## **OFFICIAL CALL**

### District Convention of the Seventh Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia Saturday April 25, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. The Arthur Ashe, Jr. Athletic Center, 3001 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd., Richmond, VA 23230

As District Chairman of the Seventh Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the District Committee, I, Ben Slone, do hereby issue this call for a District Convention to be held at **The Arthur Ashe, Jr. Athletic Center**, **3001 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd., Richmond, VA 23230**, or its alternate site, **starting at 11:00 A.M. EDT on April 25, 2020. Registration begins at 9:00 A.M. EDT and ends at 10:45 A.M. EDT** for the following purposes:

- 1. Electing a District Chairman;
- 2. Nominating a Republican candidate for member of the U.S. House of Representatives to be voted for at the election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020;
- 3. Electing three members of the State Central Committee for a term of four years or until their successors are elected;
- 4. Electing three delegates and three alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention to be held in Charlotte, NC on August 24 through August 27, 2020;
- 5. Electing an Elector for Electoral College.

and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

## **Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters of the Seventh 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 November 3, 2020 election may, as members of the Republican Party of Virginia, be elected as delegates or alternate delegates to this convention, subject to the provisions in Article I of the Plan of Organization.

Delegates and alternate delegates must present one of the forms of identification listed in § 24.2-643 of the Code of Virginia in order to participate.

The voluntary registration fee for delegates is \$25.00. Any delegate who fails to pay the registration fee may participate only in the nomination of candidates for public office (which are for the nominee for Congress and the Elector).

#### Military Members as Delegates

Military Members (any members of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard currently serving on active duty) may be certified as delegates by complying with the procedures detailed in a Unit's call pursuant to Art. VIII, Sec. H, para. 6. Military Member delegates or alternate delegates that 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 will be made available by the District Committee no later than April 5, 2020 and are available on the RPV website at www.virginia.gop or upon request by e-mail to sloneb@fml.com. Candidate preference ballots must be received by the District Chairman no later than April 22, 2020 by e-mail to Ben Slone, 3064 River Road West, Goochland, Virginia 23063, email sloneb@fml.com. Candidate preference forms may be filed by electronic mail but must be received by the April 22, 2020 deadline.

## Composition of Convention

Delegate votes are allocated to the County units in the District as follows: Each unit is allocated one delegate vote for each 100 votes or major portion thereof cast for the Republican nominee in the last preceding Gubernatorial and Presidential elections combined; provided that each unit shall be allocated at least one delegate vote.

Delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected in unit mass meetings, party canvasses or conventions called in conformity with the Plan of Organization. Each unit may elect no more than five delegates and five alternate delegates for each delegate vote allocated.

<u>County</u>	Delegate Votes	Maximum No. of Delegates
Amelia County	79	395
Chesterfield County	1001	5005
Culpeper County	218	1090
Goochland County	150	750
Henrico County	862	4310
Louisa County	177	885
Nottoway County	62	310
Orange County	172	860
Powhatan County	202	1010
Spotsylvania County	426	2130
Total	3,349	16,745

# Certification of Delegates

Delegates and alternate delegates to the Convention shall be certified to the Convention, in the case of those selected by a Mass Meeting or Convention, by the permanent chairman and permanent secretary of the Mass Meeting or Convention, or, in the case of those selected by a Party Canvass or those declared elected pursuant to the call of a cancelled Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention, by the chairman of the unit committee.

Certifications must be delivered to the District Chairman and Secretary no later than April 18, 2020 ("the Deadline"), however it is requested that Unit Chairs provide them no later than April 3, 2020. After the Deadline, no change may be made except that an alternate delegate may take the place of a delegate. Certifications may be delivered by e-mail to Ben Slone, 3064 River Road West, Goochland, Virginia 23063, email sloneb@fml.com, District Chairman and Secretary of the Committee or by physical delivery to Ben Slone, 3064 River Road West, Goochland, Virginia 23063, District Chairman and Secretary.

Certifications must include at least the name and address appearing on the voter registration rolls of each delegate and alternate (It is requested and expected that Unit Chairs will not accept altered, or obliterated (e.g. deletion of contact information) convention delegate filing forms, so that all candidates have equal access to Delegates, or alternate Delegates prior to the Convention.), as well as an indication of which delegates or alternates, if any, are Military Members certified as delegates pursuant to Art. VIII, Sec. H, para. 6 of the Plan of Organization, so that the eligibility of such delegates or alternates to have their votes cast by candidate preference ballot may be determined.

A copy of the published call of the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention, and the date of publication must be provided with the certification.

Unless the certification states how an allocation of votes is to be fractionalized, the delegates present, and voting may cast the full vote of the delegation.

Unless the certification includes an order from the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention establishing a different method, the delegates from the unit shall designate which alternate shall vote in place of an absent delegate.

The District Chairman shall be responsible for preparing from the certifications a roll of delegates and alternate delegates which shall govern the procedures of the Convention, unless and until changed by the Convention.

Unit Chairman shall make available, upon request, to a duly filed candidate for public or party office to be filled at the convention the list of delegates, including all contact information provided by the delegates within 14 days of the delegates election if 250 or fewer delegates are elected or within 21 days if more than 250 delegates have been elected.

#### Filing Requirements

All Candidates seeking election or nomination for any of the positions listed below shall file a written statement, which statement shall be provided by the Seventh Congressional District Republican Committee. The written statement may be filed regular mail with the Unites States Postal Service, by Electronic Mail, or by hand-delivery using the information below. The written statement must be received by the deadline date listed below, including filing fees, postmarks do NOT count.

Candidates for election as District Chair must file the written statement with Ben Slone, 3064 River Road West, Goochland, Virginia 23063, email sloneb@fml.com by **April 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** and shall include with their written statement a check or evidence of payment of a \$500.00 filing fee.

Candidates for nomination for member of the U.S. House of Representatives must file the written statement with Ben Slone, 3064 River Road West, Goochland, Virginia 23063, email sloneb@fml.com by **April 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** and shall include with their written statement a check or evidence of payment of a \$6,960.00 filing fee.

Candidates for nomination for elector must file the written statement with Ben Slone, 3064 River Road West, Goochland, Virginia 23063, email sloneb@fml.com by **April 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** and shall include with their written statement a check or evidence of payment of a \$500.00 filing fee.

Candidates for election for member of the State Central Committee must file the written statement with Ben Slone, 3064 River Road West, Goochland, Virginia 23063, email sloneb@fml.com by **April 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** and shall include with their written statement a check or evidence of payment of a \$250.00 filing fee.

Candidates for election as delegate or alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention must file the written statement with Ben Slone, 3064 River Road West, Goochland, Virginia 23063, email sloneb@fml.com by **April 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** and shall include with their written statement a check or evidence of payment of a \$250 filing fee.

#### **Publication**

This Call shall be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia www.virginia.gop and issued by the District Chairman to the Chairman of all unit committees for units included in the District no later than March 3, 2020.

Authorized and Paid for by the Seventh Congressional District Republican Committee.