

The RULES OF THE COBB COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

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40 **SECTION 1 – NAME, AUTHORITY & PURPOSE**

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- 42 1.1 The organization shall be known as the “Republican Party of Cobb County, Inc.”
43 (“RPCC”) and shall be incorporated as a non-profit Georgia corporation.
44 Additionally, the organization shall be authorized to do business as the “Cobb
45 County Republican Party.”
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- 47 1.2 The Republican Party of Cobb County, Inc. is organized under the auspices and
48 Rules (“State Rules”) of the Georgia Republican Party (“GRP”), and the laws of the
49 State of Georgia and is a political organization and political party.
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- 51 1.3 Except when the Cobb County Republican Convention is in session, the Cobb County
52 Republican Committee (“CCRC”), shall be the governing body of the Republican
53 Party of Cobb County, Inc.
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- 55 1.4 Unless modified by these rules, the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall
56 be the parliamentary and governing authority in all meetings and conventions.
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- 58 1.5 A copy of these rules shall at all times be kept on file at the Headquarters of the
59 Republican Party of Cobb County, Inc. and available online. Upon amendment, the
60 most up to date copy of these rules shall be transmitted by U.S. or electronic mail to
61 the Chair, Secretary, General Counsel and Parliamentarian of the Cobb County
62 Republican Committee
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- 64 1.6 The purpose of the Cobb County Republican Party shall be to develop, foster,
65 advance, and perpetuate the principles of the Republican Party, to support and
66 otherwise do all within its power to insure the election of all Republican nominees
67 for public office whose names appear on the general election ballot, any special
68 election, or other regular election ballots in Cobb County.
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70 **SECTION 2 – MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION**

- 71
- 72 2.1 All electors who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in
73 its declaration of policy and are in sympathy with its aims and purposes to support and
74 elect Republican nominees to public office may participate as members of the
75 Republican Party of Cobb County, Inc.
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- 77 2.2 Any person thus eligible shall be admitted to membership in the Republican Party of
78 Cobb County upon payment of annual dues in amounts to be recommended by Cobb
79 County Executive Committee and approved by the Cobb County Republican Committee.
80 Membership shall be based on a calendar year.
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- 82 2.3 Upon payment of annual dues, any person admitted for membership and who meets
83 the criteria to be a member of the Cobb County Republican Committee as set forth in
84 Rule 3.3, shall then become a voting member of the Cobb County Republican
85 Committee.

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SECTION 3 – THE Cobb County Republican Committee (Cobb County Republican Committee)

3.1 The Cobb County Republican Committee shall meet at least twice each year and members may attend either in person or by proxy. The form of such proxy shall be designated by the Secretary and approved by the Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee.

3.2 The Cobb County Republican Committee shall be vested with all the duties, power and privileges possessed by the Cobb County Republican Convention. While in session, the Cobb County Republican Committee shall act for the Republican Party of Cobb County, Inc.

3.3 The Cobb County Republican Committee shall consist of the following voting members:

3.3.1 The following officers:

- A) Chair
- B) First Vice-Chair.
- C) Vice-Chair of Party and Grassroots Development.
- D) Vice-Chair of Communication and Information
- E) Vice-Chair of Membership
- F) Secretary.
- G) Treasurer.
- H) Assistant Treasurer.
- I) The immediate past Cobb County Republican Committee Chair.
- J) House District Chairs.
- K) The President or Chair of the Cobb County Republican Women’s Club(s), provided that President or Chair is an elector in Cobb County.
- L) The President or Chair of the Cobb County Black Republican Council, provided that President or Chair is an elector in Cobb County.
- M) The President or Chair of the Young Republican Club(s), provided that President or Chair is an elector in Cobb County.
- N) The President of Chair of the College Republican Club for any post-secondary institution located in Cobb County, provided that President or Chair is an elector in Cobb County.
- O) Congressional District Chairs, if electors in Cobb County.
- P) Incumbent local and state Republican officials elected in partisan elections who live in Cobb County.
- Q) The Chairs of the Cobb County Republican Committee’s Standing Committees.
- R) Up to ten (10) designated “at-large” members appointed by the Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee and approved by the Cobb County Republican Committee.
- S) The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of each Precinct.
- T) House District Secretaries.

132 U) The President or Chair of the Cobb County Teenage Republicans if age eighteen
133 (18) years old or older and an elector in Cobb County.

134 a. If under eighteen (18) years of age, the President or Chair shall not be
135 entitled to a vote.

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137 3.4 The Cobb County Republican Committee shall also include the following honorary
138 and other non-voting members:

139 A) General Counsel

140 B) Parliamentarian.

141 C) Finance Chair.

142 D) Georgia's members of Congress, if electors in Cobb County.

143 E) The State Chair of the GRP, if an elector in Cobb County.

144 F) Any other honorary members as determined by the Chair of the Cobb County
145 Republican Committee and approved by majority vote of the Cobb County
146 Republican Committee.

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148 3.5 No voting member of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall have more than
149 one vote even if said member falls into more than one of the above categories.

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151 3.6 The Cobb County Republican Committee is charged with the duty of building and
152 furthering the objectives and principles of the Republican Party of Cobb County, Inc. It
153 shall cooperate with the State Committee and its District Committees in conducting all
154 elections within Cobb County.

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156 3.7 The Cobb County Republican Committee shall decide all controversies and contests
157 arising within Republican Party of Cobb County, Inc. with the right to appeal as outlined
158 in State Rules.

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160 **SECTION 4 –MEETINGS OF THE Cobb County Republican Committee**

161
162 4.1 The Cobb County Republican Committee shall not meet less than semi-annually.

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164 4.2 Meetings of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall be held upon written
165 notice mailed at least ten (10) days in advance, unless otherwise provided by the County
166 Rules, on the call of the Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee, or on the call
167 of one-third (1/3) of the members.

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169 4.3 Such written notice shall contain an agenda for the meeting and a proxy form for the
170 called meeting.

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172 4.3.1 Changes to the announced agenda shall require 2/3 vote of the Members present at
173 the meeting.

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175 4.4 A quorum of the Cobb County Republican Committee for transaction of business
176 shall consist of voting members present, either in person or by proxy, and at least four
177 officers in 3.3.1. (A) through (H) present.

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179 4.5 A proxy may be given only to another member of the Cobb County Republican
180 Committee. No Cobb County Republican Committee member may hold or vote more
181 than two (2) proxies and no proxies shall be directed to or voted by the Chair of the
182 Cobb County Republican Committee.

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184 4.6 Minutes of the previous Cobb County Republican Committee meeting shall be
185 presented and approved at each Cobb County Republican Committee meeting.

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187 4.7 The Cobb County Republican Committee must approve, in advance, all expenditures
188 in excess of \$3,000.00.

189 Expenditures less than \$3,000.00 will be itemized and reported to the Cobb County
190 Republican Committee at the next scheduled meeting.

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192 **SECTION 5 – THE COBB COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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194 5.1 The Cobb County Executive Committee (“EC”) shall be a sub-committee of the Cobb
195 County Republican Committee and, therefore, subservient to the Cobb County
196 Republican Committee.

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198 5.2 The powers delegated to the EC shall not exceed those powers described in these
199 Rules.

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201 5.3 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall serve as the Chair of the
202 EC.

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204 5.4 The voting members of the EC shall be comprised of those positions specified in
205 Rule 3.3 (A) through (O) provided, however, that no person shall simultaneously hold
206 more than one voting position.

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208 5.5 The Parliamentarian, General Counsel, and Finance Chair shall serve as non-voting
209 members of the EC.

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211 5.6 The EC shall have the power to transact the administrative business of the
212 Republican Party of Cobb County, make recommendations to the Cobb County
213 Republican Committee, and to carry out all directives of the Cobb County Republican
214 Committee.

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216 5.7 The EC shall report to the Cobb County Republican Committee all correspondence
217 and information received from the State and Congressional District Committees.

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219 5.8 The EC shall meet at least once between Cobb County Republican Committee
220 meetings as well as at such times as the Chair of the Cobb County Republican
221 Committee deems it necessary.

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223 5.9 The Executive Committee shall meet on the petition of five (5) or more of its voting
224 members. Notice of meetings shall be issued to the above listed voting members at least
225 seven (7) days in advance.

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227 5.10 Approved minutes of each EC meeting shall be presented to the Cobb County
228 Republican Committee at the Cobb County Republican Committee’s next meeting for
229 inclusion in the Cobb County Republican Committee meeting minutes as a report of a
230 standing committee.

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232 **5.11 – Authorization and Procedure for Electronic Meetings and Voting by**
233 **the EC**

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235 5.11.1 Emergency meetings of the EC may be called by the Chair of the Cobb County
236 Republican Committee or by four (4) members of the EC with four (4) days notice,
237 either by U.S. mail or electronic means, given to each member of the EC. Purpose of the
238 meeting shall be stated in the notice. These meetings may be held by electronic means,
239 telephone or Internet, with a quorum required.

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241 5.11.2 Electronic votes must be ratified by the EC at the next duly called meeting of the
242 EC.

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244 5.11.3 Except as to votes requiring a secret ballot, for issues requiring vote by the EC
245 either in favor or opposed to a certain proposition, the vote may be cast and taken by e-
246 mail or other electronic means for electronic meetings only.

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248 5.11.4 All votes cast by electronic means shall be cast within five (5) business days of
249 submission to Members.

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251 5.11.5 A tally of all votes cast by electronic means shall be circulated to all Members
252 within eight (8) business days of submission to Members.

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254 5.11.6 A vote cast by electronic means shall have the same force and effect as a vote cast
255 by a Member casting a vote in person.

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257 5.11.7 Each voting member of the EC shall issue a brief report at each EC meeting. These
258 reports shall be incorporated into the minutes of each EC meeting so as to keep the
259 Cobb County Republican Committee informed of all progress and activities.

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261 **SECTION 6 – OFFICERS**

262
263 **6.1 Duties of the Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee:**

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265 6.1.1 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall be the Chief Executive
266 Officer and spokesperson of the Cobb County Republican Committee and shall perform
267 all duties required by these rules, State Rules, the County Convention, the Cobb County
268 Republican Committee, the EC, and law.

269
270 6.1.2 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall convene the Cobb
271 County Republican Committee when the needs of the Party require, shall preside at all

272 Cobb County Republican Committee and EC meetings, and shall be an *ex officio*
273 member of all committees, except the Convention Nominating Committee.

274
275 6.1.3 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee may participate in the
276 County Convention, but shall not have a vote, if not elected to the Convention as a
277 Delegate or an Alternate.

278
279 6.1.4 No person shall serve as Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee for more
280 than two consecutive terms.

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282 6.1.5 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall be responsible for
283 developing, with the assistance of the Finance Chair and Finance Committee, an annual
284 fundraising plan for the Cobb County Republican Committee.

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286 **6.2 Duties of the First Vice-Chair:**

287
288 6.2.1 In the absence of the Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee, the First
289 Vice-Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Cobb County Republican Committee, EC
290 and at other events.

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292 6.2.2 In the event of a vacancy in the Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee,
293 the First Vice-Chair shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chair of the Cobb
294 County Republican Committee until a Chair is duly elected.

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296 6.2.3 The First Vice-Chair shall be the chief coordinator of the Cobb County Republican
297 Committee. He/she shall be responsible for coordinating the Cobb County Republican
298 Committee with the State and District Committees. These duties include coordinating
299 details involved with the Mass Meetings, the County Convention, and handling
300 arrangement for Cobb County Republican Committee and EC meetings.

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302 6.2.4 The First Vice-Chair shall arrange to have an adequate number of qualified
303 Republican poll watchers for each Precinct and secure prior to each general election
304 from the Elections Board a list of poll workers to verify whether enough of them are
305 Republicans. For all other elections, the Chair of the Cobb County Republican
306 Committee shall make a determination if poll watchers are necessary.

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308 6.2.5 The First Vice-Chair shall arrange training programs for poll watchers and select
309 or have available poll watchers for each Precinct. He/she shall be available on election
310 days to answer questions and dispatch assistance to possible trouble areas.

311
312 6.2.6 The First Vice-Chair shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him by
313 the Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee, the Cobb County Republican
314 Committee, or the EC.

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316 **6.3 Duties of the Vice-Chair of Party and Grassroots Development:**

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318 6.3.1 The Vice-Chair of Party and Grassroots Development shall have responsibility over
319 House District Chairs, assisting with their activities and in their efforts to build their
320 House District organizations.

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322 6.3.2 The Vice-Chair of Party and Grassroots Development shall undertake the
323 education and training of House District Chairs and their Precinct Chairs in building
324 effective political organizations at the grass roots level.

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326 6.3.3 The Vice-Chair of Party and Grassroots Development shall perform such other
327 duties as may be assigned him/her by the Chair of the Cobb County Republican
328 Committee, Cobb County Republican Committee, or the EC.

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330 **6.4 Duties of the Vice-Chair of Communication and Information**

331
332 6.4.1 The Vice-Chair of Communication and Information shall be in charge and
333 responsible for the County Newsletter, the County Web Site, the County Directory, and
334 all media dissemination. All articles, postings, and news releases shall be approved in
335 advance by the Secretary under the direction of the Chair.

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337 6.4.2 The Vice-Chair of Communication and Information shall perform all other duties
338 assigned by the Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee, Cobb County
339 Republican Committee, or the EC.

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341 6.4.3 The Vice-Chair of Communication and Information shall exercise authority over
342 the Communications and Information Committee under the direction of the Chair of the
343 Cobb County Republican Committee.

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345 6.4.4 The Vice-Chair of Communication and Information may serve as Chair of the
346 Communications and Information Committee

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348 **6.5 Duties of the Vice-Chairman of Members**

349
350 6.5.1 The Vice-Chairman of Membership shall be responsible for all member services
351 activities of the Cobb County Republican Party, including the production and
352 distribution of name tags and other member benefits, as well as encouraging
353 membership growth.

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355 6.5.2 The Vice-Chairman of Membership shall coordinate with the Secretary to maintain
356 an accurate list of dues paid members and their membership levels.

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358 6.5.3 The Vice-Chairman of Membership shall coordinate member events for regular
359 members and coordinate at least two events a year exclusively for upper tier
360 membership levels.

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362 6.5.4 The Vice-Chairman of Membership shall be responsible for following up with any
363 visitors to CCRP events and meetings.

364 6.5.5 The Vice-Chairman of Membership shall chair the Membership Committee and
365 assist the Chairman with recruiting members for the committee.

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367 6.5.6 The Vice-Chairman of Membership shall perform all other duties assigned by the
368 Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee, Cobb County Republican Committee,
369 or the Executive Committee.

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371 **6.6 Duties of the Secretary:**

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373 6.6.1 The Secretary shall be the responsible for all non-financial records management.

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375 6.6.2 The Secretary shall maintain records of attendance at County and EC meetings as
376 well as vacancies in the Cobb County Republican Committee.

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378 6.6.3 The Secretary shall arrange for registration of members and visitors at meetings,
379 report the number of voting members at meetings, and shall take minutes at meetings.

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381 6.6.4 The Secretary shall perform all correspondence duties, including the distribution
382 of the Call, as well as other duties that may be assigned by the Secretary, the Chair of the
383 Cobb County Republican Committee, Cobb County Republican Committee, or the EC.

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385 6.6.5 The Secretary shall serve as a member of the Resolutions Committee and may
386 serve as Chair.

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388 **6.7 Duties of the Treasurer:**

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390 6.7.1 The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Party.

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392 6.7.2 The Treasurer shall have the custody of and responsibility for the funds, property,
393 and financial records of the Party.

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395 6.7.3 The Treasurer shall perform all fiscal responsibilities required by the Cobb County
396 Republican Committee and relevant laws.

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398 6.7.4 The Treasurer shall render a written report to the EC at each meeting. The EC shall
399 review said report and submit it to the Cobb County Republican Committee.

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401 6.7.5 The Treasurer shall be authorized to make all expenditures and to pay all just debts
402 of the Cobb County Republican Party, according to the authorization and budget of the
403 Cobb County Republican Committee and as otherwise required by these Rules.

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405 6.7.6 All pecuniary disbursements under \$3,000.00 shall be signed by either the
406 Treasurer or Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee.

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408 6.7.7 Pecuniary disbursements over \$3,000.00 must be signed by two authorized
409 County Party Officers, one of whom must be either the Chair of the Cobb County
410 Republican Committee or the Treasurer.

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412 6.7.8 The Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Finance Committee.

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414 **6.8 Duties of the Assistant Treasurer:**

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416 6.8.1 The Assistant Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all property of the Party and
417 assist the Treasurer by performing all duties assigned by the Treasurer or by the Chair of
418 the Cobb County Republican Committee, Cobb County Republican Committee, or EC.

419
420 6.8.2 The Assistant Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Finance Committee.

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422 **6.9 Duties of the General Counsel:**

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424 6.9.1 The General Counsel shall be appointed by the Chair of the Cobb County
425 Republican Committee with approval from the Cobb County Republican Committee and
426 shall be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia.

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428 6.9.2 The General Counsel shall advise the Chair of the Cobb County Republican
429 Committee on all legal and regulatory matters of concern to the Party.

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431 6.9.3 The General Counsel shall keep the Chair of the Cobb County Republican
432 Committee advised on all pertinent election laws.

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434 6.9.4 The General Counsel shall serve without compensation, unless required to
435 represent the Republican Party of Cobb County, Inc. in any civil or criminal case
436 pending in a court of law.

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438 6.9.5 The General Counsel shall serve on and may serve as Chair of the Rules
439 Committee.

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441 **6.10 Duties of the Parliamentarian:**

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443 6.10.1 The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Chair of the Cobb County
444 Republican Committee with approval from the Cobb County Republican Committee and
445 may, at the discretion of the Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee, be
446 combined into one office with the General Counsel.

447
448 6.10.2 The Parliamentarian shall familiarize himself with the Rules of the Cobb County
449 Republican Party, the relevant District Committees, the State Party, and the
450 parliamentary authority and shall advise the Chair of the Cobb County Republican
451 Committee on these rules as needed.

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453 6.10.3 The Parliamentarian shall not vote on any matter pending before the Cobb
454 County Republican Committee or the EC, even if normally entitled to a vote by virtue of
455 holding another voting position.

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457 6.10.4 The Parliamentarian shall conduct training on parliamentary procedure within
458 ninety (90) days following the County Convention. Such training can be part of a duly
459 called meeting of the Cobb County Republican Committee.
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461 **6.11 Duties of the Finance Chair:**

462
463 6.11.1 The Finance Chair shall be appointed by the Chair of the Cobb County Republican
464 Committee with approval from the Cobb County Republican Committee and shall serve
465 as Chair of the Finance Committee.
466

467 6.11.2 The Finance Chair shall, with the assistance and direction of the Chair, be
468 responsible for raising the funds of the Cobb County Republican Committee and for
469 obtaining adequate financing for the Cobb County Republican Committee.
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471 **SECTION 7 – COMMITTEES**

472
473 7.1 The following Standing Committees, whose chairs shall, unless otherwise stated in
474 these rules, be appointed by the Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee,
475 subject to the approval of the EC, are hereby authorized:

- 476 A) Rules,
- 477 B) Resolutions,
- 478 C) Finance,
- 479 D) Communications and Information,
- 480 E) Membership,
- 481 F) Military and Veterans Affairs,
- 482 G) Outreach

483
484 7.2 Additional Ad Hoc committees may be established and their Chairs appointed by the
485 Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee, subject to the approval of the EC.
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487 7.3 Subcommittees of the Standing Committees may be established and their Chairs
488 appointed by the Chairs of Standing Committees, subject to the approval of the EC.
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490 7.4 Committee Chairs may appoint, subject to the approval of the Chair of the Cobb
491 County Republican Committee, members to their committees as they deem necessary.
492 Committee Chairs shall submit budgets for their committees to the Finance Committee
493 when required.
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495 **7.5 The Rules Committee:**

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497 7.5.1 The Rules Committee shall periodically review these rules and suggest
498 amendments when warranted.
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500 7.5.2 The Rules Committee shall be properly versed on the Rules of the Georgia
501 Republican Party, the Rules of relevant District Committees, and the Rules of the Cobb
502 County Republican Party.
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504 7.5.3 The Rules Committee shall review all suggestions for rules changes from members
505 or other interested parties.

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507 7.5.4 In accordance with the Georgia Election Code, a certified copy of the County Rules
508 must be filed with the election superintendent of Cobb County. Upon any changes in the
509 rules between conventions, the Chair of the Rules Committee shall submit to the Chair
510 of the Cobb County Republican Committee a copy of the County Rules with any and all
511 changes within thirty (30) days for signature and filing.

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513 7.5.5 The General Counsel may serve as Chair of the Rules Committee and the
514 Parliamentarian shall serve as vice-chair. If one person serves in both positions, then
515 he/she shall only serve as Chair.

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517 **7.6 The Resolutions Committee:**

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519 7.6.1 The Resolutions Committee shall be responsible for reviewing, selecting, and
520 presenting all resolutions proposed between conventions before they are reported to the
521 Cobb County Republican Committee.

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523 **7.7 The Finance Committee:**

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525 7.7.1 The Finance Committee shall be the financial arm of the Cobb County Republican
526 Committee.

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528 7.7.2 The Finance Committee, or a subcommittee within its domain, shall have
529 responsibility for coordinating all fund raising activities as determined by the Chair of
530 the Cobb County Republican Committee.

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532 7.7.3 The Finance Committee shall receive budgets from committees, House Districts,
533 and other Party apparatus requesting funding. The EC shall review all such requests and
534 make recommendations to the Cobb County Republican Committee.

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536 7.7.4 All financial records of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall be subject to
537 a biannual audit or review. These compilations or reviews shall be conducted by
538 qualified personnel appointed by the Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee
539 and approved by a majority vote of the Cobb County Republican Committee.

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541 **7.8 The Communications and Information Committee:**

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543 7.8.1 The Communications and Information Committee shall be under the authority and
544 responsibility of the Secretary of the Cobb County Republican Committee.

545
546 7.8.2 The Communications and Information Committee shall control all communication
547 organs, and oversee all information technologies, subject to the approval of the Chair of
548 the Cobb County Republican Committee.

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550 7.8.3 The Communications and Information Committee shall maintain a current list of
551 registered voters and a list of Republican Primary voters for use by Mass Meetings and
552 Conventions as well as by Republican candidates.

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554 7.8.4 All internal and external communications must be approved in advance by the
555 Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee.

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557 **7.9 The Membership Committee**

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559 7.9.1 The Membership Committee shall, at the direction of the Cobb County Republican
560 Committee Chair, host membership events to increase membership and participation in
561 the Cobb County Republican Committee.

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563 **7.10 The Military and Veteran’s Affairs Committee**

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565 7.10.1 The Military and Veteran’s Affairs Committee shall be responsible, at the
566 direction of the Cobb County Republican Committee, for providing opportunities for the
567 Republican Party of Cobb County, Inc. to honor and serve our active and retired military
568 personnel.

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570 7.10.2 The Military and Veteran’s Affairs Committee shall retain, to the best of their
571 ability, a current roster of active, inactive, retired and prior service military personnel
572 who are identified as Republican citizens of Cobb County

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574 7.10.3 The Cobb County Republican Committee, EC and the Officers of the Republican
575 Party of Cobb County, Inc. shall make every effort to participate in any military
576 recognition event in Cobb County.

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578 **7.11 The Outreach Committee**

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580 7.11.1 The Outreach Committee shall be responsible for seeking out and hosting
581 opportunities to build relationships with communities that have historically not voted
582 Republican.

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584 **SECTION 8 – PRECINCT COMMITTEES**

585 8.1 Each Precinct located in the political boundaries of Cobb County shall, if possible, be
586 organized into Precinct Committees.

587 8.2 Each Precinct shall be governed by the following officers:

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589 A) Chair

590 B) Vice-Chair

591 C) Secretary

592 D) Treasurer

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594 8.3 The Precinct Chair shall chair all meetings of his/her Precinct, including the Mass

595 Meeting; shall serve as the communication and organization link between his/her
596 Precinct and the House District chairs; shall designate Precinct members as
597 neighborhood captains, block captains, and street captains as he/she sees fit.
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599 **SECTION 9 – HOUSE DISTRICT COMMITTEES**

600 9.1 Each State House District for the Georgia General Assembly located in whole or in
601 part within the political boundaries of Cobb County shall be organized into House
602 District Committees.

603 9.1.1 If a State House District has less than 1,000 registered voters within Cobb County,
604 the Cobb County Republican Committee by majority vote may combine that State House
605 District organization for inclusion with a neighboring House District within Cobb
606 County.

607 9.2 The House District Committee shall include the following voting members:

- 608 A) House District Chair
- 609 B) House District Secretary
- 610 C) The Chair of each Precinct within the House District
- 611 D) The Vice-Chair of each Precinct within the House District
- 612 E) The Secretary of each Precinct within the House District
- 613 F) The Treasurer of each Precinct within the House District
- 614 G) Any other voting members of the Cobb County Republican Committee who reside
615 in the House District

616 9.3 Any non-voting member of the Cobb County Republican Committee who resides in
617 the House District shall also be a non-voting member of the House District Committee.

618 9.4 The House District Committee may write additional rules to govern the House
619 District Committee so long as those rules do not conflict with the rules of the Republican
620 Party of Cobb County, Inc., the GRP, the Republican National Committee or local, state
621 or national law.

622 9.5 House District Chairs shall chair all meetings of their House Districts, coordinate the
623 activities of Precincts within their respective House Districts, and have general
624 responsibility for organizing and furthering the efforts and aims of the Republican Party
625 in their respective House Districts.

626 9.6 Precincts residing wholly in a House District shall be assigned to that House District.
627 Precincts split between two or more House Districts shall be assigned to one House
628 District specified by the EC. Precincts shall remain whole wherever they are assigned.
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630 9.7 In the absence of a House District Secretary, the House District Chair shall appoint
631 one to fill that office. House District meetings shall be held on the Call of the House
632 District Chair or on the Call of one-third (1/3) of the Precinct Chairs of the House
633 District.

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635 9.8 House Districts shall meet at least semi-annually each year upon the provision of ten
636 (10) days advance written notice. In the absence of a House District Chair, the House
637 District Secretary shall preside at meetings of the House District.

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639 **SECTION 10 – MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATIONS**

640 10.1 The Cobb County Republican Committee is authorized to provide rules or adopt
641 regulations as it deems necessary or desirable to establish a municipal EC in each
642 municipality principally located in Cobb County for the purpose of encouraging
643 participation in any partisan municipal election including the nomination of Republican
644 candidates therein. Said organization shall be consistent with the Rules of the Georgia
645 Municipal Election Code.

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647 **SECTION 11 – RESTRICTIONS ON ENDORSEMENTS BY COBB COUNTY**
648 **REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE OFFICIALS**

649 11.1 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall not act in any capacity,
650 official, individual or otherwise, in a manner that demonstrates support or partiality for
651 any candidate in a contested race in a Republican Primary. Violation of this rule may be
652 considered cause for removal from office.

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654 11.1.1 Voting members of the EC shall not be prohibited from acting in their individual
655 capacity to support candidates in a contested race in a Republican Party Primary with
656 the following exceptions:

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658 11.1.2 A House District or Precinct Chair shall not act in any capacity in a manner that
659 demonstrates support or partiality for a candidate in a contested Republican Party
660 primary race for a State or County office in which the House District is located. Violation
661 of this rule may be considered cause for removal from office.

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663 11.2 No member of the EC, Cobb County Republican Committee, or Committee Chair,
664 except those members who serve as members of the EC and Cobb County Republican
665 Committee by virtue of their position by other organizations not governed by these
666 rules, shall in their official capacity act in a manner that demonstrates support or
667 partiality for any candidate in a contested race in a Republican Party Primary.

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669 **SECTION 12 – REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

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671 12.1 Any officer or member of the Cobb County Republican Committee may be removed
672 from office for cause, which shall include, but is not limited to, malfeasance,
673 misfeasance or continued failure to perform the duties of the office, by a two-thirds

674 (2/3) vote at any duly called meeting of the Cobb County Republican Committee.
675 However, any such individual must be given written notice of such meeting, sent at least
676 twenty (20) days in advance thereof, setting forth the charges and grounds for removal.
677 The individual shall have the opportunity to be heard in person or by a representative of
678 his/her choice.

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680 12.1.1 All annual membership dues of the Executive Committee or Cobb County
681 Republican Committee are payable by no later than January 15. Upon notification by the
682 Executive Committee that dues as determined in Rule 2.2 have not been received for
683 that calendar year by February 1, then membership shall be automatically terminated to
684 said committee(s).

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686 12.2 Any member appointed by any Chair may be removed for any reason or no reason
687 by that Chair subject to the approval of a majority vote of the EC.

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689 12.3 Any elected officer or member of the Cobb County Republican Committee who
690 officially qualifies to run for public office shall be deemed to have resigned.

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692 12.4 Any appointed officer or member of the Cobb County Republican Committee who
693 officially qualifies to run for public office in a contested Republican Primary shall have
694 been deemed to have resigned.

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696 12.5 An Officer or a Member may resign by submitting his/her resignation in writing to
697 either the Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee, the Assistant Secretary of
698 the Cobb County Republican Committee or to his House District Chair. Such resignation
699 is effective upon delivery and shall become irrevocable, unless rescinded within seven
700 (7) days.

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702 12.6 Any officer or member of the Cobb County Republican Committee or the EC who is
703 absent from two (2) meetings of said Committee within a calendar year, without
704 submitting a valid written proxy in advance of each such meeting, automatically shall
705 lose his membership thereon at the conclusion of the second such meeting.

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707 12.7 If there is a Republican candidate for public office in a partisan general election,
708 any officer or member of the Cobb County Republican Committee who publicly
709 announces his support of a candidate other than the official candidate of the Republican
710 Party automatically shall lose his membership on said committee (s).

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712 12.8 Any officer or member of the Cobb County Republican Committee who votes in a
713 Democrat primary election, if there is on the same day a contested Republican primary
714 election shall automatically lose his membership on said committee (s). Such member
715 must receive notice of removal and may appeal within thirty (30) days showing good
716 cause that advances the Republican Party. If cause is shown, the member may be
717 reinstated to their position by majority vote of the Cobb County Republican Committee
718 at the next duly called meeting.

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720 12.9 Any officer or member of the Cobb County Republican Committee removed from
721 his/her position (s) thereon under provisions of this Section may appeal within a period
722 of sixty (60) days from the date of his removal, in person or through a representative of
723 choice, directly to the Cobb County Republican Committee, by making a written request
724 to the Assistant Secretary. Notice of the appeal shall be included in the Call for the next
725 meeting of the Cobb County Republican Committee. Reinstatement shall require a two-
726 thirds vote of the Cobb County Republican Committee at said meeting.

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728 **SECTION 13 – VACANCIES**

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730 13.1 In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of any elected officer
731 or member of the Cobb County Republican Committee, with the exception of House
732 District and Precinct officers, such vacancies shall be filled by majority vote of the Cobb
733 County Republican Committee at the next duly called meeting. If such vacancy is not
734 filled within ninety (90) days, the EC of the Cobb County Republican Committee may fill
735 such vacancy by a majority vote on its own motion.

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737 13.2 In the event of a vacancy in the position of Chair of the Cobb County Republican
738 Committee, the First Vice-Chair shall automatically serve as acting Chair of the Cobb
739 County Republican Committee until the Cobb County Republican Committee elects a
740 Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee.

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742 13.3 In the event of a vacancy in the position of Treasurer, the Chair of the Cobb County
743 Republican Committee shall immediately appoint an acting Treasurer until the Cobb
744 County Republican Committee elects a successor.

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746 13.4 In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of a House District or
747 Precinct Officer, the House District Committee shall fill the vacancy and shall notify the
748 Secretary of the Cobb County Republican Committee within five (5) days after the
749 election. If such vacancy is not filled within ninety (90) days, the EC of the Cobb County
750 Republican Committee may fill such vacancy by a majority vote on its own motion. If no
751 Precinct Officers have been elected at Mass Meetings, the EC may fill such Precinct
752 Officers vacancies.

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754 13.5 Vacancies in appointed positions shall be filled in the manner provided for filling
755 the positions originally.

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757 **SECTION 14 – CONVENTIONS**

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759 **14.1 THE CALL**

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761 14.1.1 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall be solely responsible
762 for complying with the Call and all applicable State Rules concerning the Call. Failure to
763 adequately perform these duties may be grounds for removal from office.

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765 14.1.2 Regardless if allowed by the Call or State Rules, unit rule shall not be imposed on
766 any elector, Delegate or Alternate at any Mass Meeting or Convention.

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14.2 – MASS MEETINGS

14.2.1 Mass Meetings shall be organized by House Districts, as outlined in Section 9.

14.2.2 In odd-numbered years, the first order of business shall be to elect House District Chairs and House Secretaries. Then, each Precinct shall caucus by individual precinct to elect Delegates and Alternates to the Cobb County Convention. Each Precinct shall elect a Precinct Chair and other Precinct Officers it deems necessary. All House District Officers shall serve for two years beginning at the end of adjournment of odd numbered year County Conventions.

14.2.3 Unless otherwise specified in the Call, each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the County Convention. In addition 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 general election. At the discretion of the County Committee, in Counties having population of over one hundred thousand (100,000), each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate for each one hundred fifty (150) votes and major fraction thereof (76 or more) cast for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding general election, with each Precinct having at least one (1) Delegate. Such determination must be made at least by the time of the Precinct Mass Meetings and the EC must be notified. If the county has had changes in precinct lines since the last Presidential Election, the vote totals cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in the immediately preceding general election shall determine allocation of county convention delegates. In such case the formula used to calculate the number of delegates and alternates for each precinct shall be the same as previously stated in this section.

14.2.4 All rules for the conduct of Precinct elections shall be determined by a majority of members in attendance so long as those rules do not conflict with these rules, State Rules, the Rules of the Republican National Committee or applicable law.

14.3 – COBB COUNTY CONVENTION

14.3.1 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall preside as Chair of the County Convention until a permanent organization is elected. The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall appoint Interim County Convention Committees and their respective Chairs. The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee may, at his/her own discretion, delegate to the Chair of each committee the authority to appoint additional members of their respective committees. The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall be responsible for preparation and organization of the County Convention and shall provide for the timely distribution of all Convention-related notices required by these Rules and the Call.

14.3.2 In odd numbered years, elections shall be held for the following offices:

- 814 A) Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee.
- 815 B) First Vice-Chair.
- 816 C) Vice-Chair of Party and Grassroots Development.
- 817 D) Vice-Chair of Communication and Information.
- 818 E) Vice-Chair of Membership
- 819 F) Secretary.
- 820 G) Treasurer.
- 821 H) Assistant Treasurer.

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823 14.3.3 The officers elected shall begin serving at the adjournment of the County
824 Convention and shall serve for two years and until their successors are duly elected and
825 qualified, unless sooner removed in accordance with these Rules.

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827 14.3.4 The Cobb County Republican Committee shall have the right to increase or alter
828 membership as the Cobb County Republican Committee determines is consistent with
829 these and the State Rules.

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831 14.3.5 The County Convention shall transact all other necessary and proper business of
832 the Party pertaining to the Cobb County Republican Committee.

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834 14.3.6 No official business shall be transacted at the County Convention while any of its
835 Committees are in session.

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837 14.3.7 The County Convention shall attempt to elect a number of Alternates equal to the
838 number of Delegates for the District and State Conventions.

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840 14.3.8 Delegates and Alternates to the County, District, and State Conventions do not
841 have to be present and in attendance or Delegates or Alternates to the Convention at
842 which they are elected to serve as Delegates or Alternates to another convention.

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844 14.3.9 Delegates and Alternates shall not be paired.

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846 14.3.10 The Delegates of each delegation shall by caucus and by majority vote adopt a
847 plan for the seating of Alternates for any missing Delegates of their delegation.

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849 14.3.11 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall file a copy of these
850 rules with each District Chair of the appropriate Districts and with the Secretary of the
851 State Committee.

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853 **14.4 – COUNTY CONVENTION COMMITTEES**

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855 14.4.1 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall appoint Rules,
856 Resolutions, Nominating, and Credentials Committees, and may appoint other
857 Convention Committees, as he/she deems appropriate. The Standing Rules and
858 Resolutions Committees of the Cobb County Republican Committee may serve as the
859 Convention Rules and Resolutions Committees.

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861 14.4.2 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall appoint the chairs of
862 convention committees no later than the last regularly scheduled Cobb County
863 Republican Committee meeting prior to the Mass Meetings in years County Conventions
864 are held.

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866 14.4.3 The Convention Credentials Committee shall have at least one member who
867 resides in each State House District located in Cobb County appointed to serve on the
868 committee.

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870 14.4.4 The Convention Nominating Committee shall nominate eligible candidates for all
871 positions to be filled at the County Convention, as required by these rules and the State
872 Rules.

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874 14.4.4.1 The Convention Nominating Committee shall nominate Delegates and
875 Alternates for each District and State Convention. After submitting said nominees to the
876 Convention, the Convention Nominating Committee shall recess. Upon its return,
877 additional nominees may be placed in nomination from the floor. Alternate nominees
878 are to be in writing and, wherever possible, distributed to the Convention before votes
879 are taken.

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881 14.4.5 The Convention Credentials Committee shall ascertain whether each County
882 Convention Delegate and Alternate satisfies qualifications required by these rules and
883 the State Rules. Reasonable efforts will be afforded to persons determined not to satisfy
884 qualifications to present facts establishing their right to serve as Delegates or Alternates.

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886 14.4.5.1 The Convention Credentials Committee shall present its report on Delegate and
887 Alternate qualifications to the Convention. Only Delegates and Alternates properly
888 registered and qualified according to the Interim Credentials Committee report may
889 vote on the report.

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891 14.4.5.2 Persons not seated as a Delegate or Alternate believing themselves to have been
892 properly chosen and qualified who wish to address the Convention may do so. Such
893 address must precede any vote to accept or reject the Convention Credentials
894 Committee report, must not exceed two (2) minutes, and must pertain specifically to
895 facts showing proper qualifications and right to serve of such person. Such person may
896 address the Convention only once unless otherwise permitted by the Convention.

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898 14.4.6 The Convention Rules Committee shall prepare recommended standing rules for
899 the convention, changes to the Rules of the Republican Party of Cobb County, Inc., and
900 the order of business for the conduct of the County Convention for submission to the
901 County Convention. Such Convention rules would remain in effect only from adoption
902 to the end of the Convention.

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904 **SECTION 15 – AMENDMENTS**

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906 15.1 These Rules may be amended by a majority vote at any County Convention or by a
907 two-thirds (2/3) vote at any duly called meeting of the Cobb County Republican

908 Committee, provided written notice setting forth the wording of any proposed
909 amendment(s) is transmitted to all Cobb County Republican Committee Members at
910 least ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting.

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912 15.2 Any amendment to these Rules shall become effective the date when adopted unless
913 otherwise provided.