

Rules for Republican Party of Buchanan County Canvass Saturday, April 27, 2019

The Buchanan County Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, hereby adopts these Rules for the conduct of the Party Canvass to be held on April 27, 2019 in accordance with the duly adopted Call for a Party Canvass adopted on February 28, 2019.

1. The party canvass shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following (giving precedence as listed): the State Party Plan, the Unit Plan of Organization, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
2. Only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may vote. No proxies are allowed at any time. There will be no 'outside the polls' voting and no absentee voting for the Party Canvass.
3. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass.
 - a. Any challenged qualified voter must affirm their qualification to participate by stating to the Credentials Committee their intent to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the ensuing General Election.
4. Provisional votes. Any voter that offers to vote in the Party Canvass but cannot be found listed on the list of registered voters for Buchanan County shall be issued a provisional ballot that is to be voted in secret, folded and placed in an envelope upon which the provisional voter's full name, legal address, social security number and telephone number has been inscribed on the front and placed in the ballot box. On the next business day after the canvass, the party Chairman or his/her designated member(s) of the Credentials Committee along with the candidates for any contested races or any observers appointed by the candidates shall take the unopened, un-voted provisional ballots to the office of the General Registrar for Buchanan County during regular business hours and verify whether the provisional vote is valid or not. All provisional votes found to be valid will be counted and added to the vote totals for each candidate in the 2019 Party Canvass.

The procedure for counting the valid provisional ballots will be as follows: Each envelope will be opened with the unviewed ballot placed in an appropriate

receptacle. Once all ballots have been opened, they shall be shuffled and withdrawn from said receptacle one at a time and counted to produce a provisional ballot total which will be added to the vote total for each candidate (if any) from the 2019 Party Canvas. The Chairman will keep the provisional ballots along with the Party Canvass for a period of thirty days and then discarded.

5. The Chairman of the Buchanan County Republican Committee shall appoint a Credentials Committee composed of not more than the membership of the Republican Party of Buchanan County's Executive Committee (party officers) to register those persons who offer to vote, to conduct the Party Canvass and to count the ballots once the polls are closed. A majority of the members of the Credentials Committee present shall remain inside the room in which voting is conducted during the period in which voting takes place and until the ballots are counted. The Chairman can appoint, as necessary on the day of the Party Canvass, assistants to help conduct the Party Canvass. These assistants will not be members of the Credentials Committee.
6. The Credentials Committee shall decide by majority vote of those present any question that may arise concerning the qualifications of a candidate, eligibility to vote or any other question arising regarding the conduct of the Party Canvass.
7. No one will be allowed in the voting area without proper authorization from the Committee Chairman. Candidates or campaigners shall not loiter or campaign in the room in which voting will take place and they shall not in any way block or hinder voters from casting their ballots.
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 - a. Each candidate on the ballot at the canvass may appoint up to two persons to serve as authorized representatives of the candidate in the voting room before the canvass opens, during the canvass, and after the canvass concludes and proceeds to ascertain the vote. A candidate may make substitutions of their authorized representatives, if needed, throughout the process. All representatives must have a signed statement of appointment from the candidate and present such statement to the Credentials Committee. Representatives may not actively campaign for a candidate or display any campaign material while serving as an authorized representative in the voting area. They are to be observers only.

9. The Credentials Committee shall prepare ballots listing the names of all qualified candidates for contested nominations or elections, who have properly filed, as required in the Call of the Party Canvass.
 - a. The name of each qualified candidate who has filed for an office shall appear on the ballot in alphabetical order using their full legal name or initials as per their desire.

As soon as the polls are closed, the Credentials Committee shall immediately proceed to ascertain the vote given at the Canvass and shall continue without adjournment until they declare the results of the canvass. Only the members of the Credentials Committee and authorized representatives of each candidate shall be permitted to remain in the room once the polls have closed and until the ballots are counted. Ballots shall then be placed in a sealed envelope and preserved and secured by the Committee Chairman for thirty (30) days from the date of the Party Canvass in the event of any challenge to the results and then discarded.

10. Candidates shall be elected on the basis of plurality of votes received. If two or more persons have an equal number of votes and a higher number than any other person, the Republican Committee of Buchanan County shall proceed publicly to determine by lot which of the persons shall be declared elected, after those persons have been notified and are allowed an opportunity to be present.
11. The Chairman of the Republican Party of Buchanan County Committee and officials appointed by him shall preserve order inside and outside the polling place. No person shall hinder, intimidate, or interfere with any qualified voter so as to prevent the voter from casting a secret ballot. The Republican Party of Buchanan County Committee may order a person violating this Rule to cease such action and, if such action continues, may have such person removed from the polling place.