

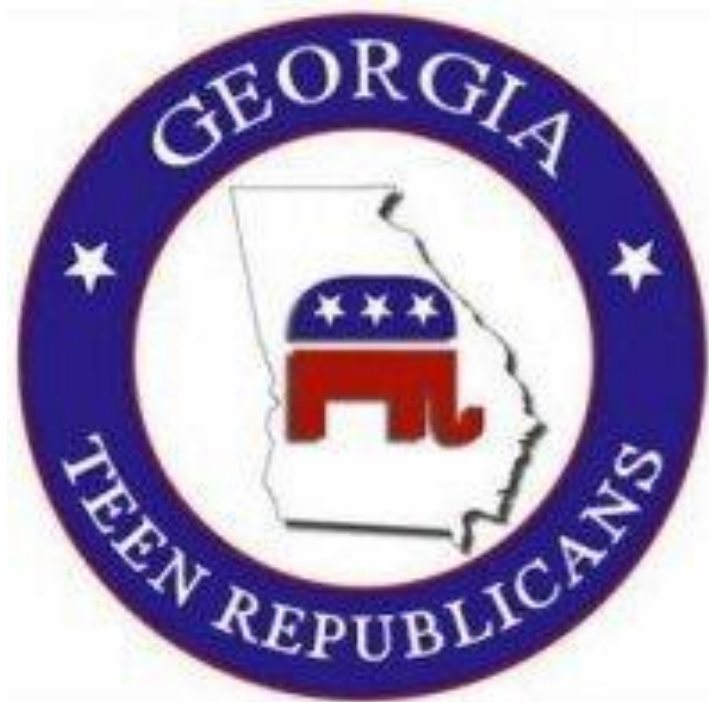
Georgia Teen Republicans Constitution

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Georgia Teen Republicans, hereinafter to be referred to as GATRS.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- 1.1. to bring young people into the Republican Party and to provide an opportunity for them to find political expression and recognition;
- 1.2. to foster and encourage the activities of the Republican Party and to promote its ideals;
- 1.3. to collect, analyze, discuss, and disseminate information concerning political affairs and political philosophy;
- 1.4. to advise, coordinate, and promote the activities of teenagers in the Republican Party;
- 1.5. to assist the Georgia GOP and the strategy that the Georgia GOP implements in the state; and
- 1.6. to provide a voice for teenagers inside the Republican Party.

ARTICLE III – CHARTERING

1. Local chapters shall meet the following guidelines before submitting a request for approval to be chartered by the organization:
 - 1.1. have a minimum of five members;
 - 1.2. have an approved adult advisor; and
 - 1.3. have an elected Chairman.
2. Local chapters shall not be required to pay dues to the organization.
3. Local chapters shall be required to annually submit a membership list consisting of the contact information deemed necessary by the Executive Board and shall contain no less than the first and last names as well as graduation years of all members.
4. The Chairman shall have the power to charter a club even if they do not meet the below requirements, upon approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ITS DUTIES

1. The Executive Board shall be comprised of the following voting and non-voting members:
 - 1.1. This organization shall have the following elected officers and they shall serve as the voting members:
 - 1.1.1. Chairman
 - 1.1.2. 1st Vice Chairman
 - 1.1.3. 2nd Vice Chairman
 - 1.1.4. Secretary
 - 1.1.5. Treasurer
 - 1.2. This organization may have the following appointed officers, nominated by an Executive Board member and approved by a majority vote, and they shall serve as non-voting members who shall not be counted toward establishing a quorum:

- 1.2.1. Executive Director
- 1.2.2. Political Director
- 1.2.3. Website Director
- 1.2.4. Congressional District Directors
- 1.2.5. Any other directorship deemed necessary by the Chairman
2. The officers of this organization shall be elected for a term of one year and shall serve until their successors are duly elected.
3. The power and duties of the elected officers shall be:
 - 3.1. The Chairman shall be the chief officer of the organization and shall conduct all meetings of the general organization and the Executive Board. He shall serve as an *ex officio* member on the State Executive Committee and the State Committee of the Georgia Republican Party. He shall make all committee assignments with the approval of the Executive Board, and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees. He shall have general supervision over all the organization's programs.
 - 3.2. The 1st Vice Chairman shall in the case of the resignation, disqualification, or absence of the Chairman, perform the duties of the Chairman. He shall be the Chairman's chief assistant and shall coordinate the Voter Registration Drives with the local chapters. He shall be responsible for such additional duties as may be prescribed by him by the Chairman.
 - 3.3. The 2nd Vice Chairman shall be responsible for chapter development including growth and maintaining of an accurate membership record. He shall be responsible for such additional duties as may be prescribed by the Chairman.
 - 3.4. The Secretary shall keep the records and proceedings of the organization. He shall be responsible for the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board and the State Committee. He shall keep a record of all projects and official actions taken by the club. He shall send out notices of all meetings – mailed, faxed or electronic communication 10 days in advance of the called meeting.
 - 3.5. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds of the organization and shall keep a record of its receipts and expenditures. He shall submit reports on the financial condition of the club at each Executive Board meeting unless the rules are suspended by the Chairman with the consent of the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall not withhold funding or move funds to another account without a 4/5 approval of the Executive Board. He shall be responsible for such additional duties as may be prescribed by the Chairman.
4. If the Chairman is impeached or resigns, the 1st Vice Chairman shall assume the position of Chairman.
5. If the 1st Vice Chairman is impeached, resigns, or fills the vacancy of the Chairman, the 2nd Vice Chairman shall assume the position of 1st Vice Chairman.
6. All the other positions shall be filled by a vote from the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V – STATE COMMITTEE AND ITS DUTIES

1. The State Committee shall be the secondary governing body of the GATRS chiefly responsible for:
 - 1.1. Reviewing issues appealed from the Executive Board, and
 - 1.2. Passing legislation to govern the state organization.

2. Each Executive Board member, state officer and county chairman shall receive one vote on the Committee.
 - 2.1. All members shall decide whether or not to participate in the Committee by opting-in before a reasonable date set by the State Chairman.
 - 2.2. All members who wish to participate in the Committee shall be in good standing with the state organization.
 - 2.3. Any Executive Board officer or state officer who also serves as a county chairman shall have the ability to appoint someone from their county to vote in their stead.
3. The State Committee shall be presided over by the State Chairman.
 - 3.1. The Chairman shall have the power to call a vote for a Speaker of the Committee to preside in his place.
 - 3.2. The Speaker shall share all duties that the Chairman would have on the Committee.
4. One-half of the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.
5. A petition of 3/5 of the Committee members shall open up a Business Session without the Chairman's consent.
6. All proposals from the State Committee shall attain a 3/4 majority to pass.
7. The State Committee shall have no authority over any financial matters, with the exception of the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE VI - STATE CONVENTION

1. Delegates
 - 1.1. Each club shall be allotted a single delegate for each chartered club in the county in which the club resides.
 - 1.2. In addition, every club shall be allotted an additional delegate for every ten (10) members and major fraction thereof that a club charts with the state.
 - 1.3. Delegate names, graduation years, and appropriate contact information shall be submitted no later than one week prior to the convention unless otherwise permitted by the State Chairman.
2. Business Session
 - 2.1. During the allocated time, motions shall be allowed from the floor.
 - 2.2. After the presenter reads the motion, any who wish to speak shall be recognized by the State Chairman and given time to speak in favor or in opposition of said motion.
 - 2.3. A 3/4 majority vote shall be required to change the Constitution at Convention.
 - 2.4. The Business Session shall close after a motion passes to close the session.
3. Elections
 - 3.1. Candidates for the seven Executive Board positions shall be nominated and elected at State Convention.
 - 3.2. In order for a candidate to run, he shall first be nominated and later seconded by a delegate from the floor.
 - 3.3. A candidate shall receive a simple majority of votes cast to win.
 - 3.4. Any candidates receiving third or below in the vote tallies shall not be included on any runoff ballot in an election.

ARTICLE VII – PROXIES

1. Proxies shall be only be recognized if the form in Addendum A is submitted to the presiding officer of the meeting when proxies are requested to turn in forms.
2. No member shall vote more than two (2) individual proxies at any single Executive Board, State Committee or State Subcommittee meeting.
3. Each individual member shall be responsible for submitting his own proxy to the representative of his choice.
4. There shall be no proxies for delegates permitted at the State Convention.

ARTICLE VIII – CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT

1. This organization shall not officially endorse any candidates for public office prior to the Republican Party primary or nominating convention.
2. Elected or appointed officers and members of the organization shall maintain the right to endorse outside of any official capacity held in the organization.

ARTICLE IX – IMPEACHMENT

1. The Executive Board has the power to impeach any member of the organization.
2. Process
 - 2.1. A member of the Executive Board shall deliver specific charges to call for an impeachment vote.
 - 2.2. The Executive Board shall vote 1/2 in favor of an impeachment in order for the Executive Board to conduct a trial on the matter.
 - 2.3. Any impeached officer shall be given at least twelve (12) days to present his case before a vote shall be conducted by the Executive Board.
 - 2.4. The Executive Board shall vote 3/4 in favor of a guilty verdict in order for the Executive Board to remove a member from the organization.
3. Requirements in the Proceeding
 - 3.1. Four out of the five Executive Board members shall be necessary for quorum.
 - 3.2. The member of the organization under penalty of impeachment shall not have a vote.
 - 3.3. The 1st Vice Chairman shall not have a vote if an impeachment is brought against the Chairman.
 - 3.4. The 2nd Vice Chairman shall not have a vote if an impeachment is brought against the 1st Vice Chairman.
4. Appeals
 - 4.1. An appeal may be made to the State Committee with 1/2 of members voting necessary for a quorum.
 - 4.2. An appeal may be made at State Convention annulling the impeachment with a majority vote.
5. The State Director shall have the power to mediate any of the above.

ARTICLE X – ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern all proceedings of the organization, except when inconsistent with the Constitution or and Executive Order given at least two days before said proceeding.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates at the annual convention, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Committee.
2. No amendments shall take effect until the adjournment of the convention or meeting adopting them.

ARTICLE XII – STATE DIRECTOR

The Georgia Teen Republican State Director shall be appointed by the Executive Board. The State Director shall be responsible for mediating any crisis inside the GATRS. He shall be responsible for assisting in legal, financial or any other matters that the organization must address. He shall also be responsible for making sure that the Georgia Teen Republican Chairman and Executive Board abide by the Constitution of the GATRS as well as the spirit and traditions of the Georgia Republican Party.

ARTICLE XIII - CONSTITUTION ENACTMENT

This revised version of the Constitution becomes active after six (6) yes votes from the Executive Board. The State Committee has the power to annul this revised Constitution if quorum is met and a majority do not approve.

ADDENDUM A
PROXY EXAMPLE

STATE OF GEORGIA
PROXY
GEORGIA TEEN REPUBLICANS

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT,

That I, _____ of _____ do
Your Name County

hereby constitute and appoint _____ my
Must be another State TR Committee Member

True and lawful attorney and Proxy to vote at a meeting of the

GATRS State Committee / GATRS State Executive Board (circle
Appropriate box(s) of the Georgia Teenage Republicans to be held

on the _____ day of _____, _____. or at any
Number Month Year

adjourned meeting thereof, and for me in my name, place and
stead to vote upon any questions that properly may come before
such meeting, with all the power that I would possess if personally
present, hereby revoking all previous proxies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand affixed by seal this

_____ day of _____, _____.
Number Month Year

PRINT NAME CLEARLY

SIGNATURE