

OFFICIAL CALL
Biennial Convention of the First Congressional District
of the Republican Party of Virginia

Location: James Monroe High School
2300 Washington Ave, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
Saturday April 7, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Local Time

Call Issued: January 2, 2018

Call to Convene

As Chairman of the First Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia and pursuant to the RPV Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the District Committee, I, Robert A. Watson do hereby issue this Call for a District Convention to be held at James Monroe High School, 2300 Washington Ave, Fredericksburg, VA 22401, or its alternate site, starting at **1:00 p.m.** local time on Saturday April 7, 2018, with registration beginning at **10:30 a.m.** local time for the following purposes:

1. Electing a Chairman for the First Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia; and
2. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the convention.

Registration

Registration will begin at **10:30 a.m.** and will close thirty (30) minutes after the presiding officer convenes the convention. Any person in line during this 30 minute period immediately after the convention is convened will be issued a numbered registration pass, and registered in order of number. Persons arriving after this 30 minute grace period expires will not be allowed to register. All participants shall present a photo ID at the time of registration.

Convention Voting

The Convention will open on April 7 at **1:00 p.m.** for the election of permanent Convention Officers and adoption of rules. No other election shall occur prior to **2:00 p.m.** All contested offices at the convention must be elected by a majority of the certified delegates casting ballots.

I. Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified First Congressional District voters under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions, or primaries encompassing their respective election districts 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. Executed versions of the attached Statement of Qualifications shall be used to assist the Convention Credentials Committee in determining qualifications.

II. Composition of Convention

The District Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units they represent, and a Military Delegation. Representation shall be based on a percentage of the total number of Republican votes cast in each county and city in the last gubernatorial and presidential election combined. Each unit is allowed one (1) Delegate Vote for each 250 Republican votes cast or major portion thereof. Each unit shall be entitled to at least one (1) Delegate Vote. The delegates and alternates shall be elected in county and city mass meetings, party canvasses or conventions that shall be called for this purpose in conformity with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia by each unit committee.

Military delegates will be selected in conformity with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia. Any members of the Virginia National Guard, the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard, who are unable to participate in the election of delegates from their unit due their military orders, may be represented through the Military Delegation. To be so represented, they must declare by e-mail to the District Chairman, va01gop@gmail.com no later than **March 21, 2018** that they intend to support the Party's nominees in the ensuing election and that their orders preclude them from participating in person. The District Chairman will provide declarants with candidate preference ballots that will be cast on their behalf at the convention.

Each unit's maximum number of delegates is equal to up to five (5) times the respective Delegate Vote in accordance with the PRV Plan of Organization and the Unit Call. Each unit's Delegate Vote is set forth at the end of this call.

III. Delegate Candidate Filing Fee

To assist the operations and the administration of the Convention, a candidate filing fee of **Five Dollars (\$5.00)** is requested of each person standing for election as a delegate or alternate delegate to the Convention. Failure to pay the requested filing fee will not result in disqualification.

IV. Delegate Candidate Filing Procedures

Delegate candidates required to submit pre-files may, if authorized in their respective unit's official call to do so, centrally via the RPV Chairman. Such filings may be accomplished electronically at www.Virginia.GOP, or they may complete the hardcopy

pre-file form (attached hereto) and remit with any filing fee payment to the Chairman via postal mail. Whether filed electronically or via postal mail, all delegate candidate filings must be received by the date specified in the official call for the mass meeting, convention or canvass, at which the delegate candidate is standing for election. Postmarks do not govern. Unit and District chairmen shall automatically receive copies of electronic pre-files from their respective election districts received by the RPV. Complete official lists of pre-files for use by the respective credentials committees (each a "Pre-File Certification") will be forwarded by the Executive Director to all of the respective unit chairmen and District chairmen no later than 3 days after the deadline for submitting pre-filings. Delegate candidates may be elected on the basis of this electronic pre-filing, but the filing shall not be deemed complete until verification of government-issued Photo Identification and a witnessed physical signature on the Statement of Qualification to be made upon registration at the Convention.

V. Filing Requirements for the Office of First Congressional District Chairman.

Candidates for First Congressional District Chairman must submit a completed original version of the relevant filing form (attached hereto), along with a check or proof of electronic payment of a **Five Hundred Dollar (\$500)** filing fee to the Vice Chairman or Secretary in person or via postal mail to be received no later than **5:00 PM on January 16, 2018. Postmarks do not govern.**

Filings and filing fees for Chairman will be transmitted to Vice Chairman Russ Wright, 11482 Franklin Hills Drive, Rockville, VA 23146 (in person and mail) or Secretary Edgar Dolman, 2412 Mila Road, Heathsville, VA 22473 (in person and mail).

No nominations for offices to be filled by the Convention (i.e. District Chairman) may be made from the Floor except upon the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those delegates present.

In accordance with Article VIII, Section A.9 of the RPV Party Plan, if only one candidate is properly filed for Chairman, that person will be declared elected as First District Chairman and the Convention **will be cancelled.**

VI. Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates

Process. The delegates and alternates shall be elected at county and city mass meetings, canvasses, or conventions called by each unit.

No "Slating". With the exception where a unit has more qualified State, District or Legislative District Convention delegate candidates than may be elected ("Overfiles"), all delegate candidates who met the requirements of Article I of the RPV Party Plan and, where required, any prefiling requirements, shall be deemed elected unless there are individual votes on each candidate not to be elected. In the event of Overfiles, a unit

shall elect not less than the total number of delegates allowed under the Plan unless there are individual votes on each candidate not to be elected. In the event of Overfiles, in no event shall delegate candidates who have not paid the requested filing fee be elected unless all delegate candidates who have paid the fee and who are qualified under Article I of the Party Plan shall have been elected first. The Convention may refuse to seat delegations from units not following these procedures.

The delegates present in a given delegation shall designate which alternate delegates shall vote in the place of an absent delegate except where the electing body electing the delegates has determined another method of alternate delegate selection.

VII. Certification of Delegates

The said delegates and alternate delegates to the District Convention so elected shall be certified in writing with their respective names and addresses including zip codes (and email addresses if available) over the signatures of the permanent chairman and permanent secretary of the unit mass meeting or convention, or of the unit chairman of the unit committee which may have conducted a party canvass to select the delegates and alternate delegates.

A delegate or alternate who is not certified in accordance with the above requirements shall be seated only by a majority vote of the Credentials Committee, or in the event of the failure of the Credentials Committee to seat, by a majority vote of the Convention.

All certifications and fees, regardless of the date of local mass meeting, party canvass, or convention must be delivered as stated below on or prior to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2018. After the filing deadline of the certification, no change may be made except a certified alternate may be made a delegate.

A copy of the published call of the convention, mass meeting or party canvass called for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternate delegates to said convention, must accompany the certification with the date of publication included. **Unit chairmen will forward certifications and registration fees for the 1st Congressional District Convention to the District Committee Chairman Robert Watson at 6093 Spindle Tree Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193.** Certifications may also be sent electronically to the District Chairman at va01gop@gmail.com.

VIII. Official Documents

Attached to this Official Call are the following official documents:

- (a) Filing Form for and Statement of Qualifications Candidates for District Chairman
- (b) Filing Form for and Statement of Qualifications Delegates/Alternate Delegates

IX. Table of Unit Delegate Voting Strength

County/City	Delegate Vote	County/City	Delegate Vote
Caroline	45.128	Mathews	24.192
Essex	18.48	Middlesex	25.372
Fauquier	31.02	New Kent	55.316
Fredericksburg City	24.828	Northumberland	30.348
Gloucester	85.02	Prince William	233.756
Hanover	269.636	Richmond County	14.768
James City County	128.168	Spotsylvania	50.072
King and Queen	14.012	Stafford	219.964
King George	46.948	Westmoreland	29.252
King William	39.456		
Lancaster	24.812	TOTAL	1410.548