# Republican Party of Virginia 2020 Quadrennial Convention May 1-2, 2020 Greater Richmond Convention Center 403 North 3rd Street Richmond, VA 23219 (Convening on 5/1 at 2:30 pm and on 5/2 at 10:00 am)

#### **Call to Convene**

As Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the State Central Committee, I, Jack Wilson, do hereby issue this Call for the Republican Party of Virginia's 2020 Quadrennial Convention (the "Convention") to be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, or its alternate location, on May 1-2, 2020 for the following purposes:

- A. Binding Virginia Delegates to the 2020 Republican National Convention as to their choice for President on the first ballot by a Presidential Preference Poll;
- B. Electing 12 At-Large Delegates ("National Delegates") and 12 At-Large Alternate Delegates ("National Alternates") to the Republican National Convention to be held on August 24-27, 2020 at the Spectrum Center, Charlotte, NC in (or its alternate site) (the "National Convention");
- C. Nominating two Electors At-Large to be voted for in the presidential election on November 3, 2020;
- D. Electing a State Chairman;
- E. Nominating a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman;
- F. And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

The Convention will open on Friday May 1st at 2:30 pm for the election of permanent Convention officers and adoption of rules. No other election shall occur prior to 12:00 noon on Saturday May 2nd.

I direct the Executive Director of the Republican Party of Virginia to publish this Official Call on the RPV website and via such other means as may be necessary, in accordance with the Rules of the Republican Party.

### I. Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified 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 Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions, or primaries encompassing their respective election districts.

## II. Composition of Convention

The Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units they represent. Each unit is allocated one (1) delegate vote for each two hundred fifty (250) votes or major portion thereof cast for the Republican nominee in the most recent elections for President and Governor, provided that each unit shall be entitled to at least one (1) 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. Each unit's Delegate Vote is set forth below:

Unit	Delegate Vote
Accomack County	57
Albemarle County	136
Alexandria	96
Alleghany County/Covington	40
Amelia County	32
Amherst County	65
Appomattox County	38
Arlington County	146
Augusta County	174
Bath County	10

Unit	Delegate Vote
Bedford County	205
Bland County	17
Botetourt County	89
Bristol	32
Brunswick County	20
Buchanan County	43
Buckingham County	26
Campbell County	129
Caroline County	45
Carroll County	68

11.7	Delegate
Unit	Vote
Charles City County	10
Charlotte County	24
Charlottesville	21
Chesapeake	349
Chesterfield County	573
Clarke County	31
Colonial Heights	38
Craig County	14
Culpeper County	87
Cumberland County	18
Danville	48
Dickenson County	30
Dinwiddie County	48
Emporia/Greensville County	18
Essex County	18
Fairfax City	26
Fairfax County	1099
Falls Church	10
Fauquier County	146
Floyd County	35
Fluvanna County	48
Franklin City/Southampton County	44
Franklin County	123
Frederick County	167
Fredericksburg	25
Galax	10
Giles County	40
Gloucester County	85
Goochland County	60
Grayson County	36
Greene County	40
Halifax County	64
Hampton	116
Hanover County	270
Harrisonburg	39
Henrico County	414
Henry County	97
Highland County	7
Hopewell	26
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Isle of Wight County King and Queen County	81 14
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King George County	
King William County	39
Lancaster County	25 51
Lee County	51 465
Louise County	465 71
Louisa County	
Lunenburg County	21
Lynchburg Madison County	116
Madison County	30
Manassas Park	39
Manassas Park	11

Unit	Delegate
	Vote
Martinsville	15
Mathews County	24
Mecklenburg County	54
Middlesex County	25
Montgomery County	128
Nelson County	29
New Kent County	55
Newport News	166
Norfolk	140
Northampton County	18
Northumberland County	30
Nottoway County	24
Orange County	69
Page County	51
Patrick County	43
Petersburg	10
Pittsylvania County	141
Poquoson	34
Portsmouth	84
Powhatan County	81
Prince Edward County	27
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Prince George County Prince William County	473
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Pulaski County	
Radford	17 17
Rappahannock County	
Richmond City	111
Richmond County	15
Roanoke County	208
Roanoke City	95
Rockbridge/Lexington/Buena Vista	62
Rockingham County	175
Russell County	59
Salem	49
Scott County	53
Shenandoah County	93
Smyth County	63
Spotsylvania County	220
Stafford County	220
Staunton	34
Suffolk	119
Surry County	12
Sussex County	14
Tazewell County	94
Virginia Beach	633
Warren County	74
Washington County	126
Waynesboro	32
Westmoreland County	29
Williamsburg/James City County	163
Winchester	31
Wise County/Norton	81
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Unit	Delegate Vote
Wythe County	65

Unit	Delegate Vote
York County	126

#### **Military Provision**

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

Military Members who are certified as delegates pursuant to the preceding paragraph 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 shall list the Military Members 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. Candidate preference ballots shall be made available by the RPV Chairman or his designee at least twenty (20) days prior to the convention. Ballots must be returned to Chairman Jack Wilson no later than 12:30 pm on Tuesday April 28, 2020.

### III. Delegate Registration Fee

To assist the operations of the Republican Party of Virginia in supporting unit mass meetings and conventions, and the administration of the state Convention, a Delegate Registration Fee of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) is requested of each person standing for election as a delegate or alternate delegate to the state Convention. Any delegate who fails to pay the registration fee may participate only in the Presidential Preference Poll.

## IV. <u>Candidates Filing Requirements</u>

- (a) Candidates for the Presidential Preference Poll shall pay a filling fee of \$20,000 and submit a completed original version of the relevant filing form to the Chairman via postal mail, or in person, to be received no later than 5:00 PM on January 15, 2020. Postmarks do not govern.
- (b) Candidates for National Delegate and National Alternate must each submit a completed original version of the relevant filing form to the Chairman via postal mail, or in person, to be received no earlier than noon January 23, 2020 and no later than 5:00 PM April 2, 2020. Postmarks do not govern. Additionally, candidates for National Delegate and National Alternate must submit a petition signed by 125 Virginia voters that is notarized in accordance with Virginia statutes on elections, along with a check or proof of electronic payment of a \$250 filing fee to the Republican Party of Virginia. Candidates seeking election for National Delegate or National Alternate may do so through their respective District Convention or the State Convention, but not both.
- (c) Candidates for Republican Party of Virginia State Chairman must submit a completed original version of the relevant filing form along with a check or proof of electronic payment of a \$5,000 filing fee to the Republican Party of Virginia, to the Chairman via postal mail, or in person, to be received no later than 5:00 PM January 15, 2020. Postmarks do not govern.
- (d) Candidates for National Committeeman and National Committeewoman must submit a completed original version of the relevant filing form along with a check or proof of electronic payment of a \$2,500 filing fee to the Republican Party of Virginia, to the Chairman via postal mail, or in person, to be received no later than 5:00 PM January 15, 2020. Postmarks do not govern.
- (e) Candidates for Elector At-Large must submit a completed original version of the official filing form, along with a check or proof of electronic payment of a \$250 filing fee to the Republican Party of Virginia, to the Chairman via postal mail to be received no later than 5:00 PM April 2, 2020. Postmarks do not govern.
- (f) All prefiling forms for offices to be chosen at this convention shall be posted on the RPV website.

## VI. <u>Certification of Delegates</u>

Delegates and alternate delegates elected by each unit shall be certified in writing over the signatures of the permanent chairman and permanent secretary of the mass meeting or convention, and by the unit chairman in the case of a party canvass. Such Delegate Certifications shall be made using a form to be posted on the RPV website, and must be delivered to the Chairman or his designee no later than April 15 if postmarked or April 17 if delivered electronically or in person (as indicated in Section H.1.c of the Party Plan). Delegate Certifications should be delivered as soon after the election of delegates or, in the case of a cancelled Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention, the declaration of their election pursuant to Section H.9 of the Party Plan.

# VII. Official Correspondence

All prefiling forms to be transmitted to the Chairman via postal mail must be sent to Jack Wilson, Chairman, Republican Party of Virginia, P.O. Box 12025, Richmond, VA 23241.

Prefiling forms and fees that may be transmitted in person must be delivered to Jack Wilson, Chairman, Republican Party of Virginia, 115 East Grace Street, Richmond, Virginia 23235.

Unit certifications of state convention delegates and alternates should be sent via email to 2020-Convention@rpv.org, unless the Chairman or his designee has provided prior written consent to the use of other means (e.g., FTP, DropBox, and so forth).

### VIII. Presidential Preference Poll

Virginia delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican Nation Convention elected by the state and district conventions shall be bound on the first ballot to the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the Presidential Preference Poll.

[UPDATED February 7, 2020, to reflect change in convention site, and correct delegate vote table to correct errors in rounding.]