Republican Party:
 - a. LEGISLATIVE. Legislative Committee is responsible for researching issues, bills, and laws that affect the citizens of Pickens County. The Vice Chairman of Candidates and Elected Officials may chair the Legislative Committee.
 - b. PUBLICITY. The Publicity Committee is responsible for any publicity for the club, which includes but is not limited to the following: the newsletter, notifying newspapers of meetings and Party activities, signs in public places (grocery stores, flyers on car windows, etc.). The Publicity

Committee will work in conjunction with both secretaries. The Vice Chairman of Membership may chair the Publicity Committee.

c. FUND-RAISING. The Fund-raising Committee is responsible for implementing fund-raisers for

the Pickens County Republican Party. The Vice Chairman of Fund-raising may chair the Fund-raising Committee.

d. TELEPHONE/E-MAIL. The Telephone/e-mail Committee is responsible for calling all Party members to relay important information to them. The Vice Chairman of Precinct Development may chair the Telephone/e-mail Committee.

e. APPOINTMENTS. The Appointments Committee shall propose qualified and suitable candidates for appointment to all County Boards, Committees, and Authorities when requested by the Executive Committee to do so. The Vice Chairman for Candidates and Elected Officials may chair the Committee.

3. If the Vice Chairman of the corresponding permanent committee declines to chair the committee, the County Chairman shall appoint a chairman to the committee.

4. With final approval of the County Chairman, the Chairman of the each permanent committee may appoint members to said committee.

B. SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1. The County Chairman may create and dissolve other committees as he deems necessary.

2. The County Chairman may appoint members to such committees.

C. Permanent and Special Committee Chairmen shall read and then submit, in writing, Committee Reports to be included in the minutes of the Executive Committee and/or the County Committee, as needed.

ARTICLE IX: PRECINCT COMMITTEES

A. MEMBERSHIP. The Precinct Committee shall consist of the following, provided they are dues-paying members in good standing of the County Party and are qualified resident electors of such Precinct.

1. Officers

a. Precinct Chairman

b. Secretary

2. Area and/or Block Captains

3. Members

a. Legal and qualified voters residing within the precinct, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policies, are in sympathy with its aims and purposes and who support its candidates.

B. TERM OF OFFICE. Precinct officers shall be elected at the Precinct Mass Meetings held in odd-numbered years, and shall hold offices until their successors are duly elected and qualified, unless sooner removed in accordance with these Rules. Chairmen of subcommittees and Area and/or Block Captains shall be appointed by the Precinct Chairman with prior approval by a majority of the Precinct Committee.

C. MEETINGS. The Precinct Committee shall meet upon call of the Precinct Chairman or upon request of a majority of its members. Unless the following requirement is waived by two-thirds (2/3) of the total Precinct Committee, such Calls shall be in writing, shall designate the time and place of the meeting, and shall be mailed to all members of the Precinct Committee not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of such meeting.

D. DUTIES. Help carry out the duties of the Vice Chairman of Precinct Development described in Article VII, Section E.

ARTICLE X: COUNTY CONVENTIONS AND MASS MEETINGS

A. MEETING DATES. Pursuant to an official call of the Georgia Republican State Committee, County Conventions and Precinct Mass Meetings shall be held in each odd-numbered year to conduct business, including but not limited to, electing party leadership. Subject to a call from the Georgia Republican State Committee, additional County Conventions and Precinct Mass Meetings shall be held each presidential election year to conduct

business including, but not limited to, electing delegates and alternates to the District and State Republican Conventions.

B. ELECTION OF DELEGATES. Delegates and alternates to the County Convention shall be elected at Mass Meetings held in accordance with the Call of the Georgia Republican State Committee. In conformity with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party, only delegates and alternates elected at a Precinct Mass Meeting may participate in a County Convention. Persons not so elected at a Mass Meeting held in compliance with the specified procedures, and at the officially published time and place, shall not be seated at a County Convention as delegates or alternates, but may be seated at a designated visitors' area.

C. COMMITTEES IN SESSION. No official business may be transacted at any Convention or Mass Meeting while any of its temporary or permanent committees are in session.

D. RULES OF ORDER. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all deliberations of County Conventions and Precinct Mass Meetings, and their respective committees, except to the extent that they are modified by the Georgia Republican State Committee, by these Rules, or by a majority vote of said Convention, Mass Meeting or committee in session, a quorum being present.

ARTICLE XI: ALLOCATION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTIONS AND TO THE GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION.

A. The Delegates and Alternates allocated to Pickens County for the Congressional Districts and the Georgia State Republican Conventions shall be elected at the County Convention.

B. District, and State Delegates and Alternates, shall be allocated to and elected from the Congressional District in the same proportion as their respective vote for the Republican presidential candidate in the immediate preceding presidential election.

ARTICLE XII: PROXIES

A. Proxies shall be substantially in the form prescribed in Addendum A attached to these Rules.

B. A committee member's proxy shall be revoked by said member upon his attendance at the committee meeting for which it was given.

C. No member shall vote more than two (2) individual proxies at any single County Committee meeting.

D. No member shall vote more than one (1) individual proxy at any single Executive Committee meeting.

E. Each member shall be responsible for submitting his own proxy to the representative of his choice.

ARTICLE XIII: CONFLICT OF RULES

To the extent that any rule herein, or section thereof, is or becomes in conflict with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party or the Georgia Election Code, such rule or section thereof is superseded thereby and void, and the remainder of these Rules shall not be affected.

ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENTS.

A. These Rules may be amended in the following ways:

1. At any County Convention of the Pickens County Republican Party by a majority vote of those present.
2. At any County Committee meeting of the Pickens County Republican Party by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, a quorum being present. Each member of the County Committee shall be given written notice, at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting, setting forth the intention to amend the rules, and details of the proposed amendment(s).

B. Said amendment(s) shall become effective when adopted and recorded with the Board of Elections unless otherwise provided.

C. The Executive Committee may amend any Addendum by a majority vote at a duly called Executive Committee meeting.

ARTICLE XV: DEFINITIONS OF PARLIAMENTARY TERMS

A. MAJORITY: More than half of the votes cast

B. QUORUM: The specified number of members required to hold a legal meeting

C. TWO-THIRDS: Two-thirds of the vote cast

D. The term 'man,' as used in Chairman or Vice-chairman, and the term "he", as used in he, his or him does not indicate the sex of the holder of the office.

The undersigned officers hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Rules of the Pickens County Republican Party as adopted at the 2005 County Convention held in Pickens County, GA on March 5, 2005.

Officers:

Signed in the presence of:

Chairman of the 2005 Convention

Notary Public

Secretary of the 2005 Convention

Notary Public

The undersigned member of the Board of Elections certifies that the above is a true and correct copy of the Rules of the Pickens County Republican Party as adopted at the 2005 County Convention held in Pickens County, GA on March 5, 2005.

Signed in the presence of:

Board of Elections Representative

Notary Public

ADDENDUM A
PROXY EXAMPLE

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF PICKENS
PROXY
PICKENS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE the undersigned witness, _____ residing at _____, who states that he/she is a member of the County/Executive Committee of the Pickens County Republican Party, and he/she does hereby constitute and appoint _____, as his/her agent and attorney in fact to cast his/her individual vote at a called meeting of the County/Executive Committee of the Party to be held on the _____ day of _____, 20 ____ and to vote in my name, place, and stead, upon any question that is properly before the Committee, with all the power I possess as if present at such meeting; hereby specifically revoking any and all other proxies previously made, if any.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 20 ____

_____ (LS)

Witness