**OFFICIAL RULES**

**FAUQUIER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CANVASS**

The Fauquier County Republican Canvass (“Party Canvass”) shall be held, if necessary, April 24, 2021. The Party Canvass shall, to the extent possible, be governed by and conducted in accordance with (in order of priority) State Election Laws and Regulations, the Republican Party of Virginia Plan of Organization (the “Party Plan”), the Fauquier County Republican Committee (FCRC) Bylaws, these official rules of the Canvass, and Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised. The purpose of the Canvass is electing Delegates to the Republican Party of Virginia State Convention, to be held on May 8, 2021 at multiple locations, for the purposes of nominating one Republican Candidate for the office of Governor of Virginia, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, and Attorney General of Virginia in the General Election to be held on November 2, 2021, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

Based upon the Republican Party voting strength as defined in the Party Plan, the Fauquier County Delegation is entitled to a Delegate vote of 158. This vote may be allocated to and fractionalized among the properly pre-filed and qualified candidates for County Delegates. This year the RPV has waived previous limits to the number of certified delegates a County Committee may have participate in the Convention. To qualify as a Delegate to this Convention a candidate must meet the requirements of the Fauquier County Canvass Rules expressed both herein and in the official call for the canvass. In the event an election is necessary for Delegates to the RPV State Convention due to a number of properly pre-filed candidates in excess of those authorized, the FCRC expressly reserves the right to require and prepare a slated ballot by a lawful amendment to these rules concerning the same made by the FCRC standing Rules Sub-Committee prior to the canvass. As the RPV waived any limit to the number of certified delegates a County Committee may have, no ballot shall be required and such candidates for Delegate shall be deemed to be duly elected. The Full Vote Rule shall apply.

**Pre Filing:** All individuals filing for the position of Delegate to the RPV State Convention, must have properly pre-filed with receipt of all declarations and required signatures no earlier than the date of publication of the Call and no later than 5:00 pm on April 16, 2021 in accordance with the requirements of the Call for a Canvass posted at [www.fauquiergop.com](http://www.fauquiergop.com) and [www.rpv.org](http://www.rpv.org).

**Nominating/Credentials Special Committee:** The current Chairman of the Fauquier County Republican Committee shall appoint a Nominating/Credentials Special Committee of not more than eleven (11) persons to organize and run the Canvass, prepare and approve whatever procedures and forms are deemed necessary and register those persons who offer to vote.

**Credentials/Qualifications (additional matters):** The Nominating/Credentials Committee shall process all the Declarations of Candidacy and determine whether each pre-filed candidate is properly qualified to be added to the County’s certified Delegate list, and shall rule on all contests of Canvass procedures.

Any candidate for the position of Delegate who does not properly pre-file and/or who does not meet the qualification requirements as determined by the Nominating/Credentials Committee shall be declared ineligible to serve, their candidacy stricken, and they shall be so notified by the County Committee Chairman or his designee.