

**2021 REPUBLICAN PARTY OF VIRGINIA**  
**UNASSEMBLED STATE CONVENTION RULES**

**1 – Rules**

- A. The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised (12<sup>th</sup> Edition) shall govern the Convention in all cases where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the State Party Plan, the Call of the Convention, and rules adopted by the Convention, in that order of precedence.
- B. The RPV Rules Committee may meet electronically, including meetings as may be required during the hours the polls are open and votes are being tallied.
- C. The Head Tellers shall have the authority to enforce these Rules at their respective polling locations in the same manner as the chairman of an assembled convention.

**2 – Credentials**

- A. The RPV Credentials Committee shall report on the proper certification of the members of each delegation and decide any question that may arise concerning certification. Any challenge to an entire delegation, or individual Delegate, must be brought before the RPV Credentials Committee not later than 5:00 pm on April 28, 2021.
- B. The Credentials Committee shall promulgate a form to be used for submitting all challenges and/or appeals concerning an individual’s Delegate status. Each challenge shall use a separate form for each individual who is the subject of the challenge. All challenges to a certified Delegate’s status must be brought by a member of the challenged Delegate’s delegation. No fee shall be charged for bringing any Credentials Committee challenge.
- C. During the hours the polls are open, the Head Teller (or, if the Head Teller is unavailable, the Head Teller’s designee) and a representative appointed by the RPV Credentials Committee may consider and decide the case of individuals who believe they were improperly excluded from the roll of Delegates.
- D. Delegates may vote only at the polling location to which they have been assigned.
- E. The RPV Credentials Committee may meet electronically, including meetings as may be required during the hours the polls are open and votes are being tallied.

**3 – Nominations**

- A. The RPV Nominations Committee shall report not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 17, 2021

the names of all candidates who meet the legal requirements of and who have properly and timely filed for the office sought.

- B. Once the filing deadline for an office has closed, a candidate for said office who has withdrawn from consideration for the position he or she was seeking will be unable to have his or her name resubmitted for consideration by the RPV Nominations Committee.
- C. In lieu of in person nominations and related speeches or presentations, each candidate for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General shall be granted the opportunity to submit a prepared video, with the content of such video to be determined at the discretion of the respective candidates. Videos submitted by candidates for Governor shall not exceed ten (10) minutes in length, and for Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General (5) minutes. These videos will be posted prominently on the RPV website on May 1, 2021, beginning at 7:30 p.m., replicating ballot order as determined by the RPV Nominations Committee. Each candidate choosing to present a video pursuant to this rule must have posted the video to a video hosting site (e.g., YouTube, Vimeo), and provided any embed code or other necessary information requested by RPV staff no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2021. Each candidate presenting a video must coordinate with RPV staff in advance to avoid technical difficulties. The relevant RPV staff member receiving candidate videos will not disclose such materials or related details to anyone prior to 7:30 p.m. on May 1, 2021.

#### **4 – Voting**

- A. Procedures for voting and tallying votes shall be uniform at all polling locations, except that a polling location may allow delegates to walk up to the polling place or drive up to the polling place; however, any polling location that allows delegates to walk up must also provide for delegates to drive up or vote curbside upon request. The uniform procedures for voting and tallying votes shall be posted on the RPV website not later than May 1, 2021.
- B. Each polling location shall have at least three tellers, including a Head Teller who will be a District Chairman or his or her designee (where more than one district shares a polling place, the District Chairmen will decide amongst themselves who will serve as Head Teller). All tellers must participate in training provided by the RPV Rules Committee (observers provided for in paragraph G may observe the training). Only tellers may check in delegates, distribute ballots, collect ballots, or tally votes. Tellers tallying votes will work in pairs. Tellers may appoint volunteers to assist in directing traffic and enforcing rules at polling locations. No person who is directly or indirectly paid by a candidate or campaign seeking a nomination at the Convention shall serve as a teller.
- C. Voting shall be by ballot. The Rules Committee will generate a uniform ballot style to be used by all polling locations. Voting for the nominations for Governor, Lieutenant

Governor, and Attorney General shall be done by ranked choice voting as defined by the State Party Plan.

- D. The total of the votes (raw votes) in all counties and cities voting at each polling location shall be reported by the Head Teller.
- E. Each county and city delegation shall have the number of delegate votes as specified in the Call and certified by the RPV Credentials Committee.
- F. Delegations shall vote full vote, as defined in Article VIII, Section H.3 of the Party Plan, unless otherwise designated by their electing body.
- G. During the balloting in any given contest, each candidate for a particular nomination, or his designee, may designate at least one observer for each polling location. The observers shall not be entitled to participate in the ballot tallying but shall otherwise be entitled to observe every facet of the count, subject to reasonable limitations as may be set forth by the Head Teller to address practical considerations. Observers may not (i) hinder or delay any delegate, teller, party volunteer, or other observer; (ii) attempt in any manner to influence any delegate; (iii) be in a position to see the marked ballot of any particular voter; or (iv) otherwise impede the orderly conduct of the election. Head Tellers may eject or restrict the activities of any observers in violation of the foregoing provisions; provided, however, the Head Teller shall in good faith endeavor to ensure that no campaign is allowed fewer than one observer unless absolutely necessary for the orderly conduct of the election. Nothing in these rules shall be construed to deny a candidate for nomination to public office a right to serve as his own observer in any polling location.
- H. The vote of all delegations shall be reported to the nearest one-hundredth (1/100) decimal (e.g., 0.01), and there shall be no cumulative voting.
- I. If the difference in delegate vote (weighted vote) between the two candidates contesting the final ranked choice contest for a particular nomination is one percent (1%) or less, the candidate with fewer votes may request a recount within 72 hours of the announcement of the results. Separately, the RPV Chairman may also order the initiation of a recount of the results if, in his sole discretion, such an action is necessary or appropriate.
- J. In order to receive a ballot all delegates must present a valid photo identification or another form of identification approved by the RPV Credentials Committee.
- K. The names of the candidates for various offices shall appear on the ballot in an order determined by lot by the RPV Nominations Committee.
- L. The Rules Committee, in consultation with the RPV Chairman and members of the State Central Committee, shall establish written, uniform procedures for the orderly and

efficient administration of the election and the tabulation of the results.

- M. No one at a polling location shall be allowed to make any video recording of any delegate casting a ballot.
- N. A certified delegate may certify to the RPV Chairman on a form issued by him that the delegate's religious obligations forbid him or her from voting during the regular hours that all polling locations will be open. Such certifications shall be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on May 4, 2021. The RPV Chairman shall direct the Head Teller and respective District Chairman of any polling location to which certifying delegates are assigned to make arrangements for them to vote at a site designated by the Head Teller and respective District Chairman from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Friday, May 7, 2021.

## **6 – Campaigning and Campaign Materials**

- A. During the times the polls are open and while ballots are being counted, no person may (i) loiter or congregate within 40 feet of any entrance of any polling location; (ii) within such distance give, tender, or exhibit any ballot, ticket, or other campaign material to any person or solicit or in any manner attempt to influence any person in casting his vote; or (iii) hinder or delay a qualified delegate in entering or leaving a polling location. The Head Tellers or their designees have discretion to modify the 40-foot line to accommodate the layout of the building or parking area or to address safety concerns at their polling locations.
- B. In addition to the restrictions in paragraph A, the posting of signs and the location of campaigning are subject to reasonable restrictions imposed by the polling location as a condition of its use or by the Head Tellers or their designees in the interest of safety or efficiency, provided that such restrictions are applied uniformly to all campaigns.
- C. Everyone present at the polling location should endeavor to follow appropriate public health guidelines.
- D. Any sample ballot provided to delegates by any candidate, group or person must have a clearly visible legend or watermark on its face reading "sample ballot" in font size of 18 point or greater, as well as an authorization disclaimer as required by the Code of Virginia.