



**RESOLUTION 2026-1-1
2026 ALGOP WINTER MEETING**

**RESOLUTION TO FORBID USE OF MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY FACILITIES
TO PROMOTE SEXUALLY EXPLICIT ACTS OR PROMOTE SEXUAL MATERIAL**

WHEREAS, we, the Alabama Republican Party, are concerned with the morals of Alabama citizens and their governing structures; and

WHEREAS, we believe that we must forbid anyone from allowing sexually explicit acts or the promotion of sexually explicit material to be distributed or hosted in such government facilities; and

WHEREAS, it has become a point of concern for citizens that “Drag Shows” are being held in municipal and county facilities in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, both adults and minors attend such programs or events; and

WHEREAS, Drag Shows are defined as any sexual or gender-oriented conduct of persons who are dressed in sexually revealing, exaggerated, or provocative clothing or costumes, or are stripping, or engaging in lascivious dancing, presentations, or activities; and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations for the use of municipal and county facilities provide that no unlawful activities at such facilities shall take place; and

WHEREAS, Section 13A-12-130(a)(2) Code of Alabama provides:

“A person commits the crime of public lewdness if... [H]e does any lewd act in a public place which he knows is likely to be observed by others who would be affronted or alarmed.”

WHEREAS, Section 13A-12-200.5, id., The Alabama Anti-Obscenity Enforcement Act criminalizes activities that are “Harmful to Minors”, as defined by Section 13A-12-200.1 (11), id., which may include Drag Shows; and

WHEREAS, activities at municipal and county facilities have caused and will cause affronts and alarms to the citizens who use the facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Drag Shows at the municipal and county facilities as stated above violate both the rules and regulations for use of such facilities and the Criminal Code of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, we believe further such activities are likely to occur again as described above.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Alabama Republican Party:

RESOLVED, Alabama municipalities and counties shall cease and desist leasing or providing to any person or entity any municipal or county facility for the purpose of a Drag Show or any related program or activity; as well as engaging in the distribution of any sexually explicit materials to underage minors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Alabama municipalities and counties shall not permit any person, group, or entity to engage in any activity in any municipal or county facilities that would violate Section 13A-20-130, id., or Section 13A-12-200.5, id., by permitting any acts or activities on its premises in violation thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the law enforcement officials of Alabama municipalities and counties prosecute, rather than promote, those unlawful activities.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Alabama Republican State Executive Committee request that members of the Alabama House and Senate legislative bodies put forth Common Sense legislation forbidding the use of any municipal or county facility by any organization with intent to promote or provide a display of sexual and/or obscene acts or material content.

This resolution adopted by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee on this the 7th day of March 2026, in session at Hoover, Alabama.

Chairman

Carol Jahns, Secretary

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RESOLUTION 2026-1-2
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EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR AND URGING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
A CLOSED REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION IN ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the Alabama Republican Party is a voluntary political association and private organization entitled to the full protections of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, including the fundamental right of freedom of association, as applied to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has expressly held that political parties possess a constitutionally protected right to define their membership and to determine the manner by which they select their nominees, including the right to limit participation in their primary elections to party members, as recognized in *Tashjian v. Republican Party of Connecticut*, 479 U.S. 208 (1986); and twenty-three states successfully administer at least one political party closed primary election system consistent with these federal constitutional requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court further held in *California Democratic Party v. Jones*, 530 U.S. 567 (2000), that a state may not compel a political party to associate with non-members in its primary election, and that such compelled association constitutes a severe burden on a political party's First Amendment rights, subject to strict scrutiny; and

WHEREAS, Constitutional protections are enforceable against the State of Alabama through the Fourteenth Amendment, and any statutory scheme governing primary elections must be construed and applied in a manner consistent with those protections; and

WHEREAS, the integrity, credibility, and legitimacy of the Republican nominating process in Alabama depend upon ensuring that Republican candidates are selected solely by voters who have affirmatively affiliated with and support the principles and platform of the Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, Alabama currently conducts primary elections pursuant to Title 17 of the Code of Alabama 1975, including §§17-13-1, 17-13-7, and 17-13-40 et seq., in a manner that permits voters who are not formally registered members of the Republican Party to participate in Republican primary elections

through temporary party declarations, thereby creating the potential for cross-party interference and dilution of the votes of Republican electors; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a closed Republican primary election—limited to voters registered as Republicans in advance of the primary election—constitutes a narrowly tailored, constitutionally sound, and administratively feasible means of protecting the Alabama Republican Party’s associational rights while preserving orderly, uniform, and transparent election administration; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Alabama Republican Party, and urged upon the Legislature of Alabama, that:

1. The Alabama Republican Party formally affirms and declares its support through grassroots advocacy to ensure the establishment of a closed Republican primary election system in the State of Alabama.
2. Participation in Republican primary elections should be limited to voters who are duly registered as members of the Republican Party prior to the primary election, in accordance with amendments to Title 17 of the Code of Alabama and Party rules adopted pursuant thereto.
3. The Legislature of Alabama is hereby formally urged and requested to amend, repeal, or modify any provision of Title 17 of the Code of Alabama 1975 to expressly provide for a voter-registration-based closed primary election system for political parties electing to do so, consistent with the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, including, but not limited to the following provisions:
 - a. Section 17-13-1 — to clarify that primary elections are nominating functions of political parties and that participation therein may be limited to duly registered members of the respective political party; and
 - b. Section 17-13-7 — to expressly authorize political parties to require advance party registration as a qualification for participation in their primary elections and to eliminate reliance on election-day party declarations as a substitute for party affiliation; and
 - c. Section 17-13-40 et seq. — to conform procedures governing the conduct of primary elections, ballot access, and election administration to a closed primary framework consistent with party registration requirements.
4. The Alabama Secretary of State is urged, upon enactment of such statutory amendments, to promulgate rules, procedures, and administrative guidance necessary to implement a closed Republican primary election in a uniform, secure, and transparent manner, including but not

limited to voter registration processes, ballot issuance, election administration protocols, and poll-worker training.

5. All state and local election officials are urged and directed, consistent with their statutory authority, to cooperate fully with the Alabama Republican Party and the Secretary of State in administering closed Republican primary elections in strict compliance with the amended provisions of Title 17, applicable regulations, and constitutional requirements.
6. The Alabama Republican Party further resolves to undertake voter education efforts explaining party registration requirements, the statutory changes enacted by the Legislature, and the constitutional basis for a closed primary election system.
7. This resolution shall be officially transmitted to the Governor of Alabama, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Alabama Senate, all members of the Alabama Legislature, the Alabama Secretary of State, all appropriate state and local election authorities, as an expression of the Alabama Republican Party's official position and legislative request to promote policies that preserve the integrity of Republican primary elections in Alabama.

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Chairman

Carol Jahns, Secretary

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**RESOLUTION 2026-1-3
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RESOLUTION ON THE HARMFUL IMPACTS OF DATA CENTERS IN ALABAMA

WHEREAS, data centers form the critical infrastructure supporting the digital economy, cloud computing, Artificial Intelligence (A.I.), and data storage, with their rapid expansion driven by increasing computational and automation demands, particularly from AI technologies;

WHEREAS, as of 2025, data centers worldwide consume vast amounts of energy, accounting for approximately 1-4% of global electricity use, with U.S. data centers alone using around 4% of national electricity (equivalent to hundreds of terawatt-hours annually) and projected to rise significantly by 2030, often relying on fossil fuel-dominated grids;

WHEREAS, Alabama has become an attractive location for data centers due to low energy costs, tax incentives, and available land and water supply; and

WHEREAS, data centers are sold to the public as essential infrastructure for the digital economy, powering cloud computing, A.I., and global data storage, but their rapid proliferation has led to these significant environmental consequences:

- Data centers consume vast amounts of electricity—estimated to account for 1-4% of global energy use in 2023, with projections of up to 8% by 2030.
- Data centers' cooling systems require enormous quantities of water, with some facilities using millions of gallons per day, straining local water resources in Alabama's vast agricultural, farm, and livestock area and contributing to water scarcity.
- Data centers' construction and operation generate electronic waste (e-waste) through rapid hardware obsolescence, leading to toxic pollution from discarded servers, batteries, and other components if not properly recycled.

WHEREAS, despite some industry efforts toward efficiency improvements, renewable energy adoption, and alternative cooling methods, the unchecked expansion—frequently incentivized by tax breaks and lax regulation—prioritizes short-term economic gains over long-term ecological and social sustainability, often without adequate transparency on resource consumption or meaningful mitigation;

WHEREAS, the construction of large data centers can lead to deforestation, habitat loss, and increased pollution, negatively affecting Alabama's ecosystems and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, data centers frequently create relatively few long-term jobs, limiting economic benefits for local communities; and

WHEREAS, nearby residents may experience increased noise pollution, strain on infrastructure, and higher utility costs without having meaningful input in approval decisions; and

WHEREAS, Alabama communities deserve transparency, environmental protection, and fair economic returns when hosting large industrial facilities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, stricter environmental regulations should be applied to data centers operating or proposed in Alabama to reduce emissions, water waste, and ecological damage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that limits should be placed on water usage by data centers, with mandatory reporting and conservation requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that state and local governments should reconsider tax incentives and Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs) for data centers and provide clear, measurable benefits to state and local communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that residents should be given greater opportunities for public input and transparency before data center projects are approved; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican Party calls upon all stakeholders—tech companies, utilities, policymakers, and civil society—to collaborate urgently on mitigating the harms of data centers, transforming this essential infrastructure into a model of genuine sustainability rather than a driver of ecological degradation.

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Chairman

Carol Jahns, Secretary

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