

# The RULES OF THE COBB COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE


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I hereby certify that the  
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40 **SECTION 1 – NAME, AUTHORITY & PURPOSE**

- 41
- 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.”  
46
- 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.  
57
- 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  
63
- 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.  
69

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.  
76
- 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 12-month period beginning upon payment of member  
81 dues and ending at midnight on the last day of the month prior to the anniversary  
82 month.  
83
- 84 2.3 Upon payment of annual dues, any person admitted for membership and who meets  
85 the criteria to be a member of the Cobb County Republican Committee as set forth in

86 Rule 3.3, shall then become a voting member of the Cobb County Republican  
87 Committee.

88  
89 **SECTION 3 – The Cobb County Republican Committee (Cobb County**  
90 **Republican Committee)**

91  
92 3.1 The Cobb County Republican Committee shall meet at least twice each year and  
93 members may attend either in person or by proxy. The form of such proxy shall be  
94 designated by the Secretary and approved by the Chair of the Cobb County Republican  
95 Committee.

96  
97 3.2 The Cobb County Republican Committee shall be vested with all the duties, power  
98 and privileges possessed by the Cobb County Republican Convention. While in session,  
99 the Cobb County Republican Committee shall act for the Republican Party of Cobb  
100 County, Inc.

101  
102 3.3 The Cobb County Republican Committee shall consist of the following voting  
103 members:

104  
105 3.3.1 The following officers:

- 106 A) Chair
- 107 B) First Vice-Chair.
- 108 C) Vice-Chair of Party and Grassroots Development.
- 109 D) Vice-Chair of Communication and Information
- 110 E) Vice-Chair of Membership
- 111 F) Secretary.
- 112 G) Treasurer.
- 113 H) Assistant Treasurer.
- 114 I) The immediate past Cobb County Republican Committee Chair.
- 115 J) House District Chairs.
- 116 K) The President or Chair of the Cobb County Republican Women’s Club(s),  
117 provided that President or Chair is an elector in Cobb County.
- 118 L) The President or Chair of the Cobb County Black Republican Council, provided  
119 that President or Chair is an elector in Cobb County.
- 120 M) The President or Chair of the Young Republican Club(s), provided that President  
121 or Chair is an elector in Cobb County.
- 122 N) The President of Chair of the College Republican Club for any post-secondary  
123 institution located in Cobb County, provided that President or Chair is an elector  
124 in Cobb County.
- 125 O) Congressional District Chairs, if electors in Cobb County.
- 126 P) The Chairs of the Cobb County Republican Committee’s Standing Committees.
- 127 Q) Up to ten (10) designated “at-large” members appointed by the Chair of the Cobb  
128 County Republican Committee and approved by the Cobb County Republican  
129 Committee.
- 130 R) The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of each Precinct.
- 131 S) House District Secretaries.

132 T) 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.

136  
137 3.4 The Cobb County Republican Committee shall also include the following honorary,  
138 *ex officio*, and other non-voting members who do not count for quorum:

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.

147 G) Incumbent local and state Republican officials elected in partisan elections who  
148 live in Cobb County.

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151 3.5 No voting member of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall have more than  
152 one vote even if said member falls into more than one of the above categories.

153

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

158

159 3.7 The Cobb County Republican Committee shall decide all controversies and contests  
160 arising within Republican Party of Cobb County, Inc. with the right to appeal as outlined  
161 in State Rules.

162

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

164

165 4.1 The Cobb County Republican Committee shall not meet less than semi-annually.

166

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

171

172 4.3 Such written notice shall contain an agenda for the meeting and a proxy form for the  
173 called meeting.

174

175 4.3.1 Changes to the announced agenda shall require 2/3 vote of the Members present at  
176 the meeting.

177

178 4.4 A quorum of any Committee of the Cobb County Republican Party for transaction of  
179 business shall consist of twenty-five percent of the voting members present, either in  
180 person or by proxy.

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

186  
187 4.6 Minutes of the previous Cobb County Republican Committee meeting shall be  
188 presented and approved at each Cobb County Republican Committee meeting.

189  
190 4.7 The Cobb County Republican Committee must approve, in advance, all expenditures  
191 in excess of \$3,000.00.  
192 Expenditures less than \$3,000.00 will be itemized and reported to the Cobb County  
193 Republican Committee at the next scheduled meeting.

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

196  
197 5.1 The Cobb County Executive Committee (“EC”) shall be a sub-committee of the Cobb  
198 County Republican Committee and, therefore, subservient to the Cobb County  
199 Republican Committee.

200  
201 5.2 The powers delegated to the EC shall not exceed those powers described in these  
202 Rules.

203  
204 5.3 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall serve as the Chair of the  
205 EC.

206  
207 5.4 The voting members of the EC shall be comprised of those positions specified in  
208 Rule 3.3 (A) through (O) provided, however, that no person shall simultaneously hold  
209 more than one voting position.

210  
211 5.5 The Parliamentarian, General Counsel, and Finance Chair shall serve as non-voting  
212 members of the EC.

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

218  
219 5.7 The EC shall report to the Cobb County Republican Committee all correspondence  
220 and information received from the State and Congressional District Committees.

221  
222 5.8 The EC shall meet at least twice annually as well as at such times as the Chair of the  
223 Cobb County Republican Committee deems it necessary.

224

225 5.9 The Executive Committee shall meet on the petition of five (5) or more of its voting  
226 members. Notice of meetings shall be issued to the above listed voting members at least  
227 seven (7) days in advance.  
228

229 5.10 Approved minutes of each EC meeting shall be presented to the Cobb County  
230 Republican Committee at the Cobb County Republican Committee's next meeting for  
231 inclusion in the Cobb County Republican Committee meeting minutes as a report of a  
232 standing committee.  
233

234 **5.11 – Authorization and Procedure for Electronic Meetings and Voting by**  
235 **the EC**  
236

237 5.11.1 Emergency meetings of the EC may be called by the Chair of the Cobb County  
238 Republican Committee or by four (4) members of the EC with four (4) days' notice,  
239 either by U.S. mail or electronic means, given to each member of the EC. Purpose of the  
240 meeting shall be stated in the notice. These meetings may be held by electronic means,  
241 telephone or Internet, with a quorum required.  
242

243 5.11.2 Electronic votes must be ratified by the EC at the next duly called meeting of the  
244 EC.  
245

246 5.11.3 Except as to votes requiring a secret ballot, for issues requiring vote by the EC  
247 either in favor or opposed to a certain proposition, the vote may be cast and taken by e-  
248 mail or other electronic means for electronic meetings only.  
249

250 5.11.4 All votes cast by electronic means shall be cast within five (5) business days of  
251 submission to Members.  
252

253 5.11.5 A tally of all votes cast by electronic means shall be circulated to all Members  
254 within eight (8) business days of submission to Members.  
255

256 5.11.6 A vote cast by electronic means shall have the same force and effect as a vote cast  
257 by a Member casting a vote in person.  
258

259 5.11.7 Each voting member of the EC shall issue a brief report at each EC meeting. These  
260 reports shall be incorporated into the minutes of each EC meeting so as to keep the  
261 Cobb County Republican Committee informed of all progress and activities.  
262

263 **SECTION 6 – OFFICERS**  
264

265 **6.1 Duties of the Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee:**  
266

267 6.1.1 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall be the Chief Executive  
268 Officer and spokesperson of the Cobb County Republican Committee and shall perform  
269 all duties required by these rules, State Rules, the County Convention, the Cobb County  
270 Republican Committee, the EC, and law.  
271

272 6.1.2 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall convene the Cobb  
273 County Republican Committee when the needs of the Party require, shall preside at all  
274 Cobb County Republican Committee and EC meetings, and shall be an *ex officio*  
275 member of all committees, except the Convention Nominating Committee.

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

280  
281 6.1.4 No person shall serve as Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee for more  
282 than two consecutive terms.

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

287  
288 **6.2 Duties of the First Vice-Chair:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

317  
318 **6.3 Duties of the Vice-Chair of Party and Grassroots Development:**



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

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

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

331  
332 **6.4 Duties of the Vice-Chair of Communication and Information**

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

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

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

346  
347 6.4.4 The Vice-Chair of Communication and Information may serve as Chair of the  
348 Communications and Information Committee

349  
350 **6.5 Duties of the Vice-Chair of Membership**

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

356  
357 6.5.2 The Vice-Chair of Membership shall coordinate with the Secretary to maintain an  
358 accurate list of dues paid members and their membership levels.

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

363  
364 6.5.4 The Vice-Chair of Membership shall be responsible for following up with any  
365 visitors to CCRP events and meetings.

366 6.5.5 The Vice-Chair of Membership shall chair the Membership Committee and assist  
367 the Chair with recruiting members for the committee.

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

372

373 **6.6 Duties of the Secretary:**

374

375 6.6.1 The Secretary shall be the responsible for all non-financial records management.

376

377 6.6.2 The Secretary shall maintain records of attendance at County and EC meetings as  
378 well as vacancies in the Cobb County Republican Committee.

379

380 6.6.3 The Secretary shall arrange for registration of members and visitors at meetings,  
381 report the number of voting members at meetings, and shall take minutes at meetings.

382

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

386

387 6.6.5 The Secretary shall serve as a member of the Resolutions Committee and may  
388 serve as Chair.

389

390 **6.7 Duties of the Treasurer:**

391

392 6.7.1 The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Party.

393

394 6.7.2 The Treasurer shall have the custody of and responsibility for the funds, property,  
395 and financial records of the Party.

396

397 6.7.3 The Treasurer shall perform all fiscal responsibilities required by the Cobb County  
398 Republican Committee and relevant laws.

399

400 6.7.4 The Treasurer shall render a written report to the EC at each meeting. The EC shall  
401 review said report and submit it to the Cobb County Republican Committee.

402

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

406

407 6.7.6 All pecuniary disbursements under \$3,000.00 shall be signed by either the  
408 Treasurer or Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee.

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

413  
414 6.7.8 The Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Finance Committee.  
415

416 **6.8 Duties of the Assistant Treasurer:**  
417

418 6.8.1 The Assistant Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all property of the Party and  
419 assist the Treasurer by performing all duties assigned by the Treasurer or by the Chair of  
420 the Cobb County Republican Committee, Cobb County Republican Committee, or EC.  
421

422 6.8.2 The Assistant Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Finance Committee.  
423

424 **6.9 Duties of the General Counsel:**  
425

426 6.9.1 The General Counsel shall be appointed by the Chair of the Cobb County  
427 Republican Committee with approval from the Cobb County Republican Committee and  
428 shall be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia.  
429

430 6.9.2 The General Counsel shall advise the Chair of the Cobb County Republican  
431 Committee on all legal and regulatory matters of concern to the Party.  
432

433 6.9.3 The General Counsel shall keep the Chair of the Cobb County Republican  
434 Committee advised on all pertinent election laws.  
435

436 6.9.4 The General Counsel shall serve without compensation, unless required to  
437 represent the Republican Party of Cobb County, Inc. in any civil or criminal case  
438 pending in a court of law.  
439

440 6.9.5 The General Counsel shall serve on and may serve as Chair of the Rules  
441 Committee.  
442

443 **6.10 Duties of the Parliamentarian:**  
444

445 6.10.1 The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Chair of the Cobb County  
446 Republican Committee with approval from the Cobb County Republican Committee and  
447 may, at the discretion of the Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee, be  
448 combined into one office with the General Counsel.  
449

450 6.10.2 The Parliamentarian shall familiarize himself with the Rules of the Cobb County  
451 Republican Party, the relevant District Committees, the State Party, and the  
452 parliamentary authority and shall advise the Chair of the Cobb County Republican  
453 Committee on these rules as needed.  
454

455 6.10.3 The Parliamentarian shall not vote on any matter pending before the Cobb  
456 County Republican Committee or the EC, even if normally entitled to a vote by virtue of  
457 holding another voting position.  
458

459 6.10.4 The Parliamentarian shall conduct training on parliamentary procedure within  
460 ninety (90) days following the County Convention. Such training can be part of a duly  
461 called meeting of the Cobb County Republican Committee.  
462

### 463 **6.11 Duties of the Finance Chair:**

464  
465 6.11.1 The Finance Chair shall be appointed by the Chair of the Cobb County Republican  
466 Committee with approval from the Cobb County Republican Committee and shall serve  
467 as Chair of the Finance Committee.  
468

469 6.11.2 The Finance Chair shall, with the assistance and direction of the Chair, be  
470 responsible for raising the funds of the Cobb County Republican Committee and for  
471 obtaining adequate financing for the Cobb County Republican Committee.  
472

## 473 **SECTION 7 – COMMITTEES**

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

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

485  
486 7.2 Additional Ad Hoc committees may be established and their Chairs appointed by the  
487 Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee, subject to the approval of the EC.  
488

489 7.3 Subcommittees of the Standing Committees may be established and their Chairs  
490 appointed by the Chairs of Standing Committees, subject to the approval of the EC.  
491

492 7.4 Committee Chairs may appoint, subject to the approval of the Chair of the Cobb  
493 County Republican Committee, members to their committees as they deem necessary.  
494 Committee Chairs shall submit budgets for their committees to the Finance Committee  
495 when required.  
496

### 497 **7.5 The Rules Committee:**

498  
499 7.5.1 The Rules Committee shall periodically review these rules and suggest  
500 amendments when warranted.  
501

502 7.5.2 The Rules Committee shall be properly versed on the Rules of the Georgia  
503 Republican Party, the Rules of relevant District Committees, and the Rules of the Cobb  
504 County Republican Party.  
505

506 7.5.3 The Rules Committee shall review all suggestions for rules changes from members  
507 or other interested parties.

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

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

518  
519 **7.6 The Resolutions Committee:**

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

524  
525 **7.7 The Finance Committee:**

526  
527 7.7.1 The Finance Committee shall be the financial arm of the Cobb County Republican  
528 Committee.

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

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

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

542  
543 **7.8 The Communications and Information Committee:**

544  
545 7.8.1 The Communications and Information Committee shall be under the authority and  
546 responsibility of the Secretary of the Cobb County Republican Committee.

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

551

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

555  
556 7.8.4 All internal and external communications must be approved in advance by the  
557 Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee.

558

## 559 **7.9 The Membership Committee**

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

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## 565 **7.10 The Military and Veteran’s Affairs Committee**

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

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

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

579

## 580 **7.11 The Outreach Committee**

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

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## 586 **SECTION 8 – PRECINCT COMMITTEES**

587 8.1 Each Precinct located in the political boundaries of Cobb County shall, if possible, be  
588 organized into Precinct Committees.

589 8.2 Each Precinct shall be governed by the following officers:

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591 A) Chair

592 B) Vice-Chair

593 C) Secretary

594 D) Treasurer

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596 8.3 The Precinct Chair shall chair all meetings of his/her Precinct, including the Mass

597 Meeting; shall serve as the communication and organization link between his/her  
598 Precinct and the House District chairs; shall designate Precinct members as  
599 neighborhood captains, block captains, and street captains as he/she sees fit.

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601 **SECTION 9 – HOUSE DISTRICT COMMITTEES**

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

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

609 9.2 The House District Committee shall include the following voting members:

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

618 9.3 Any non-voting member of the Cobb County Republican Committee who resides in  
619 the House District shall also be a non-voting member of the House District Committee.

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

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

628 9.6 Precincts residing wholly in a House District shall be assigned to that House District.  
629 Precincts split between two or more House Districts shall be assigned to one House  
630 District specified by the EC. Precincts shall remain whole wherever they are assigned.

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632 9.7 In the absence of a House District Secretary, the House District Chair shall appoint  
633 one to fill that office. House District meetings shall be held on the Call of the House

634 District Chair or on the Call of one-third (1/3) of the Precinct Chairs of the House  
635 District.

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

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641 **SECTION 10 – MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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

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649 **SECTION 11 – RESTRICTIONS ON ENDORSEMENTS BY COBB COUNTY**  
650 **REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE OFFICIALS**

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

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

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

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

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

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673 12.1 Any officer or member of the Cobb County Republican Committee may be removed  
674 from office for cause, which shall include, but is not limited to, malfeasance,  
675 misfeasance, or continued failure to perform the duties of the office, by a two-thirds  
676 (2/3) vote at any duly called meeting of the Cobb County Republican Committee.  
677 However, any such individual must be given written notice of such meeting, sent at least



678 twenty (20) days in advance thereof, setting forth the charges and grounds for removal.  
679 The individual shall have the opportunity to be heard in person or by a representative of  
680 his/her choice.

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

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689 12.2 Any member appointed by any Chair may be removed for any reason or no reason  
690 by that Chair subject to the approval of a majority vote of the EC.

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692 12.3 Any elected officer or member of the Cobb County Republican Committee who  
693 officially qualifies to run for public office shall be deemed to have resigned.

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695 12.4 Any appointed officer or member of the Cobb County Republican Committee who  
696 officially qualifies to run for public office in a contested Republican Primary shall have  
697 been deemed to have resigned.

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

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

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

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

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723 12.9 Any officer or member of the Cobb County Republican Committee removed from  
724 his/her position (s) thereon under provisions of this Section may appeal within a period

725 of sixty (60) days from the date of his removal, in person or through a representative of  
726 choice, directly to the Cobb County Republican Committee, by making a written request  
727 to the Secretary. Notice of the appeal shall be included in the Call for the next meeting of  
728 the Cobb County Republican Committee. Reinstatement shall require a two-thirds vote  
729 of the Cobb County Republican Committee at said meeting.

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731 **SECTION 13 – VACANCIES**

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

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

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745 13.3 In the event of a vacancy in the position of Treasurer, the Chair of the Cobb County  
746 Republican Committee shall immediately appoint an acting Treasurer until the Cobb  
747 County Republican Committee elects a successor.

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

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757 13.5 Vacancies in appointed positions shall be filled in the manner provided for filling  
758 the positions originally.

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760 **SECTION 14 – CONVENTIONS**

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762 **14.1 THE CALL**

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764 14.1.1 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall be solely responsible  
765 for complying with the Call and all applicable State Rules concerning the Call. Failure to  
766 adequately perform these duties may be grounds for removal from office.

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768 14.1.2 Regardless if allowed by the Call or State Rules, unit rule shall not be imposed on  
769 any elector, Delegate or Alternate at any Mass Meeting or Convention.

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771 **14.2 – MASS MEETINGS**

772  
773 14.2.1 Mass Meetings shall be organized by House Districts, as outlined in Section 9.  
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775 14.2.2 In odd-numbered years, the first order of business shall be to elect House District  
776 Chairs and House Secretaries. Then, each Precinct shall caucus by individual precinct to  
777 elect Delegates and Alternates to the Cobb County Convention. Each Precinct shall elect  
778 a Precinct Chair and other Precinct Officers it deems necessary. All House District  
779 Officers shall serve for two years beginning at the end of adjournment of odd numbered  
780 year County Conventions.

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782 14.2.3 Unless otherwise specified in the Call, each Precinct shall be entitled to one  
783 Delegate and one Alternate to the County Convention. In addition, each Precinct shall  
784 be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each 50 votes and  
785 major fraction thereof (26 or more) cast for the Republican candidate for President in  
786 the immediately preceding general election. At the discretion of the County Committee,  
787 in Counties having population of over one hundred thousand (100,000), each Precinct  
788 shall be entitled to one Delegate for each one hundred fifty (150) votes and major  
789 fraction thereof (76 or more) cast for the Republican candidate for President in the  
790 immediately preceding general election, with each Precinct having at least one (1)  
791 Delegate. Such determination must be made at least by the time of the Precinct Mass  
792 Meetings and the EC must be notified. If the county has had changes in precinct lines  
793 since the last Presidential Election, the vote totals cast for the Republican candidate for  
794 Governor in the immediately preceding general election shall determine allocation of  
795 county convention delegates. In such case the formula used to calculate the number of  
796 delegates and alternates for each precinct shall be the same as previously stated in this  
797 section.

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799 14.2.4 All rules for the conduct of Precinct elections shall be determined by a majority of  
800 members in attendance so long as those rules do not conflict with these rules, State  
801 Rules, the Rules of the Republican National Committee, or applicable law.

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803 **14.3 – COBB COUNTY CONVENTION**  
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805 14.3.1 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall preside as Chair of the  
806 County Convention until a permanent organization is elected. The Chair of the Cobb  
807 County Republican Committee shall appoint Interim County Convention Committees  
808 and their respective Chairs. The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee may,  
809 at his/her own discretion, delegate to the Chair of each committee the authority to  
810 appoint additional members of their respective committees. The Chair of the Cobb  
811 County Republican Committee shall be responsible for preparation and organization of  
812 the County Convention and shall provide for the timely distribution of all Convention-  
813 related notices required by these Rules and the Call.

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815 14.3.2 In odd numbered years, elections shall be held for the following offices:

- 816  
817 A) Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee.  
818 B) First Vice-Chair.

- 819 C) Vice-Chair of Party and Grassroots Development.
- 820 D) Vice-Chair of Communication and Information.
- 821 E) Vice-Chair of Membership
- 822 F) Secretary.
- 823 G) Treasurer.
- 824 H) Assistant Treasurer.

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826 14.3.3 The officers elected shall begin serving at the adjournment of the County  
827 Convention and shall serve for two years and until their successors are duly elected and  
828 qualified, unless sooner removed in accordance with these Rules.

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830 14.3.4 The Cobb County Republican Committee shall have the right to increase or alter  
831 membership as the Cobb County Republican Committee determines is consistent with  
832 these and the State Rules.

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834 14.3.5 The County Convention shall transact all other necessary and proper business of  
835 the Party pertaining to the Cobb County Republican Committee.

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837 14.3.6 No official business shall be transacted at the County Convention while any of its  
838 Committees are in session.

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840 14.3.7 The County Convention shall attempt to elect a number of Alternates equal to the  
841 number of Delegates for the District and State Conventions.

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843 14.3.8 Delegates and Alternates to the County, District, and State Conventions do not  
844 have to be present and in attendance or Delegates or Alternates to the Convention at  
845 which they are elected to serve as Delegates or Alternates to another convention.

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847 14.3.9 Delegates and Alternates shall not be paired.

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849 14.3.10 The Delegates of each delegation shall by caucus and by majority vote adopt a  
850 plan for the seating of Alternates for any missing Delegates of their delegation.

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852 14.3.11 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall file a copy of these  
853 rules with each District Chair of the appropriate Districts and with the Secretary of the  
854 State Committee.

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#### 856 **14.4 – COUNTY CONVENTION COMMITTEES**

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

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864 14.4.2 The Chair of the Cobb County Republican Committee shall appoint the chairs of  
865 convention committees no later than the last regularly scheduled Cobb County

866 Republican Committee meeting prior to the Mass Meetings in years County Conventions  
867 are held.

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869 14.4.3 The Convention Credentials Committee shall have at least one member who  
870 resides in each State House District located in Cobb County appointed to serve on the  
871 committee.

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873 14.4.4 The Convention Nominating Committee shall nominate eligible candidates for all  
874 positions to be filled at the County Convention, as required by these rules and the State  
875 Rules.

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

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

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

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

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

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907 **SECTION 15 – AMENDMENTS**

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909 15.1 These Rules may be amended by a majority vote at any County Convention or by a  
910 two-thirds (2/3) vote at any duly called meeting of the Cobb County Republican  
911 Committee, provided written notice setting forth the wording of any proposed

912 amendment(s) is transmitted to all Cobb County Republican Committee Members at  
913 least ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting.

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915 15.2 Any amendment to these Rules shall become effective the date when adopted unless  
916 otherwise provided.