

Official Interpretation on Allocation of Precinct Delegates in Counties With Early and Absentee Voting Which Was Not Divided Into Precincts

Questions have been raised about how to allocate early and absentee ballots (which are collected on a county-wide basis and not allocated to individual precincts) in order to determine proper precinct delegate apportionment.

1) To calculate allocation of precinct delegates for such precincts, determine each precinct's number of votes on Election Day for John McCain as a percent of the total county vote for John McCain on Election Day, i.e. The total Election Day votes for John McCain in a particular county is 25,000 and there are three precincts: Precinct A had 8,000 votes on Election Day for John McCain, precinct B had 4,000 votes on Election Day for John McCain and precinct C had 13,000 votes for John McCain on Election Day. Precinct A had 32% of the votes on Election Day for John McCain, Precinct B had 16% of the votes on Election Day for John McCain and precinct C had 52% of the votes on Election Day for John McCain.

The 2008 McCain early and absentee vote in the County was 14,000 votes. Precinct A would be allocated 90 delegates from early and absentee voting. Precinct B would be allocated 45 delegates from early and absentee voting. Precinct C would be allocated 146 delegates from early and absentee voting. This would be in addition to the one automatic delegate for each precinct and the delegates awarded based on Election Day votes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Georgia Republican Party at (404) 257-5559.

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