

97th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

OFFICIAL CALL

Legislative District Convention of the 97th District of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the 97th Legislative District Committee (LDC) of the Republican Party, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia (RPV) and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Thomas A. Miller, do hereby issue this call for a Legislative District Convention to be held at Hanover High School, 10307 Chamberlayne Rd, Mechanicsville, VA 23116, or its alternate site, starting at 10:00am (registration starting at 8:00am) local time on Saturday, May 4, 2019, for the purposes of nominating a Republican candidate for the office of the Virginia House of Delegates, 97th District, to be voted for in the general election on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

Registration

Registration will begin at 8:00am and will close 15 minutes after the “call to order” of the 97th Legislative District Convention. Any person in line at this time will be allowed to register. Persons not in line at this time will not be allowed to register. All participants shall present a photo ID at the time of registration.

Convention Voting

The Convention will open on May 4th at 10:00am for the election of permanent Convention Officers and adoption of rules. No other election shall occur prior to 11:00am.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of the 97th Legislative District under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election, may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions or primaries encompassing their respective election districts. To participate in this convention, units must submit their delegates credential in accordance with the provisions and deadlines in this Call.

Military Provision

RPV Plan of Org, Article VIII. H. 6

Any Military Member who is otherwise qualified under Article I to participate in Republican Party actions and who complies with the procedures to become a delegate to any Convention as set forth in the Official Call of the Convention, Mass Meeting, or Party Canvass called for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to that Convention (other than a national Republican Convention), and who produces valid military identification or other proof of active-duty status shall be certified as a delegate and shall not be required to be elected as a delegate. The number of delegates certified in this manner shall count toward each unit's maximum allowable number of convention delegates.

Military Members Unable to Attend Convention Due to Official Orders

If a military member who would otherwise qualify to be a delegate to the convention is unable to participate due to his or her official orders (e.g., deployed overseas, posted out of state, required to work on the day of the convention), he or she may e-mail Thomas A. Miller, Chair 97th LDC at millertam@verizon.net no later than 30 days prior to the Convention to request a military delegate pre-filing form. This form will need to be signed and returned via email to the 97th LDC Chair no later than 25 days prior to the 97th Convention.

The Chair of the 97th LDC (Thomas A. Miller) will e-mail a candidate preference ballot to the military member, which must be returned no later than 21 days prior to the Convention, also by e-mail to the Chair of the 97th LDC. The ballots will be provided to the Permanent Chair of the Convention who shall see that the ballots are cast in accordance with the Party Plan.

The military delegation has one (1) delegate vote

Composition of Convention

The Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units in the 97th District (Hanover, New Kent and King William) they represent. Representation shall be based on a percentage of the total number of Republican votes cast in each county in the last gubernatorial and presidential election combined. Each unit is allowed one (1) Delegate Vote for each 225 Republican votes cast or major portion thereof. Each unit shall be entitled to at least one (1) Delegate Vote. The delegates and alternates will be elected by each unit from precincts that are in the 97th District by mass meetings, party canvasses or conventions that shall be called for this purpose in conformity with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia by each unit committee. The delegate count for each unit is provided in this Call.

Pre-filing Requirement for Candidates for the 97th District
Republican Nomination

Each candidate seeking the nomination as the Republican candidate for the 97th House of Delegates District will submit a letter of intent to run, to the Chair 97th LDC not later than 5pm, April 2, 2019, by USPS mail, email or in person to Thomas A. Miller, Chair 97th LDC, 14400 Winding Grove Ln, Lenexa, VA 23089, millertam@verizon.net. Each candidate will also submit at this time a candidate filing fee of \$705.60, which is in accordance with the RPV Plan of Organization. Checks should be made payable to the 97th Legislative District Committee (LDC). If no more than one qualified candidate properly pre-files, the convention shall be cancelled and the properly filed candidate shall be deemed to be the nominee. All candidates seeking the Republican nomination shall sign the following statement and include this in their letter of intent to run:

“In accordance with the Qualifications for Participation set forth in the Official Call and Article I of the Plan of Organization, I also do hereby certify that I am a registered voter in Virginia, I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and I intend to support all Nominees of the Republican Party.”

Unit Delegates and Alternate Delegates

Any locality which has fewer applicants for election as delegates and alternates than the maximum number allowed in this Call by the filing deadline set by the Unit Committee, may cancel their mass meeting and deem all properly pre-filed delegates and alternates to be elected.

Certification of Delegates

The delegates present in a given delegation shall designate which alternate delegates shall vote in the place of an absent delegate except where the electing body electing the delegates has determined another method of alternate delegate selection. The said delegates and alternate delegates to the Convention so elected shall be certified in writing with their respective names, addresses including zip codes, email address (if applicable) and phone number over the signatures of the permanent chairman and permanent secretary of the unit mass meeting or convention, or of the unit chairman of the unit committee which may have conducted a party canvass to select the delegates and alternate delegates. Each unit will validate that their delegates are registered voters in the 97th Legislative District and ensure they have signed the following pledge:

“In accordance with the Qualifications for Participation set forth in the Official Call and Article I of the Plan of Organization, I also do hereby certify that I am a registered voter in Virginia, I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and I intend to support all Nominees of the Republican Party.”

All 97th delegate certifications must be delivered to the by 5pm, Friday, April 26, 2019, by USPS mail, email or in person to Thomas A. Miller, Chair 97th LDC, 14400 Winding Grove Ln, Lanexa, VA 23089, millertam@verizon.net. After the filing deadline of the delegate certifications, no change may be made except a certified alternate delegate may be made a delegate. A copy of the published call of the convention, mass meeting or party canvass called for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternate delegates to said convention, must accompany the certification with the date of publication included and meet the same deadline as state above for the delegate certifications. Certification should be mailed or delivered as follows:

Original – 97th Legislative District Chairman, Thomas A. Miller, millertam@verizon.net, 14400 Winding Grove Ln, Lanexa, VA 23089

Second Copy – Legislative District Secretary, Mark Daniel, md6521@gmail.com, P.O. Box 831, Quinton, VA 23141

Third Copy – Retained for the unit's records

Delegate Pre-Filing Form

A sample Delegate Pre-Filing Form is attached to this Call. It may be used by the Units as part of their Mass Meeting delegate filing process. This is only a suggestion and Units may see fit to develop their own pre-filing form in accordance the RPV Plan of Organizational.

Delegate Candidate Filing Fee

There is no requirement for Delegates to submit a filing fee for the 97th Legislative District Convention,

Voting strengths and delegates for each unit committee in the 97th LDC

County	Trump Raw Vote	Gillespie Raw Vote	Total Republican Vote	Voting Strength Percentage	Raw number	Vote weight using 225 as denominator rounded to nearest 100th	Maximum number of delegates (5 times vote wt)
Hanover	21097	14602	35699	62.74%	142.796	158.66	793
King William	4511	2859	7370	12.95%	29.480	32.76	164
New Kent	8118	5711	13829	24.30%	55.316	61.46	307
Totals	33726	23172	56898	100.00%	227.592	252.88	1264

97th Legislative District Convention Committees will be made up of representation from each of the three units (Hanover, New Kent and King William). Candidates will also be requested by the 97th LDC to provide participants on the Convention Committee. The Committees for the Convention are as follows:

1. Rules
2. Credentials
3. Nomination
4. Resolution
5. Teller (counts the votes)
6. Arrangements (logistical and administrative)