

## OFFICIAL RULES FAUQUIER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CANVASS

The Fauquier County Republican Canvass ("Party Canvass") shall be held at The Fauquier High School, 705 Waterloo Road, Warrenton, VA 20186 or its alternate site on Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Party Canvass shall, to the extent possible, be governed by and conducted in accordance with (in order of priority) State Election Laws and Regulations, the Republican Party of Virginia Plan of Organization (the "Party Plan"), the Fauquier County Republican Committee (FCRC) Bylaws, these official rules of the Canvass, and Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised. The purposes of the Canvass are:

1. Electing up to 730 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the Republican Party of Virginia State Convention, to be held on May 1-2, 2020 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center or its alternate location, beginning at 2:30 pm for the following purposes: a) Binding Virginia Delegates to the 2020 Republican National Convention as to their choice for President on the first ballot by a Presidential Preference Poll, b) Electing twelve (12) At-Large Delegates ("National Delegates") and twelve (12) At-Large Alternate Delegates ("National Alternates") to the Republican National Convention to be held on August 24-27, 2020, at the Spectrum Center, Charlotte, North Carolina (or its alternate site) (the "National Convention"), c) Nominating two (2) Electors At-Large to be voted for in the presidential election on November 3, 2020, d) Electing a State Chairman, e) Electing a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman, and for f) The transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention;
2. Electing up to 155 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the First Congressional District Convention to be held on June 13, 2020 at Caroline County High School, Milford, Virginia, with registration beginning at 10:30 am and the convention beginning at 1:00 pm for the following purposes: a) Electing a Chairman for the First Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia, b) Electing three (3) members of the Republican Party of Virginia State Central Committee, c) Electing three (3) Delegates ("National Delegates") and three (3) Alternate Delegates ("National Alternates") to the Republican National Convention to be held on August 24-27, in Charlotte, North Carolina, d) Electing one (1) Presidential Elector to be voted for in the Presidential Election on November 3, 2020, and for e) Transacting such other business as may properly come before the convention;
3. Electing up to 575 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the Fifth Congressional District Convention to be held on April 25, 2020 at the Tree of Life Ministries, Lynchburg, Virginia or its alternative site, with registration beginning at 8:30 am and the convention beginning at 10:00 am for the following purposes: a) Electing three (3) National Delegates to the Republican National Convention, b) Electing three National Alternates, c) Electing one (1) Presidential Elector for the Presidential Election, d) electing three (3) State Central Committee members, e) Electing a Chairman for the Fifth Congressional District, f) Electing the Candidate for the 2020 Fifth Congressional District election, and for g) The transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention; and
4. The election of 157 Precinct members, 47 At-Large members, and a Chairman of the Fauquier County Republican Unit Committee.

**Republican Party of Virginia State Convention:** Based upon the Republican Party voting strength as defined in the Party Plan, the Fauquier County Delegation is entitled to a Delegate vote of 146. This vote may be allocated to and fractionalized among no more than 730 Delegates. There may also be elected up to an equal number of Delegates to serve as Alternates. To qualify as a Delegate to this convention a candidate must meet the requirements of the Fauquier County Canvass Rules expressed both herein and in the official call for the canvass. In the event an election is necessary for Delegates to the RPV State

Convention due to a number of properly pre-filed candidates in excess of 730, the FCRC expressly reserves the right to require and prepare a slated ballot by a lawful amendment to these rules concerning the same made by the FCRC standing Rules Sub-Committee prior to the canvass. In the event of over files in no event shall delegate candidates who have not paid the requested filing fee be elected unless all delegate candidates who have paid the fee and who are qualified under Article I of the Party Plan shall have been elected first. Should the total pre-filed Delegate candidacy petitions for this convention be less than or equal to 730, no ballot shall be required and such candidates for Delegate shall be deemed to be duly elected unless there are specific candidate contests. The Full Vote Rule shall apply.

**First Congressional District:** Based upon the Republican Party voting strength as defined in the Republican Party Plan, the Fauquier County Delegation is entitled to a Delegate vote of 32. This vote may be allocated to and fractionalized among no more than 160 Delegates. There may also be elected up to an equal number of Delegates to serve as Alternates. To qualify as a Delegate to this convention a candidate must meet the requirements of the Fauquier County Canvass Rules expressed both herein and in the official call for the canvass. In the event an election is necessary for Delegates to the RPV State Convention due to a number of properly pre-filed candidates in excess of 160, the FCRC expressly reserves the right to require and prepare a slated ballot by a lawful amendment to these rules concerning the same made by the FCRC standing Rules Sub-Committee prior to the canvass. In the event of over files in no event shall delegate candidates who have not paid the requested filing fee be elected unless all delegate candidates who have paid the fee and who are qualified under Article I of the Party Plan shall have been elected first. Should the total pre-filed Delegate candidacy petitions for this convention be less than or equal to 160, no ballot shall be required and such candidates for Delegate shall be deemed to be duly elected unless there are specific candidate contests. The Full Vote Rule shall apply.

**Fifth Congressional District:** Based upon the Republican Party voting strength as defined in the Republican Party Plan, the Fauquier County Delegation is entitled to a Delegate vote of 115. This vote may be allocated to and fractionalized among no more than 575 Delegates. There may also be elected up to an equal number of Delegates to serve as Alternates. To qualify as a Delegate to this convention a candidate must meet the requirements of the Fauquier County Canvass Rules expressed both herein and in the official call for the canvass. In the event an election is necessary for Delegates to the RPV State Convention due to a number of properly pre-filed candidates in excess of 575, the FCRC expressly reserves the right to require and prepare a slated ballot by a lawful amendment to these rules concerning the same made by the FCRC standing Rules Sub-Committee prior to the canvass. In the event of over files in no event shall delegate candidates who have not paid the requested filing fee be elected unless all delegate candidates who have paid the fee and who are qualified under Article I of the Party Plan shall have been elected first. Should the total pre-filed Delegate candidacy petitions for this convention be less than or equal to 575, no ballot shall be required and such candidates for Delegate shall be deemed to be duly elected unless there are specific candidate contests. The Full Vote Rule shall apply.

**Unit Committee:** Based upon the Republican Party voting strength as defined in the Republican Party Plan and by decision of the Fauquier County Republican Committee one member from each precinct of Fauquier County shall be authorized for each 200 Republican votes added together from the 2016 Presidential and 2017 Gubernatorial elections. This representation shall be rounded to the nearest whole number. Member totals are as follows:

Airlie (8), Baldwin Ridge (5), Bealeton (10), Broad Run (8), Casanova (4), Catlett (12), Courthouse (9), Kettle Run (5), Leeds (7), Lois (5), Marshall (9), Morrisville (8), New Baltimore (9), Opal (5), Remington (9), Springs Valley (5), The Plains (6), Vint Hill (14), Warrenton (8), and Waterloo (11).

For a total of 157 plus 47 At-Large as authorized under the Bylaws for a grand total of 204 plus one Chairman. Individuals standing for election to membership on the County Committee may only file for

one position on the Committee. In the event the number of persons pre-filing for County Committee Chair, Precinct Member, or At-Large member is equal to or less than the total number of nominations to be made for that particular office, then the pre-filed candidate or candidates who are duly qualified shall be automatically elected as of the Prefiling Deadline. If, after evaluating all properly pre-filed candidates, there are vacancies in any one category that could be filled by a properly pre-filed candidate who is over-filed for a position in another category, the Nominating/Credentials Special Committee may seek a candidate's written approval to be moved to an uncontested slot but only in those instances whereby doing so would not create a contest in and of itself. If candidates for nomination for all offices to be decided in the Party Canvass are unopposed, then the candidates shall be deemed to be automatically elected as of the date of the Prefiling Deadline and this Canvass shall be cancelled as provided in Article VIII, Section A, Paragraph 9 of the Party Plan. If the number of candidates for a position exceeds the number of available vacancies, then those individuals shall be elected at the Party Canvass as set forth herein.

**Pre Filing:** All individuals filing for the position of Delegate to the RPV State Convention, must have properly pre-filed with receipt of all declarations, applicable fees (if any), and required signatures no earlier than date of publication of the Call and no later than 5:00 pm on March 20, 2020 in accordance with the requirements of the Call for a Canvass posted at [www.fauquiergop.com](http://www.fauquiergop.com) and [www.rpv.org](http://www.rpv.org) and [www.va01republicans.org](http://www.va01republicans.org) and [www.5thdistrictva.gov](http://www.5thdistrictva.gov) and published in the Fauquier Times.

All individuals filing for the position of Delegate to the First Congressional District Convention must have properly pre-filed with receipt of all declarations, applicable fees (if any), and required signatures no earlier than the date of publication of the Call and no later than 5:00 pm on March 20, 2020 in accordance with the requirements of the Call for a Canvass posted at [www.fauquiergop.com](http://www.fauquiergop.com) and [www.rpv.org](http://www.rpv.org) and [www.va01republicans.org](http://www.va01republicans.org) and [www.5thdistrictva.gov](http://www.5thdistrictva.gov) and published in the Fauquier Times.

All individuals filing for the position of Delegate to the Fifth Congressional District Convention must have properly pre-filed with receipt of all declarations, applicable fees (if any), and required signatures no earlier than the date of publication of the Call and no later than 5:00 pm on March 20, 2020 in accordance with the requirements of the Call for a Canvass posted at [www.fauquiergop.com](http://www.fauquiergop.com) and [www.rpv.org](http://www.rpv.org) and [www.va01republicans.org](http://www.va01republicans.org) and [www.5thdistrictva.gov](http://www.5thdistrictva.gov) and published in the Fauquier Times.

All individuals filing for a position on the County Unit Committee, must have properly pre-filed with receipt of all declarations, applicable fees and required signatures no earlier than date of publication of the Call and no later than March 20, 2020 in accordance with the requirements of the Call for a Canvass posted at [www.fauquiergop.com](http://www.fauquiergop.com) and [www.rpv.org](http://www.rpv.org) and [www.va01republicans.org](http://www.va01republicans.org) and [www.5thdistrictva.gov](http://www.5thdistrictva.gov) and published in the Fauquier Times.

**Processing of Forms and Related Matters:** One representative of each candidate for Chairman of the Fauquier County Republican Committee may be present during the opening of the declaration forms at such time as the current Chairman of the Fauquier Republican Committee shall designate with reasonable notice.

**Nominating/Credentials Special Committee:** The current Chairman of the Fauquier County Republican Committee shall appoint a Nominating/Credentials Special Committee of not more than eleven (11) persons to organize and run the Canvass, prepare and approve whatever procedures, ballots, and forms are deemed necessary, register those persons who offer to vote, and count the ballots once the polls are closed. All ballots will be cast on and counted by voting machine, unless the number and nature of contested positions and anticipated volume of votes are such that counting by hand is logistically feasible. After processing the pre-filed declarations the Nominating/Credentials Committee on this basis shall determine the method for casting and counting ballots at the Canvass.

**Credentials/Qualifications (additional matters):** The Nominating/Credentials Committee shall determine whether each pre-filed candidate is properly qualified to appear on the ballot and shall rule on all contests of Canvass procedures.

Any candidate for the position of Delegate or Unit Committee Member who does not properly pre-file and/or who does not meet the qualification requirements as determined by the Nominating/Credentials Committee shall be declared ineligible to serve, their candidacy stricken and they shall be so notified by the County Committee Chairman or his designee.

All legal and qualified voters regardless of race, religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and who express in writing their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election, may participate as members of the Republican Party in the Party Canvass. Voters shall be required to provide a picture identification. No other requirements for participation, other than those set forth in the Party Plan, the Official Call, or these Official Rules, shall be required.

Each voter must have been registered to vote in Fauquier County prior to voting in the Canvass; however, a person who has made application for registration as a voter in Fauquier County and meets the requirements as set forth above, but whose name does not appear on the local registration books solely because of the books having been closed in connection with the local election, will nevertheless be deemed a legal and qualified voter. All such persons shall mark their ballot, and their ballot shall be placed in an envelope and sealed with their name and address written upon the envelope. All such ballots shall be placed in a box for disputed ballots, which shall be sealed after the Canvass, and kept in the possession of the current Chair of the FCRC or his designee, until it is opened in the Office of the Registrar of Fauquier County within four days from the date of the Canvass. The name and address of each individual whose ballot is in the disputed ballot box shall be checked against the list of voter registrants in the County through April 4, 2020. Any individual whose name appears upon this list shall have their envelope opened and their vote counted and any individual who does not appear on this list shall not have their envelope opened and their ballot shall be disqualified.

Objections to voter eligibility shall be made at the Party Canvass, these shall be made to the Chairman of the Nominating/Credentials Committee who shall assemble two (2) other Members of the Nominating/Credentials Committee to hear any objection. The decision of said three (3) person committee shall be final.

**Fees and Expenses:** All fees shall be as stated in the Official Public Notice ("Call") for the Party Canvass.

**Ballot:** The Nominating/Credentials committee of the FCRC shall prepare a ballot from the names of those properly pre-filed. Each qualified candidate's name shall appear on the ballot in alphabetical order under the appropriate heading. Candidates for Membership on the County Unit Committee other than At-Large and Chairman shall be identified by precinct. As soon as available, the County Committee Chairman shall make available for inspection a copy of a sample ballot. A count of all ballots voted shall be maintained for one (1) year, as well as the names and a tally of all who vote in the Party Canvass. The method for casting and counting ballots shall be as determined by the Nominating/Credentials Committee.

**Polling Place:** The doors of the official polling place (The Fauquier High School, 705 Waterloo Road, Warrenton, VA 20186, or alternate site), will be opened at 8:00 am. Voting will begin at 8:00 am. The

doors will be closed at 4:00 pm; provided, however, that each individual waiting in line to vote as of 4:00 pm may vote, even if such individual checks in, marks his or her ballot, and casts it after 4:00 pm.

No one, other than voters voting, will be allowed in the voting area without proper authorization and credentials displayed, and neither campaigning nor campaign materials (with the exception of sample ballots) will be allowed in the voting area. Three (3) representatives (poll watchers) for each candidate for Chairman of the Fauquier County Republican Committee may be present during the Canvass, as well as the Chairman of the First and Fifth Republican Congressional District Committee, and the Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia or his appointed representative. Each individual shall wear an identification badge provided to him or her by the FCRC, and may observe the Party Canvass but shall not disrupt or interfere with it any way, except to ask questions and raise issues with a Member of the Nominating/Credentials Committee or the Chairman of the FCRC. All representatives with the exception of the two District Committee Chairmen and the State Chairman or his designee shall be registered to vote in Fauquier County.

All other representatives of the campaigns shall remain forty (40) feet from the entry door of the polling place. All representatives, inside or outside the voting area shall conduct themselves in an orderly fashion and shall not in any way disrupt or impede the proceedings nor inhibit in any way the entrance/exit of voters. If any representative impedes the proceedings, causes disruption or verbally or physically accosts any prospective voter, he shall be warned and, if such actions continue, he shall be removed.

**Determination of the Winners:** Representatives of the candidates for Chairman of the FCRC shall be available to observe determination of the results of the vote but shall not be able to interfere with the process in any way. Candidates shall be elected on the basis of the highest plurality of votes received. In the case of ties, the winners shall be chosen by lot among the tied voters. All winners elected shall be so notified by the County Committee Chairman or his designees.

**Complaints:** Objections to the conduct of the Party Canvass, including but not limited to the interpretation of these Official Rules, shall be made in writing to the Chairman of the Nominating/Credentials Committee before the conclusion of the canvass; provided, however, that challenges to the eligibility of any individual to have voted in the Party Canvass shall be made before such individual casts his or her ballot. Untimely objections and challenges shall be deemed to have been waived. All contests will be decided according to these Official Rules and the procedures set forth in Article 10, Section B of the Party Plan.