

Official Complaint
Against the North Carolina Republican Party's
National Committeeman to the RNC
Rep. David Lewis

Under Article VII.A.7.a.1 of the North Carolina Republican Party Plan of Organization, the undersigned do hereby file a formal complaint against NCGOP National Committeeman David Lewis and seek to have him removed from his office by a majority vote of the North Carolina Republican Party Executive Committee.

The specific charge under the Plan of Organization that we make is one of gross inefficiency. The following facts support this charge:

- Rep. David Lewis was primarily responsible for managing the bill HB 373 on the House side of the NC General Assembly.
- Rep. David Lewis is Rules chairman in the NC House of Representatives
- Among other things, HB 373 addressed North Carolina's primary date by moving it from February to March, allowing North Carolina to avoid harsh RNC delegate penalties.
- Rep. David Lewis knew and understood that a fix to our primary date was required by the RNC, and also knew that the state party was required to make its delegate filing by October 1st 2015, or face losing the vast majority of its delegates (72 delegates to 12 delegates!).
- Rep. David Lewis sat on the Senate substitute bill in his House Committee from July 21st through September 2nd, 2015, when he personally moved not to concur with the Senate substitute bill on the floor of the House despite having earlier given many assurances to the contrary.
- Rep. David Lewis made public assurances in Central Committee meetings on August 1st and August 23rd that he supported the Senate substitute bill and expected it to pass soon.
- Rep. David Lewis made other public assurances that he supported the Senate substitute bill and expected it to pass the House before the end of August.
- Rep. David Lewis steered a substitute Conference bill through the House and pushed it in the Senate. These bills passed on September 24th despite the text of the bills only being publicly available for less than 24 hours.
- Rep. David Lewis introduced "affiliated party committee" provisions into the Conference bill, bypassing the normal channels of giving the public notice of new provisions and scheduling standard committee hearings.
- Rep. David Lewis nearly jeopardized passage of the Conference bill in the House with the surprise "poison pill" addition of the "affiliated party committee" language. He risked a deep and angry party split by introducing these provisions in such a sneaky way.
- Rep. David Lewis continued to keep the state party in limbo and confusion while a technical corrections bill was being prepared.
- The technical corrections bill was adopted by both the House and the Senate on September 30th, finally ending our sorry story regarding this elections bill fiasco.
- The NC Republican Party made its delegate filing to the RNC on September 30th, one day before it was due and right before brutal delegate penalties would have been imposed.

