

## **Rules for House District 35 Party Canvass**

The 35<sup>th</sup> Legislative District 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 this Party Canvass.

1. The Republican Party Canvass shall be held at **the Fairfax County GOP Headquarters 4246 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030** on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. A Second location may be determined based on availability and expected turnout. The purpose of the Canvass shall be to nominate a Republican candidate for Virginia House of Delegates, to be voted for in the January 10, 2023 Special Election.
2. This 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, District or Unit Plan or By-Laws, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (11th Edition).
3. Only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee on the day of the canvas may vote. No proxies are allowed at any time.
4. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass.
5. All legal and qualified voters of the 35<sup>th</sup> House of Delegates 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 this canvass in their respective election districts.
6. A person who has made application for registration and meets all other requirements of the immediately preceding Rule, but whose name does not appear on the local registration books solely because of the books having been closed in connection with a local election, will nevertheless be deemed a legal and qualified voter.
7. The Legislative District Committee Chair shall appoint a Credentials Committee of not more than 15 persons, to register those persons who offer to vote and to count the ballots once the polls are closed. The members of the Credentials Committee shall remain inside the space in which voting is conducted during the period in which voting takes place and until the ballots are counted.
8. The Credentials Committee shall decide any question that may arise concerning the qualifications of a candidate or eligibility to vote.

9. No one will be allowed in the voting area without proper authorization. Candidates shall not loiter or campaign in the space in which voting will take place.

10. No resolutions may be introduced.

11. 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.

12. 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 two representatives of each candidate, if any, 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 Credentials Committee for at least thirty (30) days in the event of any challenge to the results.

13. Candidates shall be elected on the basis of the highest plurality of votes received. If two or more persons have an equal number of votes and a higher number than any other person, the 35<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Committee 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.

14. The 35<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Committee shall preserve order inside and outside the polling place(s). No person shall hinder, intimidate, or interfere with any qualified voter so as to prevent the voter from casting a secret ballot. The 35<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Committee may order a person violating this Rule to cease such action and, if such action continues, may remove such person from the polling place.