

Mr. William M. Stanley, Chairman  
Fifth District Republican Committee  
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Dear Bill:

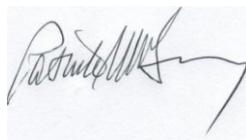
This is in response to your May 12, 2014, request for a ruling by the General counsel of the Republican Party of Virginia. Chairman Pat Mullins has appointed me to act as General Counsel and I am pleased to respond.

You recite that a formal appeal from the results of the March 20, 2014, Mass Meeting in Campbell County that was ultimately decided by the District Committee on May 10, 2014. Your Committee decided that the delegates elected to both the 5<sup>th</sup> district and State conventions not be seated due to the substantive rules violation in the nomination and election of those elected delegates, but made a non-binding recommendation to each convention that all delegates who had properly prefiled be seated.

There are previous rulings of the Party's General Counsel that only delegates who have been elected by mass meeting, Party canvass or convention may be certified to participate in District and State conventions. Those rulings were rendered before the State Party Plan was amended by adding Article VIII, § A (11). That amendment provides that delegates who properly prefile within the maximum number of delegates allowed for the unit may be declared eligible to participate as delegates in District and State conventions and the mass meeting, canvass or convention be cancelled. Based on this provision, it is clear that delegates need not have been elected at a mass meeting as was called for March 20, 2014, in Campbell County.

It is also clear that the District Committee in considering the appeal concluded and ruled that the actions of the Campbell County Mass Meeting were in violation of the State Party Plan and/or Robert's Rules. It was plainly within the prerogative of the District Committee to declare the Mass Meeting results a nullity and to declare that each of the Campbell County prefiled delegates were certified to participate in the district and State conventions in light of Article VIII, § A (11). Because the District Committee has not done so, each of the prefiled delegates should be entitled to participate at the District Convention unless they are properly challenged by the Credentials Committee pursuant to Article I, § A of the State Party Plan.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Pat Mullins