



OFFICIAL CALL

**2018 Convention of the
Ninth Congressional District Republican Committee
Saturday, April 21, 2018 - 10:00 AM
George Wythe High School
#1 Maroon Way
Wytheville, VA 24382**

ISSUED: January 1, 2018

I, Adam L. Tolbert, as Chairman of the Ninth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the District Committee, do hereby issue this Call for a District Convention to be held at George Wythe High School, #1 Maroon Way, Wytheville, Virginia, 24382, or its alternative site, starting at 10:00 AM (with registration opening at 8:30 AM) on Saturday, April 21, 2018, for the following purposes:

- a) Electing a District Chairman of the Ninth Congressional District Republican Committee;
- b) For the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of the Ninth Congressional 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.

In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party in the last five years. A single exception to this rule shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends, at the time of the writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future.

Any voter that utilizes the foregoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of this exception thereafter.

Composition of Convention

The District Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units they represent. Representation shall be based on a percentage of the total number of Republican votes cast in each county and city in the last gubernatorial and presidential election combined. Each unit is entitled to one (1) Delegate Vote for each two hundred fifty (250) votes cast or major portion thereof for the Republican candidate in the most recent elections for President and Governor. Each unit shall be entitled to at least one (1) Delegate Vote. The delegates and alternates shall be elected in county and city 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.

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Delegate Vote</u> | <u>Max # Delegates</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Alleghany/Covington | 40 | 200 |
| Bland | 17 | 85 |
| Bristol | 32 | 160 |
| Buchanan | 43 | 215 |
| Carroll | 68 | 340 |
| Craig | 14 | 70 |
| Dickenson | 30 | 150 |
| Floyd | 35 | 175 |
| Galax | 10 | 50 |
| Giles | 40 | 200 |
| Grayson | 36 | 180 |
| Henry (partial) | 73 | 365 |
| Lee | 51 | 255 |
| Martinsville | 15 | 75 |
| Montgomery | 128 | 640 |
| Patrick | 43 | 215 |
| Pulaski | 74 | 370 |
| Radford | 17 | 85 |
| Roanoke County (partial) | 55 | 275 |
| Russell | 59 | 295 |
| Salem | 49 | 245 |
| Scott | 53 | 265 |
| Smyth | 63 | 315 |
| Tazewell | 94 | 470 |
| Washington | 126 | 630 |
| Wise/Norton | 81 | 405 |
| Wythe | 65 | 325 |
| TOTALS | 1,411 | 7,055 |

The delegates present in a given Unit delegation shall designate which alternate delegate(s) shall vote in the place of an absent delegate(s) except where the electing body has determined another method of alternate delegate selection. The delegates present and voting at the Convention shall cast the full vote of the Unit delegation with proportionate weight given to majority and minority vote. In no event shall any person cast less than one-fifth (1/5) of a delegate vote.

Registration of Delegates

Registration of delegates shall begin at 8:30 AM and shall conclude at 10:15 AM. The Convention shall be called to order at 10:00 AM.

Each delegate must present a form of photo identification that is acceptable for voting purposes in order to receive credentials at the Convention.

Balloting

Election to all offices shall be by plurality vote.

No proxy voting will be permitted. Delegates must cast their own ballots. Names of the candidates shall appear on the ballot in alphabetical order by last name for each office. Balloting shall not begin before 10:30 AM.

The Elections Committee shall design procedures to permit candidates (or their designees) to observe balloting and counting of ballots. The Elections Committee may enact such rules as it deems appropriate in its discretion to ensure the integrity and security of the voting process.

Candidacy Filing Requirements

Any person who desires to seek election as Chairman of the Ninth Congressional District Republican Committee must pre-file by filing the official candidacy filing form along with remitting the required filing fee of \$250.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Dollars).

No nominations shall be accepted from the floor of the District Convention.

THE OFFICIAL CANDIDACY FILING FORM AND THE APPROPRIATE FILING FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY 6:00 PM on Saturday, January 13, 2018. Postmarks will not govern, actual receipt is required.

All filing fees shall be made payable to the *Ninth Congressional District Republican Committee*. Filing fees are non-refundable once remitted.

The District Chairman has designated the following individual to receive candidacy filings:

Zack Thompson, Candidacy Filing Coordinator
206 Southview Ave, Apt B
Narrows, VA 24124
Phone: 540-641-0726
Email: zack@gilesgop.org

Candidacy filing forms are available online at www.rpv.org and www.va9gop.org. Candidacy filing forms may also be obtained by contacting the Candidacy Filing Coordinator.

Certification of Convention Delegates/Alternates by Units

Delegates and alternate delegates to the District Convention so elected by their respective units shall be certified with their respective names, addresses (including zip codes), email address, 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.

Every person elected as a delegate or alternate to the Ninth District Convention will be required to pay a MANDATORY \$10.00 (Ten Dollars) registration fee. This mandatory fee will be paid either to the unit represented and the unit will forward it to the Ninth District Committee, or the fee can be paid by the individual at the Convention during registration. Mandatory fees collected will be used to assist with the cost and expenses of holding the Convention. Failure to pay the registration fee will result in the disqualification of the delegate or alternate delegate.

Units shall certify delegates and alternate delegates selected to attend the District Convention to the District Chairman and District Secretary by using one of the following official methods. Only one method should be used to provide official certification.

METHOD 1/Electronic (highly preferred):

Electronically by following the instructions and procedure that will be available by February 1, 2018 at the following web address: <http://convention.va9gop.org> The electronic method will provide the certification to the District Chairman and District Secretary.

METHOD 2/Mail or Personal Delivery:

Unit certifications may also be made using paper certification forms and instructions which will be distributed and posted online at <http://convention.va9gop.org> by February 1, 2018. Such completed certifications must be mailed or delivered to the District Chairman and District Secretary and received by the filing deadline.

Instructions and access details on both certification methods will be provided via email to all unit chairs by the District Chairman no later than February 1, 2018.

Units must also certify whether or not the unit call for the mass meeting, canvass, or convention from which delegates or alternates were elected to the Ninth District Convention was published in a newspaper of general circulation, or if the publication was waived by a 2/3 vote of the voting members of the unit committee. If the publication was waived, the call must have been sent to the Republican Party of Virginia and posted online at rpv.org and on any other appropriate unit or district web sites.

REGARDLESS OF THE CERTIFICATION METHOD UTILIZED, ALL UNIT CERTIFICATIONS OF DELEGATES/ALTERNATES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN AND DISTRICT SECRETARY BY 11:59PM ON SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018. Postmarks will not govern, actual receipt is required.

An acknowledgement of receipt will be provided to each unit within 24 hours following its delegate certification submission.

After the filing deadline of the certification, no change may be made except for a certified alternate delegate may be made a delegate.

Convention Committees

Members of the Credentials, Nominations, Elections, Resolutions, and Rules Committees shall be appointed by the District Chairman and shall meet in advance of the Convention (at the discretion of the Temporary Chairman of each such Committee and the District Chairman) to perform their duties subject to ratification by the delegates present and voting at the Convention.

Uncontested Offices/Cancellation of Convention

If any office has only one candidate properly file to be elected, the candidate for that office shall be deemed to be elected. Should there be no contested offices for the Convention to decide, the District Committee may cancel the convention.

Call Revisions

The District Chairman is authorized to revise the issued Call to make any such technical or conforming changes in the event such changes are necessary. The District Chairman must promptly notify the District Committee of any such technical or conforming changes.

Publication of Call

Convention call will be posted online as permitted by RPV Party Plan and distributed by other electronic means. Newspaper publication is waived. A press release will be issued to area media outlets with details on the Convention.

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