

OFFICIAL CALL

Biennial Convention of the 7th Congressional District
of the Republican Party of Virginia

Call Issued On:

Call to Convene

As Chairman of the Seventh Congressional District (the District) of the Republican Party of Virginia (RPV) and pursuant to the RPV Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the District Committee, I, Jeff Sili, do hereby issue this Call for a District Convention to be held at Caroline High School ,19155 Rogers Clarke BLVD, Milford, Va 22514 or its alternate site, starting at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday April 9th 2022, with registration beginning at 8 a.m. for the following purposes:

1. Electing a chairman for the 7th Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia; and
2. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the convention.

Registration

- A. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. local time.
- B. Registration will close thirty (30) minutes after the presiding officer convenes the convention.
- C. Any person in line during this 30-minute period immediately after the convention is convened will be issued a numbered registration pass and registered in order of number.
- D. Persons arriving after this 30-minute grace period expires will not be allowed to register.
- E. All participants shall present a photo ID at the time of registration.

Convention Voting

- A. The Convention will open on April 9th, 2022 at 11:00am for the election of permanent Convention officers and adoption of rules.
- B. No other election shall occur prior to 12:00 p.m. on April 9th, 2022.
- C. All contested offices at the convention must be elected by a majority of the certified delegates casting ballots.

I. Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified 7th District Congressional District voters 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 RPV in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions, or primaries encompassing their respective election districts. Executed versions of the attached Statement of Qualifications shall be used to assist the Convention Credentials Committee in determining qualifications.

II. Composition of Convention

A. The District Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units they represent and a Military Delegation.

B. 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.

C. Each unit is allowed one (1) Delegate Vote for each 250 Republican votes cast or major portion thereof. 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 by each unit committee and conducted in conformity with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.

D. Military delegates will be selected in conformity with the RPV Plan of Organization.

1) 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.

2) The number of delegates certified in this manner shall count toward each unit's maximum allowable number of convention delegates.

3) Military Members who are certified as delegates pursuant to Art VIII(H)6 of the Party Plan who are unable to attend the convention in person due to obligations of

their official military orders, shall have their votes cast within their unit delegation according to candidate preference ballots. Candidate preference ballots shall list the Military Member's rank order preference among candidates (i.e., first choice, second choice, third choice, etc.). Their votes shall be cast for the highest ranked choice candidate who remains eligible to receive a vote in a particular round of voting.

4) Candidate preference ballots shall be made available by the Official Committee calling the convention no less than twenty (20) days prior to the convention and returned to the Chairman of the Official Committee that called the convention not less than three (3) days prior to the convention.

E. Each unit's maximum number of delegates is equal to up to five (5) times the respective Delegate Vote in accordance with the RPV Plan of Organization and the Unit Call. Each unit's Delegate Vote will be set forth at the end of this call. (TBA)

III. Delegate Candidate Filing Fee

To assist the operations and the administration of the Convention, a candidate filing fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) is requested of each person standing for election as a delegate or alternate delegate to the Convention. Failure to pay the requested filing fee will not result in disqualification.

IV. Delegate Candidate Filing Procedures

A. All delegate candidate filings must be received by the date specified in their county/city unit's official call for a mass meeting, convention or party canvass, at which the delegate candidate is standing for election. Postmarks do not govern.

B. Complete official lists of pre-files for use by the respective credential's committees (each a "Pre-File Certification") will be forwarded by the 7th District Secretary to all of the respective unit chairmen no later than 3 days after the respective unit's deadline for submitting pre-filings.

C. Delegate candidates filing shall not be deemed complete until verification of government-issued Photo Identification and a witnessed physical signature on the Statement of Qualification to be made upon registration at the Convention.

V. Filing Requirements for the Office of 7th Congressional District Chairman.

A. Candidates for Seventh Congressional District Chairman must submit a completed original version of the relevant filing form (attached hereto), along with a check or proof of electronic payment of a \$500.00 filing fee to the Secretary in person or via postal mail to be received no later than March 9, 2022 Postmarks do not govern.

B. Filings and filing fees for Chairman will be transmitted to the secretary Kim Smith at 741 Ridgeview Rd, Brightwood, Va 22715-1580. (physical and mail)

C. No nominations for offices to be filled by the Convention (i.e. District Chairman) may be made from the Floor except upon the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those delegates present.

D. If only one candidate is properly filed for Chairman, that person will be declared elected as 7th District Chairman and the Convention may be canceled.

VI. Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates

A. Process. The delegates and alternates shall be elected at county and city mass meetings, party canvasses, or conventions called by each unit.

B. No "Slating". With the exception where a unit has more qualified State, District or Legislative District Convention delegate candidates than may be elected ("Overfiles"), all delegate candidates who met the requirements of Article I and, where required, any pre-filing requirements, shall be deemed elected unless there are individual votes on each candidate not to be elected.

C. In the event of Overfiles, a unit shall elect not less than the total number of delegates allowed under the Plan unless there are individual votes on each candidate not to be elected.

D. In the event of Overfiles, 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. The Convention may refuse to seat delegations from units not following these procedures.

E. 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.

VII. Certification of Delegates

A. The said delegates and alternate delegates to the District Convention so elected shall be certified in writing with their respective names and addresses including zip codes (and email addresses if available) 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.

B. A delegate or alternate who is not certified in accordance with the above requirements shall be seated only by a majority vote of the Credentials Committee, or in the event of the failure of the Credentials Committee to seat, by a majority vote of the Convention.

C. All certifications and fees, regardless of the date of local mass meeting, party canvass, or convention must be delivered as stated below on or prior to March 20th, 2022. After the filing deadline of the certification, no change may be made except a certified alternate may be made a delegate.

D. 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.

Paid for and authorized by the 7th Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia

Chairman Pre-File Form

Declaration and Statement of Qualifications

I _____ hereby indicate my intention to seek election as Chairman of the 7th Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia. Enclosed find my check or electronic proof of filing fee paid in the amount of \$500.00.

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 the 7th District of Virginia and I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and I intend to support all of the Nominees of the Republican Party during my term as Chairman.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print-Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

email _____

Please complete this form and return it and the required payment by mail to Kim Smith, 741 Ridgeview Rd, Brightwood Va, 22715-1580 no later than March 9, 2022. Post marks do not govern.