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**PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE** - After multiple requests since May 2023, the Office of the Georgia Secretary of State has not been able to produce public records indicating that the originally established Georgia Republican Party is currently registered and maintained as an official political party, strictly compliant with Article 3 (GA Election Code 21-2-110 to 113). Signed State Rules and a list of the full governing body are not on file. This appears to have been the case for nearly a decade, since the formation of the like-named corporate entity in 2014, certified by then Secretary of State Kemp. The Georgia Republican Party, Inc., ("GRP, Inc.") took over all party assets and affairs. Secretaries Kemp and Raffensperger have accepted annual corporate registrations for the GRP, Inc. listing three executives in lieu of the large governing body required through the Elections Division.

**LAW** - For state or local political party committees to conduct candidate qualification responsibilities and certification to the GA Secretary of State and local election superintendents, the party must strictly comply with Article 3 (GA Code 21-2-154(a)). This includes the currency of its registration statement, consisting of certified rules, the names, titles, home addresses of its large governing body, and more. Any updates must be filed with the State Elections Division within 30 days after the occurrence of a change in the information contained in any registration statement. (GA Code 21-2-110).

**PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE** - Both Secretaries of State Kemp and Raffensperger, have substituted the GA State Corporate Division records of the like-named Georgia Republican Party, Inc. for almost a decade. However, the GRP, Inc. and its local subsidiaries do not meet the strict standards of GA Election Law required to obtain ballot access for its candidates. The legal standards of the Corporate and Elections Division differ substantially.

**LAW** - A political party, body, or municipal executive committee failing to file a registration statement as required by subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section at least 60 days before any primary or election at which it shall seek to have candidates on the ballot shall not have its name or the names of its candidates placed on any nomination petition, ballot, or ballot label. GA Code 21-2-110(f) (code citation amended).

**PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE** - GRP, Inc. Corporation does not appear to legally comply with the essential registration requirements for conducting **privileged political party activities, such as qualifying candidates** and certifying candidates' paperwork to election officials within its respective local and state jurisdictions.

**LAW** - Only compliant, legal, official political party committees can certify candidates. Committees submit certification paperwork to either the Secretary of State or local election superintendents, depending on the jurisdiction for the general primary election (GA Code 21-2-154). A political party shall nominate its candidates for public office in a primary (GA Code 21-2-151(a)). State or local election superintendents may qualify candidates on behalf of a political party pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-153. A presidential preference primary shall be conducted, insofar as practicable, pursuant to this chapter respecting general primaries, except as otherwise provided in this article (GA Code 21-2-200).

**PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE** - **Membership in political parties to ensure representation is fundamental to our constitutional form of government.** The Georgia Republican Party, Inc., which operates as the totally controlling "State Party" prohibits members in its corporate formation documents. Yet, the Rules of the GRP, Inc. define who the members shall be and posits the term "member" 100 times. Attorneys with the GRP, Inc. have asserted the member prohibition to deny basic party resources to solicited officers and members. **Legal** political parties have associational rights and have protected status.

**LAW** - Political parties in GA are composed of committees with members, which shall be selected in accordance with State Rules, consistent with law, that are adopted by the governing body. (GA Code 21-2-111(a)). "Political bodies" are political organizations other than political parties. Only qualified organizations (bodies) may conduct election responsibilities as political parties in GA. (GA Code 21-2-2).

**PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE** - The GRP, Inc. has disregarded its corporate "State Rules" for the formation of its 2023 list of U.S. Presidential candidates, acting as the "Georgia Republican Party." **Neither the 188-member State Committee nor 2,000+ State Convention adopted any procedural rules for conducting primary elections.** The Rules of the GRP, Inc. contain no appendix containing such procedural rules.

**LAW** - Unless otherwise provided by law, all candidates for party nomination in a state or county primary shall qualify as such candidates in accordance with the procedural rules of their party; provided, however, that no person shall be prohibited from qualifying for such office if he or she meets the requirement of such political party rules. (GA Code 21-2-153(b)). The State Convention or the State Committee may adopt rules for the conducting of Republican primaries consistent with the provisions of GA law and these Rules. Such rules, if adopted, shall be appended as Appendix "A" to these Rules. (Rules of the GRP, Inc. 10.2).

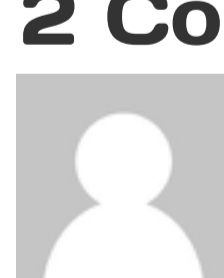
**PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE** - A citizen candidate swearing an oath to a political party constitutes a lawful party self-declaration for association purposes. For the past ten years, corporate proponents at state and local committee levels have required that candidates swear an oath to proponents of the Georgia Republican Party, Inc., as the long-established political party has not been maintained. The GRP, Inc. entity, **from which candidates are prohibited membership**, is noticeably missing from local and state qualification documents.

**LAW** - Lawful political parties are authorized to require candidates to swear:

"I do hereby swear or affirm my allegiance to the (name of party) Party." under the legal authorization of GA Code 21-2-153(b).

**A common principle of legal interpretation - when something is specified, other categorical options are prohibited. Responsible political party officers and members must remedy compliance issues by January 11, 2024. Otherwise, some may be liable for failing to do so before taking steps with their committees to conduct candidate certification and national delegate processes prescribed by Rules and Georgia Law.**

## 2 Comments



**David Cross** on January 5, 2024 at 9:13 am

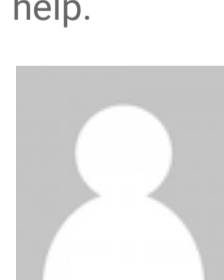
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**Tammy Flowers** on January 10, 2024 at 11:05 am

I agree as well. I don't understand the willingness to allow an

inappropriate situation to continue. I feel it leaves the door open to us being cancelled at the last moment.

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It makes me very leary.

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