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THE RULES OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

AS ADOPTED BY THE

2012 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

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PREAMBLE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Republican Party is the party of the open door. Ours is the party of liberty, the party of equality, of opportunity for all, and favoritism for none.

It is the intent and purpose of these rules to encourage and allow the broadest possible participation of all voters in Republican Party activities at all levels and to assure that the Republican Party is open and accessible to all Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following be and hereby are adopted as *The Rules of the Republican Party*, composed of the rules for the election and government of the Republican National Committee until the next national convention, the rules under which delegates and alternate delegates shall be allotted to the respective states in the next national convention, and the rules under which such delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected and under which contests shall be considered, and the rules of business of this national convention.

**THE REPUBLICAN
NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

RULE NO. 1

Organization of the Republican National Committee

(a) The Republican National Committee shall have the general management of the Republican Party, based upon the rules adopted by the Republican National Convention. The members of the Republican National Committee shall consist of one (1) national committeeman and one (1) national committeewoman from and the chairman of the state Republican Party of, each state.

(b) For the purposes of this rule and all other rules, "state" or "states" shall be taken to include American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, except in Rule No. 14, and unless the context in which the word "state" or "states" is used clearly makes such inclusion inappropriate.

RULE NO. 2

Method of Election for National Committeeman and National Committeewoman

(a) Where the rules adopted by a state Republican Party provide a method of election of the national committeeman and the national committeewoman, they shall be elected pursuant to such method.

(b) Where the rules adopted by a state Republican Party do not provide a method of election of the national committeeman and the national committeewoman, and where state laws do provide such a method of election, they shall be elected pursuant to such method provided by state laws.

(c) Where neither the rules adopted by a state Republican Party nor state laws provide a method of election of the national committeeman and the national committeewoman, the national convention delegation from such state shall elect them.

(d) At each national convention, the chairman of the delegation from each state shall submit the names of the elected national committee members to the secretary of the convention and their election shall be ratified by the national convention if otherwise in accordance with these rules.

RULE NO. 3

Term of Office for National Committee Members

(a) National committeemen and national committeewomen shall serve from the adjournment of the national convention until the adjournment of the following national convention, and until their successors shall have been elected and ratified. For seniority purposes, newly elected committee persons shall be ratified in order of the date of their individual election.

(b) The duly elected and acting chairman of each state Republican Party shall be a member of the Republican National Committee during his or her term in office.

RULE NO. 4

Vacancies of Members and Officers

(a) Election of members to fill vacancies in the Republican National Committee shall be ratified by the Republican National Committee after their election by the state Republican Party in and for the state in which the vacancy occurs.

(b) The Republican National Committee shall have the power to declare vacant the seat of any member who refuses to support the Republican nominee for President of the United States or Vice President of the United States.

(c) In the event of the death, resignation, disqualification, or disability of any officer of the Republican National Committee or member of a committee of the Republican National Committee, such vacancy shall be filled by the same body and in the same manner as provided herein for the election of such officer or officers or committee members in the first instance. In the case of a vacancy in the office of either secretary or treasurer of the Republican National Committee, the chairman shall appoint an acting secretary or acting treasurer from among the members or officers of the Republican National Committee who shall serve until the next meeting of the Republican National Committee, when an election to fill such vacancy shall occur. In the event of the death, resignation, disqualification or disability of the chairman, the co-chairman shall serve as temporary chairman until the members of the Republican National Committee fill the vacancy in accordance with the provisions of this section. All

appointees of the chairman of the Republican National Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the chairman until removed by the chairman, until replaced by another appointee, until the position is eliminated, or until the position is vacated by the appointee. Unless otherwise specified by these rules, appointments are not affected by the subsequent vacancy of the chairmanship by the appointing chairman.

(d) In the event of the death, resignation, disqualification, or disability of any member of the Republican National Committee, the vacancy shall be filled according to adopted state Republican Party rules. If no rule exists, vacancies shall be filled by majority vote of the Republican state committee.

RULE NO. 5

Officers of the Republican National Committee

(a) The officers of the Republican National Committee shall consist of:

(1) A chairman and a co-chairman of the opposite sex who shall be elected by the members of the Republican National Committee. The chairman or co-chairman need not be a member of the Republican National Committee. Except as otherwise ordered by a majority of the members of the Republican National Committee present and voting on the matter, the chairman and the co-chairman shall be full-time, paid employees of the Republican National Committee. The chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Republican National Committee. The chairman or co-chairman may be removed from office only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Republican National Committee.

(2) Eight (8) vice chairmen who shall be elected at regional caucuses by the Republican National Committee members of the four (4) regions and shall be residents of and Republican National Committee members from their respective regions. The election shall take place in January of each odd-numbered year. The election of vice chairmen shall not require confirmation by the Republican National Committee. The eight (8) vice chairmen shall be comprised of one (1) man and one (1) woman from each of the following four regions: (i) The Western States Association: Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming;

(ii) The Midwestern States Association: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin;

(iii) The Northeastern States Association: Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, and the Virgin Islands; and

(iv) The Southern States Association: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

(3) A secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as the Republican National Committee shall deem necessary, all to be elected by the Republican National Committee. The secretary and treasurer shall be members or officers of the Republican National Committee when elected. A secretary, treasurer and other such officers elected by the Republican National Committee may be removed from office only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Republican National Committee. The secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Republican National Committee, the Executive Committee, and all other committees of the Republican National Committee. The secretary may appoint assistant secretaries, who shall be members of the Republican National Committee, to assist the secretary in keeping the minutes of meetings and committees other than the Republican National Committee and the Executive Committee. The treasurer shall receive and safely keep all funds of the Republican National Committee, and any committee or other entity under its control, shall make approved disbursements, and shall maintain an accurate accounting of all financial transactions.

(b) The chairman, co-chairman, and all other officers shall be elected in January of each odd-numbered year. All officers, except the vice chairmen, shall be nominated from the floor and shall have at least the majority vote of the Republican National Committee members in each of three (3) states in order to have their names placed in nomination. There shall be no nominating committee.

(c) The chairman shall appoint a general counsel for the Republican National Committee, who also will serve as counsel to committees and subcommittees of the Republican National Committee, and a chairman of the Republican Finance Committee, both of whom shall be confirmed by the Republican National Committee and shall serve at the will of the chairman. Neither the general counsel nor the chairman of the Republican Finance Committee need be a member of the Republican National Committee.

RULE NO. 6

Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee

(a) There shall be an Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee to consist of twenty-nine (29) officers and members of the Republican National Committee: the chairman, the co-chairman, the vice chairmen, the secretary, the treasurer, the general counsel, the chairman of the Republican Finance Committee, the chairman of the Standing Committee on Rules, the chairman of the Standing Budget Committee, the chairman of the Standing Committee on Resolutions, the chairman of the Republican State Chairmen's Advisory Committee, three (3) members to be appointed by the chairman, and eight (8) additional members to consist of one (1) man and one (1) woman elected by and from each of the four (4) regional caucuses in January of each odd-numbered year.

(b) The Executive Committee may exercise all of the executive and administrative functions required of the Republican National Committee between meetings of the Republican National Committee, with the exception of the following:

- (1) election of officers of the Republican National Committee;
- (2) ratification of the election of members of the Republican National Committee;
- (3) issuance of the call and designation of the time and place for holding the national convention; and

(4) filling a vacancy in the office of Republican candidate for President of the United States, or Republican candidate for Vice President of the United States.

(c) The Executive Committee shall meet on the call of the chairman and such meetings shall be held at least twice in each year. In addition, upon written petition of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the members of the Executive Committee, the chairman, within ten (10) days of receipt of said petition, shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in a city to be designated by the chairman. The date of such meeting shall fall between ten (10) and twenty (20) days from the date of the call. The draft minutes of each Executive Committee meeting shall be made available within thirty (30) days after the close of the meeting to all members of the Republican National Committee.

(d) The Executive Committee may meet and act by telephone conference upon twenty-four (24) hours notice.

RULE NO. 7

Rules of Order

(a) The current authorized edition of *Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised* ("*Robert's Rules of Order*") shall govern in all meetings of the Republican National Committee and its committees insofar as they are applicable and not inconsistent with these rules. All General Session meetings of the Republican National Committee shall have a registered parliamentarian available to render opinions regarding the application of *The Rules of the Republican Party* and *Robert's Rules of Order*.

(b) All meetings of the Republican National Committee and all of its committees shall be open meetings, except as provided for by *Robert's Rules of Order*.

(c) A member of the Republican National Committee may give a written proxy to an eligible and declared Republican voter of the same state, which shall be effective for one (1) meeting and may include all committees of the Republican National Committee and other meetings held in conjunction with the Republican National Committee meeting that the proxy grantor is eligible to attend. A member of a committee of the Republican National Committee may give a written proxy to an eligible and declared Republican voter of the same state or to a member of the member's state delegation to the Republican National Committee. Proxies to attend Republican National Committee meetings shall be filed by letter, email or other acceptable form with the secretary of the Republican National Committee. Proxies to attend a committee of the Republican National Committee shall be filed by letter, email or other acceptable form with the chairman of the respective committee. For any committee of the Republican National Committee where members are elected by region, those committee members who have been elected by their region may give a written proxy to a member of the member's regional caucus within the Republican National Committee, with the approval of that caucus' regional vice chairmen; those members who have been appointed by the chairman may give a written proxy to a member of the Republican National Committee, with the approval of the chairman of the Republican National Committee.

(d) No votes (except elections to office when properly ordered pursuant to the provisions of *Robert's Rules of Order*) shall be taken by secret ballot in any open meeting of the Republican National Committee or of any committee thereof.

(e) A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance shall be conducted at the beginning of all meetings of the committees listed in these rules, including meetings of all subcommittees, immediately following the call to order by the chairman.

(f) For the purposes of these rules, unless otherwise specified, "mail" shall be defined as mail by the United States Postal Service, electronic mail, or private mail delivery service.

RULE NO. 8

Meetings of the Republican National Committee

(a) The Republican National Committee shall meet at least three (3) times in each year. A tentative agenda for each meeting shall be mailed to the membership at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting. The minutes, including all resolutions and motions, shall be mailed to all members of the Republican National Committee within thirty (30) days after the close of the meeting. (b) The first meeting of the Republican National Committee shall take place within five (5) days after the adjournment of the national convention. Such meeting and all other meetings of the Republican National Committee shall take place upon the call of the chairman or, in case of a vacancy in the chairmanship, upon the call of the co-chairman or, in case of a vacancy in the chairmanship and the co-chairmanship, upon the call of the vice chairman senior in time of service as a member of the Republican National Committee; provided, however, that such call shall be issued at least ten (10) days in advance of the date of the proposed meeting, except that if one of the purposes of a meeting of the Republican National Committee is to fill a vacancy in the office of Republican candidate for President of the United States or Republican candidate for Vice President of the United States then only five (5) days notice of the purpose, date, and place of said meeting shall be required. Upon written petition of sixteen (16) or more members of the Republican National Committee, representing no fewer than sixteen (16) states, filed jointly or severally with the chairman, requesting a meeting of the Republican National Committee, it shall be the duty of the chairman, within ten (10) days from receipt of said petition, to issue a call for a meeting of the Republican National Committee, to be held in a city to be designated by the chairman, the date of such called meeting to be not later than twenty (20) days or earlier than ten (10) days from the date of the call.

RULE NO. 9

Filling Vacancies in Nominations

(a) The Republican National Committee is hereby authorized and empowered to fill any and all vacancies which may occur by reason of death, declination, or otherwise of the Republican candidate for President of the United States or the Republican candidate for Vice President of the United States, as nominated by the national convention, or the Republican National Committee may reconvene the national convention for the purpose of filling any such vacancies.

(b) In voting under this rule, the Republican National Committee members representing any state shall be entitled to cast the same number of votes as said state was entitled to cast at the national convention. (c) In the event that the members of the Republican National Committee from any state shall not be in agreement in the casting of votes hereunder, the votes of such state shall be divided equally, including fractional votes, among the members of the Republican National Committee present or voting by proxy.

(d) No candidate shall be chosen to fill any such vacancy except upon receiving a majority of the votes entitled to be cast in the election.

RULE NO. 10

Committees of the Republican National Committee

(a) There shall be the following committees:

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Rules of the Republican National Committee, composed of one (1) member of the Republican National Committee from each state, to review and propose recommendations with respect to *The Rules of the Republican Party*. The members of the Republican National Committee from each state shall caucus, and by majority vote, choose from their number a member to serve on this committee. The chairman of the Standing Committee on Rules, and such other officers as the Standing Committee on Rules shall deem necessary, shall be elected by the committee from among its members. The Standing Committee on Rules shall first consider all rule amendments submitted by any member of the committee at least fourteen (14) days before any regularly called meeting of the Republican National Committee or at least three (3) days before a specially called meeting to be considered by the Standing Committee on Rules.

(2) There shall be a Standing Committee on Resolutions, which shall be composed of two (2) members of the Republican National Committee from each of the four (4) regions described in Rule No. 5(a)(2), elected by the members of the Republican National Committee from each such region, and a chairman appointed by the chairman of the Republican National Committee from among the members of the Republican National Committee.

(i) The Standing Committee on Resolutions shall consider all resolutions submitted by any member for adoption by the Republican National Committee at least ten (10) days before any regularly called meeting of the Republican

National Committee or at least three (3) days before a specially called meeting. To be considered timely submitted, a resolution must be received by the chairman of the Standing Committee on Resolutions by the submission deadline, followed by the original signed resolution within three (3) business days. All co-sponsorship forms shall be due before the beginning of the meeting. This committee shall report to the Republican National Committee all adopted resolutions, with amendments where applicable, for its consideration. Resolutions that are not adopted by this committee shall be reported for informational purposes only to the Republican National Committee.

(ii) The Standing Committee on Resolutions shall report out, without amendment and for consideration by the Republican National Committee, any resolution submitted in writing and supported by at least one (1) member of the Republican National Committee from each of ten (10) states, which is dated and submitted to the chairman of the Standing Committee on Resolutions at least ten (10) days before any regularly called meeting of the Republican National Committee or at least three (3) days before a specially called meeting. In the event of a memorial resolution submitted in response to the passing of the person so remembered, the ten (10) day requirement may be waived by the Standing Committee on Resolutions.

(3) The Republican National Committee shall create a Standing Budget Committee and any subcommittees thereof that it deems desirable to which it may delegate the responsibility of developing a budget and reviewing income and expenditures of the Republican National Committee. The Standing Budget Committee shall be composed of eleven (11) members of the Republican National Committee, three (3) of whom shall be appointed by the chairman of the Republican National Committee, and each of the four (4) regions shall elect two (2) members, one (1) man and one (1) woman, at its regional caucus held in January of each odd-numbered year (as provided in Rule No. 5(a)(2)) and the following shall serve as *ex officio* members of the Standing Budget Committee: the chairman, co-chairman, and treasurer of the Republican National Committee, and the chairman of the Republican Finance Committee. The chairman of the Republican National Committee shall make every effort in such appointments to ensure that an equal number of men and women serve on the Standing Budget Committee. The chairman of the Republican National Committee shall appoint the chairman of the Standing Budget Committee from among the members thereof. The annual budget shall be approved at the first meeting of the Republican National Committee held in each year. The proposed budget, in reasonable detail, shall be mailed to all members of the Republican National Committee at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

(4) There shall be a Standing Committee on the Site Selection of the Republican National Convention, which shall be composed of two (2) members of the Republican National Committee from each of the four (4) regions described in Rule No. 5(a)(2), elected by the members of the Republican National Committee from each such region, and a chairman appointed by the chairman of the Republican National Committee from among the members or officers of the Republican National Committee. This committee shall be responsible for investigating potential sites for the next national convention and for recommending a site to the Republican National Committee for selection. This committee shall be selected no later than two (2) years following the presidential election. Each of the four (4) regions shall elect an alternate who is a member of the Republican National Committee from such region, who shall act, in the event an elected member from the region shall be unable to act by reason of death, resignation, or disability.

(5) There shall be a Standing Committee on Arrangements to plan for and manage the next national convention.

(i) After the Winter Meeting of the Republican National Committee in the year before a Presidential election, the chairman shall appoint the members of the Standing Committee on Arrangements which shall consist of at least one (1) member of the Republican National Committee from each state. The chairman shall also appoint from among the committee's members a chairman and co-chairman of the committee and such other officers as the chairman desires. The secretary and treasurer of the Republican National Committee shall be the secretary and treasurer of the committee. The chairman, co-chairman, secretary and treasurer of the Republican National Committee, and the chairman of the Standing Committee on Rules shall be *ex officio* members of the committee.

(ii) There shall be an Executive Committee of the committee which shall consist of the chairman, co-chairman, secretary, treasurer and subcommittee chairmen of the committee and which may exercise all the powers of the committee between its meetings. The chairman and co-chairman of the Republican National Committee shall serve as *ex officio* members of the Executive Committee of the committee.

(6) There shall be a Standing Committee on the Call, composed of a chairman and at least seven (7) members of the Republican National Committee who shall be appointed by the chairman of the Republican National Committee. This committee shall assist the Republican National Committee in connection with the issuance of the call for the next national convention pursuant to Rule No. 13. This committee shall be appointed after the selection of the Standing Committee on Rules and the Standing Committee on Arrangements.

(7) There shall be a Standing Committee on Contests, which shall be composed of two (2) members of the Republican National Committee from each of the four (4) regions described in Rule No. 5(a)(2), elected by members of the Republican National Committee from each such region, and a chairman appointed by the chairman of the Republican National Committee from among the members or officers of the Republican National Committee. This committee shall perform the duties relating to the resolution of contests prescribed in Rule No. 24. This committee shall be elected after the selection of the Standing Committee on Rules and Standing Committee on Arrangements.

(8) There shall be a State Chairmen's Advisory Committee, composed of the state chairman of each of the states, the chairman of which shall be appointed by the chairman of the Republican National Committee from among its members. The committee shall provide a forum for discussion among state chairmen of matters of concern to them, but the committee shall take no formal action. The committee shall meet at each meeting of the Republican National Committee.

(9) The Republican National Committee shall create a Republican Finance Committee, and any subcommittees thereof that it deems desirable, to which it may delegate the responsibility of developing and implementing a broad-based fundraising plan. The chairman of the Republican Finance Committee shall be appointed pursuant to the provisions of Rule No. 5(c).

(b) The draft minutes of these committees shall be made available as promptly as practicable, with the final minutes available upon approval of each respective committee, to all members of the Republican National Committee. Any of these committees may meet and act by telephone conference upon twenty-four (24) hours notice.

(c) The chairman of the Republican National Committee, with the approval of the Republican National Committee, may appoint such other committees and assistants as he or she may deem necessary. Whenever such committees are appointed, they shall consist of a chairman and an equal number of men and women.

(d) Whenever a committee is appointed pursuant to Rule No. 10(c), the committee shall consist of a chairman, who shall be a member of the Republican National Committee, and of other appointees, at least half of whom shall be members of the Republican National Committee.

(e) All committees appointed and/or elected pursuant to any of these rules, except convention committees, may meet by telephone conference call with twenty-four (24) hours notice from the chairman of the Republican National Committee or the committee's chairman.

(f) All committees appointed and/or elected pursuant to any of these rules, whether separately incorporated and whether a separate reporting entity, shall be under the supervision, direction, and control of the Republican National Committee, and its officers and staff, and shall be subject to and comply with the rules, policies and procedures of the Republican National Committee, including its budgetary review and approval process, financial controls, legal compliance and review process, and employee policies and manual.

(g) There shall be a temporary Commission on Convention Planning to review the financing, security, calendar, program and site selection of future quadrennial Republican national conventions. The chairman of the Republican National Committee shall appoint all members of the Commission on Convention Planning, not to exceed twenty (20) members, to include the chairman and general counsel of the Republican National Committee who shall serve as *ex officio* members. The chairman of the Republican National Committee shall convene the Commission on Convention Planning as soon as practicable, but no later than January 31, 2013. This commission shall make any recommendations it deems appropriate and report such recommendations to the Republican National Committee at a Republican National Committee meeting held in conjunction with the 2014 State Chairmen's Meeting to be held in the spring of 2014. The Commission on Convention Planning shall disband following the transmittal of its report. Necessary and proper resources of the Republican National Committee shall be made available to fund the efforts of this commission.

(h) There shall be a Standing Committee on Presidential Primary Debates, which shall be composed of thirteen (13) members of the Republican National Committee, five (5) of whom shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Republican National Committee, and each of the four (4) regions shall elect two (2) members, one man and one woman, at its regional caucus at the RNC Summer Meeting in each even-numbered year in which no Presidential election is held. The chairman of the Republican National Committee shall appoint the chairman of the Standing Committee on Presidential Primary Debates from among the members thereof. The Standing Committee on Presidential Primary Debates shall have the authority to sanction debates on behalf of the Republican National Committee based on input from presidential campaigns and criteria which may include but are not limited to considerations of timing, frequency, format, media outlet, and the best interests of the Republican Party. Each debate sanctioned by the Standing Committee on Presidential Primary Debates shall be known as a "Sanctioned Debate." Any presidential candidate who participates in any debate that is not a Sanctioned Debate shall not be eligible to participate in any further Sanctioned Debates.

RULE NO. 11
Candidate Support

(a) The Republican National Committee shall not, without the prior written and filed approval of all members of the Republican National Committee from the state involved, contribute money or in-kind aid to any candidate for any public or party office of that state except the nominee of the Republican Party or a candidate who is unopposed in the Republican primary after the filing deadline for that office. In those states where state law establishes a non-partisan primary in which Republican candidates could participate, but in which the general election may not include a Republican candidate, the candidate endorsed by a convention held under the authority of the state Republican Party shall be recognized by the Republican National Committee as the Republican nominee.

(b) No state Republican Party rule or state law shall be observed that allows persons who have participated or are participating in the selection of any nominee of a party other than the Republican Party, including, but not limited to, through the use of a multi-party primary or similar type ballot, to participate in the selection of a nominee of the Republican Party for that general election. No person nominated in violation of this rule shall be recognized by the Republican National Committee as the nominee of the Republican Party from that state.

RULE NO. 12
Amendments

The Republican National Committee may, by three-fourths (3/4) vote of its entire membership, amend Rule Nos. 1-11 and 13-25. Any such amendment shall be considered by the Republican National Committee only if it was passed by a majority vote of the Standing Committee on Rules after having been submitted in writing at least ten (10) days in advance of its consideration by the Republican National Committee and shall take effect thirty (30) days after adoption. No such amendment shall be adopted after September 30, 2014.

**CONVENING OF THE NEXT NATIONAL
CONVENTION**

RULE NO. 13
Call of Next Convention

The Republican National Committee shall issue the call for the next national convention to nominate candidates for President of the United States and Vice President of the United States prior to December 1 of the year prior to that in which the national convention is to be held. The Republican National Committee shall issue and promulgate the call in a manner consistent with these rules. The call shall include the text of the rules relating to the convening and the proceedings of the national convention, in addition to the official delegate count for each state, including any penalties assessed under Rule No. 17(a), and will note which states' delegations will be allocated in direct proportion in accordance with Rule No. 17(b).

RULE NO. 14
Membership in Convention

Subject to the provisions of Rule No. 17, the membership of the next national convention shall consist of: (a) Delegates.

(1) Ten (10) delegates at large from each of the fifty (50) states.

(2) The national committeeman, the national committeewoman and the chairman of the state Republican Party of each state and American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

(3) Three (3) district delegates for each Representative in the United States House of Representatives from each state.

(4) Six (6) delegates at large from American Samoa, sixteen (16) delegates at large from the District of Columbia, six (6) delegates at large from Guam, six (6) delegates at large from the Northern Mariana Islands, twenty (20) delegates at large from Puerto Rico, and six (6) delegates at large from the Virgin Islands; provided, however, that if Puerto Rico

shall become a state prior to the next national convention, the number of delegates from Puerto Rico shall be calculated in accordance with the same formula used for the other states.

(5) From each state having cast its electoral votes, or a majority thereof, for the Republican nominee for President of the United States in the last preceding election: four and one-half (4 1/2) delegates at large plus a number of the delegates at large equal to sixty percent (60%) of the number of electoral votes of that state; provided, however, that if Puerto Rico shall become a state prior to the next national convention, it shall be presumed that it would have cast its electoral votes, or a majority thereof, for the Republican nominee in the last preceding election. (In the computation of the number of delegates at large, any sum of the four and one-half (4 1/2) plus the sixty percent (60%) representing a fraction shall be increased to the next whole number.)

(6) In addition, one (1) delegate at large shall be awarded to a state for any and each of the following public officials elected by such state in the year of the last preceding presidential election or at any subsequent election held prior to January 1 of the year in which the next national convention is held: (i) A Republican governor, provided that no such additional delegate at large awarded to any state shall exceed one (1);

(ii) Membership in the Republican Party of at least one-half (1/2) of the representatives representing a state in the United States House of Representatives; provided that no such additional delegate at large awarded to any state shall exceed one (1);

(iii) Membership in the Republican Party of a majority of the members of any chamber of a state legislature, if such chamber has been organized, and is presided over (if the presiding officer is elected by the chamber), by Republicans; provided that no such additional delegate at large awarded to any state shall exceed one (1);

(iv) Membership in the Republican Party of a majority of all chambers of a state legislature, if all such chambers are presided over (if the presiding officer is elected by the chamber), by a Republican; provided that no such additional delegate at large awarded to any state shall exceed one (1);

(7) In addition, one (1) delegate at large shall be awarded to a state for any and each Republican United States Senator elected by such state in the six (6) year period prior to January 1 of the year in which the next national convention is held; provided that no such additional delegate at large awarded to any state shall exceed two (2);

(8) In addition, if the District of Columbia shall have cast its electoral votes, or a majority thereof, for the Republican nominee for President of the United States in the last preceding presidential election: four and one-half (4 1/2) delegates at large plus the number of delegates at large equal to thirty percent (30%) of the sixteen (16) delegates at large allotted to the District of Columbia. In the computation of the number of delegates at large, any sum of the four and one-half (4 1/2) plus the thirty percent (30%) representing a fraction shall be increased to the next whole number.

(b) Alternate Delegates.

One (1) alternate delegate for each delegate to the national convention, except that no alternates shall be selected for Republican National Committee members.

(c) Any state Republican Party may set the date for any primary, caucus, convention, or meeting for the purpose of voting for a presidential candidate and/or electing, selecting, allocating, or binding delegates to the national convention subject to the scheduling provisions in Rule No. 16. To the extent a state Republican Party's rules are in conflict with its state's laws with respect to this rule, the provisions of this rule and the state Republican Party's rules shall control. To the extent the provisions of the rule are inconsistent with the provisions of Rule No. 16, the provisions of this rule shall be controlling for all purposes.

RULE NO. 15

Participation in the Delegate Selection Process

(a) The states, in cooperation with the Republican National Committee, shall prepare instructive material on delegate election, selection, allocation, or binding methods and make it available for distribution.

(b) Participation in a Republican primary, caucus, or any meeting or convention held for the purpose of electing, selecting, allocating, or binding delegates and alternate delegates to a county, district, state, or national convention shall in no way be abridged for reasons of sex, race, religion, color, age, or national origin. The Republican National Committee and the state Republican Party or governing committee of each state shall take positive action to achieve the broadest possible participation by men and women, young people, minority and heritage groups, senior citizens, and all other citizens in the delegate election, selection, allocation, or binding process.

(c) Unless otherwise provided by the laws of the state in which the election occurs, in those states where delegates and alternate delegates are elected through the convention system or a combination of convention and primary systems, the precinct, ward, township, or county meetings shall be open meetings and all citizens who are qualified shall be urged to participate.

(d) Each state shall endeavor to have equal representation of men and women in its delegation to the Republican National Convention.

(e) The provisions of these rules are not intended to be the basis of any kind of quota system.

RULE NO. 16

Election, Selection, Allocation, or Binding of Delegates and Alternate Delegates

(a) Binding and Allocation.

(1) Any statewide presidential preference vote that permits a choice among candidates for the Republican nomination for President of the United States in a primary, caucuses, or a state convention must be used to allocate and bind the state's delegation to the national convention in either a proportional or winner-take-all manner, except for delegates and alternate delegates who appear on a ballot in a statewide election and are elected directly by primary voters.

(2) The Secretary of the Convention shall faithfully announce and record each delegate's vote in accordance with the delegate's obligation under these rules, state law or state party rule. If any delegate bound by these rules, state party rule or state law to vote for a presidential candidate at the national convention demonstrates support under Rule 40 for any person other than the candidate to whom he or she is bound, such support shall not be recognized. Except as provided for by state law or state party rule, no presidential candidate shall have the power to remove a delegate.

(b) Order of Precedence.

Delegates at large and their alternate delegates and delegates from Congressional districts and their alternate delegates to the national convention shall be elected, selected, allocated, or bound in the following manner:

(1) In accordance with any applicable Republican Party rules of a state, insofar as the same are not inconsistent with these rules; or

(2) To the extent not provided for in the applicable Republican Party rules of a state, in accordance with any applicable laws of a state, insofar as the same are not inconsistent with these rules; or

(3) By a combination of the methods set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this rule; or

(4) To the extent not provided by state law or party rules, as set forth in paragraph (e) of this rule.

(c) Timing and Allocation.

(1) No primary, caucus, convention, or other process to elect, select, allocate, or bind delegates to the national convention shall occur prior to March 1 or after the second Saturday in June in the year in which a national convention is held. Except Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, and Nevada may conduct their processes no earlier than one month before the next earliest state in the year in which a national convention is held and shall not be subject to the provisions of paragraph (c)(2) of this rule.

(2) Any presidential primary, caucus, convention, or other process to elect, select, allocate, or bind delegates to the national convention that occurs prior to March 15 in the year in which the national convention is held shall provide for the allocation of delegates on a proportional basis.

(3) Proportional allocation of total delegates as required by Rule 16(c)(2) shall be based upon the number of statewide votes cast or the number of congressional district votes cast in proportion to the number of votes received by each candidate.

(i) A state may establish by statewide vote or by congressional district a minimum threshold of the percentage of votes received by a candidate that must be reached below which a candidate may receive no delegates, provided such threshold is no higher than twenty percent (20%).

(ii) A state may establish by statewide vote or by congressional district a minimum threshold of the percentage of votes received by a candidate that must be reached above which the candidate may receive all the delegates, provided such threshold is no lower than fifty percent (50%).

(d) General.

In all elections or selections of delegates or alternate delegates to the national convention, the following rules shall apply:

(1) Delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention may be elected, selected, allocated, or bound only in one of the following manners:

(i) by primary election;

(ii) by the Republican state committee, where specifically provided by state law;

(iii) by state and Congressional district conventions;

(iv) by any method consistent with these rules by which delegates and alternate delegates were elected, selected, allocated, or bound to the most recent Republican National Convention from that state;

(v) by Rule No. 14 (a)(2) of these rules.

(2) Only persons eligible to vote who are deemed as a matter of public record to be Republicans pursuant to state law or, if voters are not enrolled by party, by Republican Party rules of a state, shall participate in any primary election held for the purpose of electing delegates or alternate delegates to the national convention or in any Republican caucus, mass meeting, or mass convention held for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county, district, or state conventions, and only such legal and qualified voters shall be elected as delegates to county, district, and state conventions; provided, however, that in addition to the qualifications provided herein, the applicable Republican Party rules of a state may prescribe additional qualifications not inconsistent with law, which additional qualifications shall be adopted before October 1 in the year before the year in which the national convention is to be held and published in at least one (1) newspaper having a general circulation throughout the state, such publication to be at least ninety (90) days before such qualifications become effective.

(3) No state law shall be observed that permits any person to participate in a primary delegate and alternate delegate selection process that also permits that person at the same primary to participate in the choosing of nominees of any other party for other elective office. Delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention shall in that event be selected pursuant to state Republican Party rules that are not inconsistent with *The Rules of the Republican Party*; provided, however, that the selection process established by the state Republican Party rules shall provide that only persons eligible to vote who are deemed to be Republicans pursuant to state law or state Republican Party rules shall participate in such delegate election or selection process.

(4) In any jurisdiction in which Republican representation upon the board of judges or inspectors of elections for primary elections is denied by law, delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected as provided in paragraph (b) of this rule.

(5) In electing or selecting delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention, no state law shall be observed which hinders, abridges, or denies to any citizen of the United States, eligible under the Constitution of the United States to hold the office of President of the United States or Vice President of the United States, the right or privilege of being a candidate under such state law for the nomination for President of the United States or Vice President of the United States or which authorizes the election or selection of a number of delegates or alternate delegates from any state to the national convention different from that fixed in these rules.

(6) Alternate delegates shall be elected to the national convention for each unit of representation equal in number to the number of delegates elected therein and shall be chosen in the same manner and at the same time as the delegates and under the same rules; provided, however, that if the law of any state shall prescribe another method of choosing alternate delegates, they may be chosen in accordance with the provisions of the law of the state in which the election occurs, except that no alternates shall be selected for Republican National Committee members.

(7) Any process authorized or implemented by a state Republican Party for selecting delegates and alternate delegates or for binding the presidential preference of such delegates shall use every means practicable to guarantee the right of active duty military personnel and individuals unable to attend meetings due to injuries suffered in military service the

opportunity to exercise their right to vote in that process. This rule is not intended to and shall not prevent a state from using a caucus or convention process that may or may not elect presidential delegates or alternates.

(8) Delegates and alternate delegates at large to the national convention when serving as delegates and alternate delegates shall be residents of and duly qualified voters in their respective states. All delegates and alternate delegates allocated as delegates and alternate delegates at large shall be elected at large in the several states.

(9) Delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention representing Congressional districts shall be residents of and qualified voters in said districts respectively when elected and when serving as delegates and alternate delegates. There shall be three (3) delegates and three (3) alternate delegates allocated to represent each Congressional district of the several states, who shall be elected by each such Congressional district.

(10) No delegate or alternate delegate, or candidate for delegate or alternate delegate, to the national convention shall be required to pay an assessment or fee in excess of that provided by the law of the state in which his or her election or selection occurs as a condition of standing for election or serving as a delegate or alternate delegate to the national convention.

(11) There shall be no automatic delegates to the national convention who serve by virtue of party position or elective office, except as provided for in Rule No. 14(a)(2).

(12) No delegates or alternate delegates shall be elected, selected, allocated, or bound pursuant to any Republican Party rule of a state or state law which materially changes the manner of electing, selecting, allocating, or binding delegates or alternate delegates or the date upon which such state Republican Party holds a presidential primary, caucus, convention, or meeting for the purpose of voting for a presidential candidate and/or electing, selecting, allocating, or binding delegates to the national convention if such changes were adopted or made effective after October 1 of the year before the year in which the national convention is to be held. Where it is not possible for a state Republican Party to certify the manner and the date upon which it holds a presidential primary, caucus, convention, or meeting for the purpose of voting for a presidential candidate and/or electing, selecting, allocating, or binding delegates to the national convention in effect in that state on the date and in the manner provided in paragraph (f) of this rule, the process for holding the presidential primary, caucus, convention, or meeting for the purpose of voting for a presidential candidate and/or electing, selecting, allocating, or binding delegates to the national convention shall be conducted in the same manner and held upon the same date as was used for the immediately preceding national convention. If it is not possible to hold a presidential primary, caucus, convention, or meeting for the purpose of voting for a presidential candidate and/or electing, selecting, allocating, or binding delegates to the national convention upon the same date as was used for the immediately preceding national convention, then delegates or alternate delegates shall be elected or selected by Congressional district or state conventions pursuant to paragraph (e) of this rule.

(e) Conventions.

Wherever state law permits or the Republican Party rules of a state require the election of delegates and alternate delegates by convention or there is no applicable state law or Republican Party rule, delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention shall be elected by Congressional district or state conventions pursuant to the following rules:

(1) Congressional district or state conventions shall be called by the Republican state committee.

(2) Delegates to Congressional district conventions may be elected in precinct caucuses, mass meetings, mass conventions, or county conventions in which only eligible voters in such precinct, county, or district, as the case may be, shall vote.

(3) Notices of the call for any such caucus, meeting, or convention shall be published in a newspaper or newspapers or on the state party's website or other method sufficient for general circulation in the county, district, or state, as the case may be, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such caucus, meeting, or convention.

(4) No delegates shall be deemed eligible to participate in any Congressional district or state convention the purpose of which is to elect or select delegates to the national convention who are elected or selected prior to the date of the issuance of the call of such national convention.

(5) Congressional district conventions shall be composed of delegates who are persons eligible to vote and who are deemed to be Republicans pursuant to state law or party rules. State conventions shall be composed of delegates who are persons eligible to vote and who are deemed to be Republicans pursuant to state law or party rules in the respective districts that they represent in said state conventions. Such delegates shall be apportioned by the state Republican Party among counties, parishes, and cities of the state or district having regard to the Republican vote or the population therein.

(6) There shall be no proxies at any district or state convention (which shall not include meetings of a Republican state committee) held for the purpose of electing or selecting delegates to the national convention. If alternate delegates to such selection convention are elected or selected, the alternate delegate and no other shall vote in the absence of the delegate.

(f) Certification and filing by the state committees.

(1) On or before October 1 of the year before the year in which the national convention is to be held, each Republican state committee shall adopt rules, procedures, policies, and instructive materials (prepared pursuant to Rule No. 15(a)) governing the election, selection, allocation, or binding of delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention to convene during the following year and shall certify and file with the secretary of the Republican National Committee true copies of the same and of all statutes governing the election, selection, allocation, or binding of such delegates and alternate delegates.

(2) The Republican National Committee may grant a waiver to a state Republican Party from certain provisions of this rule where it is not possible for a state Republican Party to comply with the October 1 deadline delineated in paragraph (f)(1) of this rule and not possible for a state Republican Party to hold its presidential primary, caucus, convention, or meeting for the purpose of voting for a presidential candidate and/or electing, selecting, allocating, or binding delegates to the national convention as was used for the immediately preceding national convention or to elect, select, allocate, or bind delegates or alternate delegates by Congressional district or state conventions pursuant to paragraph (e) of this rule, and the Republican National Committee determines that granting such waiver is in the best interest of the Republican Party.

(3) The Republican National Committee may grant a waiver to a state Republican Party from the provisions of Rule Nos. 16(a)(1) and (2) where compliance is impossible and the Republican National Committee determines that granting such waiver is in the best interests of the Republican Party.

RULE NO. 17
Enforcement of Rules

(a) If any state or state Republican Party violates Rule No. 16(c)(2), the number of delegates and the number of alternate delegates to the national convention from that state shall each be reduced by fifty percent (50%). Any sum presenting a fraction shall be decreased to the next whole number. No delegation shall be reduced to less than two (2) delegates and a corresponding number of alternate delegates. If any state or state Republican Party violates Rule No. 16(c)(1) of *The Rules of the Republican Party* the number of delegates to the national convention shall be reduced for those states with 30 or more total delegates to nine (9) plus the members of the Republican National Committee from that state, and for those states with 29 or fewer total delegates to six (6) plus the members of the Republican National Committee from that state. The corresponding alternate delegates shall also be reduced accordingly.

(b) If any state or state Republican Party violates Rule No. 16(c)(2) of *The Rules of the Republican Party*, the Republican National Convention shall provide for the allocation of the selected at large delegates (excluding members of the Republican National Committee) among the candidates who received more than 10% of the votes cast in such primary, convention or caucus in accordance with and in proportion to the votes cast for each such candidate as a part of the total of the votes cast for all such candidates in that primary, convention, or caucus.

(c) If a violation has occurred before the issuance of the call to the national convention, the chairman of the Republican National Committee shall notify the offending state of the violation and shall inform the state of the number of delegates and alternate delegates it will lose as well as, if the state has violated Rule No. 16(c)(2), that its delegates will be allocated in accordance with Rule No. 17(b). The reduced number of delegates and alternate delegates as well as, if applicable, the delegates allocated in direct proportion to votes received will be reflected in the call to the national convention, and will be reported to the secretary of state or responsible election official of the offending state and to the chairman of every state Republican Party. Said reduced number will be the only number recognized as the official delegation of the state to the national convention.

(d) If a violation has occurred after the issuance of the call to the national convention, the chairman of the Republican National Committee shall notify the state of the violation and shall inform the state of the number of delegates and alternate delegates it will lose, as well as, if applicable, that the delegates will be allocated in direct proportion to votes received. This reduced number of delegates and alternate delegates, as well as, if applicable, the delegates allocated in direct proportion to votes received, will be reported to the secretary of state or responsible election official of the offending state and to the chairman of every state Republican Party, and such reduced number will be the only number recognized as the official delegation of the state to the national convention.

(e) If the chairman of the Republican National Committee does not act upon a violation of Rule No. 16(c) of *The Rules of the Republican Party*, then a statement may be filed against a state or state Republican Party by any three (3) members of the Republican National Committee Standing Committee on Rules who feel that a violation has occurred.

(1) A statement filed against a state or state Republican Party by any three (3) members of the Standing Committee on Rules shall be written and shall specify the reasons why the members believe the state or state Republican Party is in violation. The statement shall be signed and dated by each Standing Committee on Rules member filing the statement, and shall be filed with the secretary of the Republican National Committee. The secretary of the Republican National Committee shall, within twenty (20) days of receipt, distribute such statement to all members of the Republican National Committee.

(2) The Standing Committee on Rules shall meet upon the call of the chairman of the Rules Committee and shall vote upon whether a state or state Republican Party is in violation. If by majority vote the Standing Committee on Rules finds a violation, paragraphs (a) and (b) of this rule will be imposed.

(f) A state or state Republican Party shall have no appeal from either a finding of a violation against it or a penalty imposed upon it under this rule.

RULE NO. 18
Vacancies in a State Delegation

(a) Where the rules adopted by a state Republican Party provide a method for filling vacancies in its national convention delegation, they shall be filled pursuant to such method.

(b) Where the rules adopted by a state Republican Party do not provide a method for filling vacancies in its national convention delegation, and where the state laws do provide such a method of replacement, they shall be filled pursuant to such method provided by state laws.

(c) Where neither the rules adopted by a state Republican Party nor state laws provide a method for filling vacancies in its national convention delegation, the state Republican Party should make every effort to elect those individuals filling the vacancies in the delegation in the same manner as the delegates were originally elected or selected, or by vote of the state Republican Party executive committee or if the state executive committee has not filled the vacancy by ten (10) days prior to the convention, by vote of the state delegation. This section shall not apply to the delegates allocated to the state in Rule No. 14(a)(2).

RULE NO. 19
Excess Delegates and Alternate Delegates

(a) No state shall elect or select a greater number of persons to act as delegates and alternate delegates than the actual number of delegates and alternate delegates, respectively, to which it is entitled under the call for the national convention, including any Rule No. 17 penalties. No unit of representation may elect or select any delegate or alternate delegate with permission to cast a fractional vote.

(b) Where more than the authorized number of delegates from any state is certified and forwarded to the secretary of the Republican National Committee in the manner provided in Rule No. 20, a contest shall be deemed to exist and the secretary shall notify the several claimants so reported and shall submit all such credentials and claims to the whole Republican National Committee for decision as to which claimants reported shall be placed upon the temporary roll of the national convention.

RULE NO. 20
Certification of Election or Selection of Delegates

(a) All delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected or selected not later than forty-five (45) days before the date of the meeting of the national convention.

(b) Subject to the provisions of Rule No. 17, delegates and alternate delegates shall be certified:

(1) In every case where they are elected by convention, by the chairman and secretary of such convention or by the chairman and secretary of the Republican state committee, and forwarded to the secretary of the Republican National Committee;

(2) In every case where they are elected by primary, by the canvassing board or officer created or designated by the law of the state in which the election occurs, to canvass the returns and issue certificates of election to delegates or alternate delegates to national conventions of political parties, and all certificates shall be forwarded by the chairman and secretary of the Republican Party for the state in which the election is held to the secretary of the Republican National Committee; and

(3) In every case where they are elected or selected by the Republican state committee, by the chairman and secretary of the Republican state committee, and forwarded to the secretary of the Republican National Committee.

(c) No later than thirty-five (35) days before the time set for the meeting of the national convention, the credentials of each delegate and alternate delegate shall be filed with the secretary of the Republican National Committee for use by the secretary in making up the temporary roll of the national convention, except in the case of delegates or alternate delegates elected at a time or times in accordance with the laws of the state in which the election occurs rendering impossible the filing of credentials within the time above specified.

(d) The Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee may grant a waiver to a state Republican Party that is out of compliance with the deadlines imposed by Rule 20 as of the date the start of the convention is set and, where, after reasonable efforts were made to comply, the state as of the date set forth in Rule 16(f)(1) remains out of compliance with the deadlines imposed by Rule 20 and the Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee determines that such a waiver is in the best interests of the Republican Party. Notwithstanding the above, if reasonable efforts to change the law are impracticable due to non-Republican control over the governmental entity with the authority to set the date for the delegate selection process then a waiver shall be granted.

RULE NO. 21

Contests: Resolution by States

All contests arising in any state electing district delegates by district conventions shall be decided by its state convention or, if the state convention shall not meet prior to the national convention, then by its state committee. Only contests affecting delegates elected or selected at large shall be presented to the Republican National Committee; provided, however, if the contest regarding a district delegate arises out of irregular or unlawful action of the state committee or state convention, the Republican National Committee may take jurisdiction thereof and hear and determine the same under the procedures provided in Rule Nos. 23 and 24.

RULE NO. 22

Temporary Roll of the Republican National Convention

(a) The names of the delegates and alternate delegates presenting certificates of election from the officials designated in Rule No. 20 shall be placed upon the temporary roll of the national convention by the Republican National Committee.

(b) No person on the temporary roll of the national convention and whose right to be seated as a delegate or alternate delegate is being contested shall be entitled to vote in the national convention or in any committee thereof until by vote of the national convention the contest as to such person has been finally decided and such person has been permanently seated, except that any such person may be accorded the right to so vote, except in matters involving the credentials of that person, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Republican National Committee or the Convention Committee on Credentials.

RULE NO. 23

Contest Filing

(a) Notices of contests shall state: (i) the name and address of the person filing the notice ("the contestant"), (ii) the name of the delegate or alternate delegate being contested, and (iii) the grounds of the contest and the basis of the contestant's claim to sit as a delegate or alternate delegate to the national convention, and shall be filed no later than thirty (30) days before the time set for the meeting of the national convention, with the secretary of the Republican National Committee and shall be sent, simultaneously, by registered mail to each person being contested, and to the chairman of the Republican state committee of the state. In the case of delegates or alternate delegates elected or selected at a time or times in accordance with applicable state law rendering impossible the filing of the notice of contest within the time above specified, such notice must be filed within three (3) days of the certification in accordance with Rule No. 20 of any delegates or alternate delegates so elected or selected.

(b) Contests may be filed only by a resident of the state of the challenged delegate(s) or alternate delegate(s) who participated at any level in the delegate selection process of that state.

(c) No person shall file more than one contest against the same delegate(s) or alternate delegate(s).

(d) Only contests that are timely filed under these rules shall be considered.

(e) For purposes of the rules relating to contests and credentials, the term “party” shall mean a person or persons who shall have filed a notice of contest pursuant to this Rule No. 23, and the person or persons whose right to be seated as a delegate or alternate delegate is the subject of such notice of contest.

RULE NO. 24
Contest Procedure

(a) The Standing Committee on Contests shall have the power to adopt procedural rules, not inconsistent with these rules, which shall govern the expeditious resolution of contests before the Standing Committee on Contests. When any deadline set out in this rule falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, such deadline shall be extended to the following day.

(b) No later than twenty-two (22) days before the convening of the national convention, each of the parties shall file with the secretary of the Republican National Committee a Statement of Position in support of the party’s claim to sit as delegates or alternate delegates to the national convention together with such affidavits or other evidence as desired, and simultaneously send a copy to: (i) each other party, and (ii) the chairman of the Republican state committee. Each Statement of Position shall begin with a summary of not more than one thousand (1,000) words setting forth succinctly a synopsis of the Statement of Position and a specific statement of the points relied upon. In the case of delegates or alternate delegates elected or selected at a time or times pursuant to a waiver granted under Rule No. 20(d) that makes compliance with any deadline set forth in this rule impossible, the Standing Committee on Contests shall, as soon as practicable after the filing of a notice under Rule No. 23, notify the parties to the affected contest of the deadline to file the Statement of Position.

(c) The Standing Committee on Contests shall promptly hear the matter; decide which issues are involved, either of law or fact, or both; decide upon its recommendation for resolution of such issues; and submit such issues and its recommendations for resolution to the Republican National Committee. The issues so submitted by the Standing Committee on Contests shall be the sole issues passed upon and determined by the Republican National Committee unless the Republican National Committee shall, by a majority vote, extend or change the same. If the Committee on Contests for any reason shall fail to state the issues either of law or fact, the Republican National Committee shall decide upon what issues the contest shall be tried, and the hearing shall be limited to such issues unless the Republican National Committee, by a majority vote, shall decide otherwise.

(d) The Standing Committee on Contests shall make up a Report of each contest filed, showing which issues are involved, either of law or fact, or both, and its recommendations to the Republican National Committee for resolution thereof. When the Standing Committee on Contests has prepared such Report, a copy shall be provided forthwith by the chairman of the Standing Committee on Contests to the parties by the most expeditious method available.

(e) The parties shall have eight (8) days to file written objections to the Standing Committee on Contests’ Report, unless the Republican National Committee is called to act upon the contest sooner, in which case such objections shall be made before the meeting of the whole committee.

(f) When the Republican National Committee is called to pass upon any contest that may arise, the members of the Convention Committee on Credentials shall also be notified of the time and place of such meeting and shall have the right to attend all hearings of all contests but without the right to participate in the discussion or the vote.

RULE NO. 25
Convention Committee on Credentials

(a) When the national convention shall have assembled, the secretary of the Republican National Committee shall deliver to the Convention Committee on Credentials all credentials and other papers forwarded under Rule No. 20(c).

(b) An appeal may be taken to the Convention Committee on Credentials from any ruling of the Republican National Committee on any contest, by and only by a party to such contest in the proceedings conducted pursuant to Rule Nos. 23 and 24; provided, however, that notice of such appeal must be filed with the secretary of the Republican National Committee no later than six (6) hours prior to the convening of the Temporary Convention Committee on Credentials. This notice shall specify the grounds upon which the appeal is taken. Only the grounds so specified shall be heard by the Convention Committee on Credentials upon such appeal. No evidence other than that taken before the Republican National Committee shall be taken up by the Convention Committee on Credentials unless it shall, by a majority vote of its members present and voting, so direct.

(c) No issue involving the status of one or more delegates or alternate delegates or any contest relating thereto may originate before the Convention Committee on Credentials of the national convention. All contests must first be presented to the Standing Committee on Contests of the Republican National Committee or to the whole Republican National Committee in the manner provided in Rule No. 19(b).

(d) No motion with respect to delegates or alternate delegates from more than one (1) state or territory shall be in order

before the Convention Committee on Credentials.

PROCEEDINGS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION

RULE NO. 26 Order of Business

The convention shall proceed in the order of business prepared and printed by the Republican National Committee. The order of business may include the time and date for the consideration of any item of business, the time limit assigned for consideration of any item of business, and procedural rules for the consideration of any item of business that are not inconsistent with these rules.

RULE NO. 27 Committee Reports

(a) The report of the Convention Committee on Credentials shall be disposed of before the report of the Convention Committee on Rules and Order of Business is acted upon; the report of the Convention Committee on Rules and Order of Business shall be disposed of before the report of the Convention Committee on the Platform is acted upon; and the report of the Convention Committee on the Platform shall be disposed of before the convention proceeds to the nomination of candidates for President of the United States and Vice President of the United States. The report of the Convention Committee on Permanent Organization shall be disposed of at any time after the disposition of the report of the Convention Committee on Credentials, but before the nomination of candidates, based upon the order of business as prepared by the Republican National Committee.

(b) The report of any such committee listed in Rule No. 27(a) shall be considered as read if made available to the delegates prior to its consideration.

RULE NO. 28 Admission to Convention Hall

(a) No person except members of the several delegations, officers of the convention, members of the Republican National Committee and incumbent Republican governors, incumbent Republican United States Senators, and incumbent Republican members of the United States House of Representatives shall be admitted to the section of the convention hall restricted to delegates.

(b) Press and staff shall be admitted to the section(s) of the hall authorized for them.

(c) The chairman of the Republican National Committee shall ensure that guest passes to the convention are distributed in an equitable fashion. Each delegate and alternate delegate to the convention shall receive at least one guest pass to each session of the convention.

(d) Each state, through its Republican National Committee members, shall be allocated full sets of additional guest passes equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the total number of delegate and alternate delegate membership for that state, rounded to the next whole number.

RULE NO. 29 Voting

(a) Each delegate to the convention shall be entitled to one (1) vote, which may be cast by an alternate delegate in the absence of the delegate, and an individual holding more than one (1) of the following positions: national committeeman; national committeewoman; or state chairman of any state, shall not be entitled to more than one (1) delegate seat and shall not be entitled to more than one (1) vote.

(b) In the absence of any delegate at large or any delegate from any Congressional district, the roll of alternate delegates for the state or district shall be called in the order in which the names are placed upon the roll of the convention, unless directed otherwise in the delegation's certification. The Republican National Committee's form for delegate certification shall provide a means for the state to designate the alternate voting order to be followed.

RULE NO. 30 Rules of Order

The Rules of the House of Representatives of the United States shall be the rules of the convention, except that the

current authorized edition of *Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised* ("Robert's Rules of Order") shall be the rules for committees and subcommittees of the convention, insofar as they are applicable and not inconsistent with the rules herein set forth; provided, however, that the convention may adopt its own rules concerning the reading of committee reports and resolutions.

RULE NO. 31
Length of Debate

No delegate shall speak more than once or longer than five (5) minutes upon the same question, unless by leave of the convention, except in the presentation of the name of a candidate for nomination for President of the United States or Vice President of the United States.

RULE NO. 32
Suspension of Rules

A motion to suspend the rules shall always be in order, but only when made by authority of a majority of the delegates from any state and seconded by a majority of the delegates from each of seven (7) or more other states, severally.

RULE NO. 33
Platform Resolutions

All proposed resolutions relating to the platform shall be submitted in writing to the Convention Committee on the Platform without reading and without debate.

RULE NO. 34
Minority Reports; Amendments

(a) No resolution or amendment pertaining to the report of the Convention Committee on the Platform or the Convention Committee on Rules and Order of Business shall be reported out or made a part of any report of such committee or otherwise read or debated before the convention, unless the same shall have been submitted to the chairman, vice chairman, or secretary of such committee or to the secretary of the convention in writing not later than one hour after the time at which such committee votes on its report to the convention and shall have been accompanied by a petition evidencing the affirmative written support of a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the membership of such committee.

(b) No amendment pertaining to the report of the Convention Committee on Credentials affecting delegates or alternate delegates from more than one (1) state shall be in order.

RULE NO. 35
Motion to Table

It shall be in order to lay on the table a proposed amendment to a pending measure and such motion, if adopted, shall not carry with it or prejudice such original measure.

RULE NO. 36
Previous Question

When the previous question shall be demanded by a majority of the delegates from any state, and the demand is likewise seconded by a majority of delegates from each of two (2) or more other states, severally, the call is sustained by a majority vote of the delegates to the convention.

RULE NO. 37
Roll Call

(a) Upon all subjects before the convention requiring a roll call, the states shall be called in alphabetical order.

(b) In the balloting, the vote of each state shall be announced by the chairman of such state's delegation, or his or her designee; and in case the vote of any state shall be divided, the chairman shall announce the number of votes for each candidate, or for or against any proposition; but if exception is taken by any delegate from that state to the correctness of such announcement by the chairman of that delegation, the chairman of the convention shall direct the roll of members of such delegation to be called, and then shall report back the result to the convention at the conclusion of balloting by the other states. The result shall then be recorded in accordance with the vote of the several delegates in such delegation.

(c) In balloting, if any delegation shall pass when its name is called, then at the conclusion of the roll call all delegations which passed shall be called in the order herein before established. No delegation shall be allowed to change its vote until all delegations which passed shall have been given a second opportunity to vote.

(d) Except in a roll call for nomination for President of the United States and Vice President of the United States, or where the majority of delegates of fifteen (15) or more states severally have requested that a roll call be conducted by voice call of the roll, the chairman of the convention may order that the balloting on any subject placed before the convention requiring a roll call be conducted by electronic, telephonic, or computer device which will display votes to the convention simultaneously. Each delegation chairman shall record and tally any such votes of the delegation on official roll call tally sheets provided by the secretary of the convention, showing the individual vote of the delegates, and file such tally sheets with the secretary of the convention not more than thirty (30) minutes after the completion of the roll call vote.

(e) If the Republican National Committee determines that the national convention cannot convene or is unable to conduct its business either within the convention site or within the convention city, then and only then, the roll call for nomination for President of the United States and Vice President of the United States shall be allowed to be conducted according to procedures authorized by the Republican National Committee.

RULE NO. 38
Unit Rule

No delegate or alternate delegate shall be bound by any attempt of any state or Congressional district to impose the unit rule. A "unit rule" prohibited by this section means a rule or law under which a delegation at the national convention casts its entire vote as a unit as determined by a majority vote of the delegation.

RULE NO. 39
Record Vote

If a majority of the delegates of any seven (7) states, severally shall demand a roll call vote, the same shall be taken of the states in the order hereinbefore established.

RULE NO. 40
Nominations

(a) In making the nominations for President of the United States and Vice President of the United States and voting thereon, the roll of the states shall be called separately in each case; provided, however, that if there is only one candidate for nomination for Vice President of the United States who has demonstrated the support required by paragraph (b) of this rule, a motion to nominate for such office by acclamation shall be in order and no calling of the roll with respect to such office shall be required.

(b) Each candidate for nomination for President of the United States and Vice President of the United States shall demonstrate the support of a majority of the delegates from each of eight (8) or more states, severally, prior to the presentation of the name of that candidate for nomination. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules or any rule of the House of Representatives, to demonstrate the support required of this paragraph a certificate evidencing the affirmative written support of the required number of permanently seated delegates from each of the eight (8) or more states shall have been submitted to the secretary of the convention not later than one (1) hour prior to the placing of the names of candidates for nomination pursuant to this rule and the established order of business.

(c) The total time of the nominating speech and seconding speeches for any candidate for nomination for President of the United States or Vice President of the United States shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes.

(d) When at the close of a roll call any candidate for nomination for President of the United States or Vice President of the United States has received a majority of the votes entitled to be cast in the convention, the chairman of the convention shall announce the votes for each candidate whose name was presented in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) of this rule. Before the convention adjourns *sine die*, the chairman of the convention shall declare the candidate nominated by the Republican Party for President of the United States and Vice President of the United States.

(e) If no candidate shall have received such majority, the chairman of the convention shall direct the roll of the states be called again and shall repeat the calling of the roll until a candidate shall have received a majority of the votes entitled to be cast in the convention.

RULE NO. 41

Convention Committees

(a) There shall be four (4) convention committees; the convention committees on the Platform, Credentials, Rules and Order of Business, and Permanent Organization of the convention, each of which shall have a chairman and a co-chairman appointed by the chairman of the Republican National Committee, who shall declare each of the committees constituted when notice of election of at least fifty percent (50%) of its members has been filed in accordance with the following sentence. The Delegates elected or selected to the convention from each state, promptly once all such Delegates are elected or selected, shall elect from the delegation a delegation chairman and their members of the convention committees on the Platform, Credentials, Rules and Order of Business, and Permanent Organization of the convention, consisting of one (1) man and one (1) woman for each committee, and shall file notice of such election with the secretary of the Republican National Committee under Rule No. 20(c); provided, however, that no delegate may serve on more than one (1) committee of the convention. Alternate delegates may not serve as delegation chairmen or as members of the convention committees, except when the number of delegates able to serve on convention committees is less than the number of committee positions to be filled, then an alternate delegate can serve, except that no alternate delegate may serve on more than one (1) committee. Delegations electing alternate delegates to serve on convention committees in violation of the preceding sentence shall forfeit all positions on the committee(s) to which such alternate delegates were elected.

(b) Convention committees and subcommittees may set time limits for speaking on any question by a simple majority vote; provided, however, that not less than twenty (20) minutes, equally divided between proponents and opponents on any question, shall be allowed in any case on any debatable motion, order, or appeal.

(c) Upon request of twenty percent (20%) of the members of a committee or subcommittee of the convention, a vote shall be recorded in the manner provided by these rules, and no votes in the committees or subcommittees of the convention shall be taken by secret ballot.

(d) No later than thirty (30) days prior to the national convention, members of the Convention Committee on Rules and Order of Business and members of the Republican National Committee shall be provided a copy of the existing *The Rules of the Republican Party* along with all recommended changes to those rules approved as of that date by the Standing Committee on Rules since the previous national convention. Any changes shall be prominently noted. A letter shall be attached to the document stating that all proposed rules are still subject to change prior to the meeting of the Convention Committee on Rules and Order of Business. After this information is provided, any additional recommendations regarding changes in *The Rules of the Republican Party* approved by the Republican National Committee shall be provided to the members of the Convention Committee on Rules and Order of Business as soon as practicable.

(e) No later than twenty-five (25) days prior to the national convention, all members of each of the various convention committees shall be provided the most current listing of their fellow committee members, with complete contact information.

RULE NO. 42

Temporary Rules

Upon the adoption of the report of the Convention Committee on Rules and Order of Business, Rule Nos. 26-42 shall constitute the Standing Rules for this convention and the temporary rules for the next convention.

Joint Exhibit 2



Virginia Delegate Allocation

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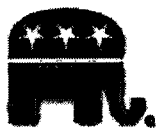
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Joint Exhibit 3



**Republican
National
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Counsel's Office

RULE NO. 16(f) FILING SUMMARY

KEY DATES

Presidential Preference Vote Date: March 1, 2016

Method (circle one): Primary/Caucus/Convention

If no presidential preference vote, check here ___

Convention/Caucus Dates (if applicable):

Precinct: _____

County: _____

Cong. Dist.: _____

Statewide: _____

Feb 6, 2016 to Apr. 11, 2016
no later than May 23, 2016
April 30, 2016

DELEGATE SELECTION

Briefly describe your process for selecting **At-Large** National Convention Delegates:

Delegates are elected at the state convention on
April 30th 2016.

Briefly describe your process for selecting **Congressional District** National Convention Delegates:

Delegates are elected at their Congressional district
conventions held during late winter and Spring of 2016.
calls for the conventions must go out by Feb 1, 2016 and counting must
be held by May 23, 2016.

DELEGATE ALLOCATION METHOD

How are delegates allocated based upon the presidential preference vote? (check one and describe the method used)

- Bound **winner-take-all** statewide (all delegates are in one pot)
- Bound **winner-take-all** statewide and by Congressional District
- Bound **proportionally** statewide (all delegates are in one pot)
- Bound **proportionally** statewide and by Congressional District

If Proportional, please provide (statewide and by congressional district [if applicable]) the allocation formula (including rounding), any threshold(s), and how over/under allocated delegates are handled.

(All/Some) delegates are **elected directly on the ballot**

If all/some delegates are elected directly, please explain which delegates (at-large or CD) are so elected. If only some are elected directly, then also please provide an explanation for how the remaining delegates are bound:

Unbound because **no statewide presidential preference vote**

Bound in accordance with a **different allocation method than listed above**

Please explain how delegates (at-large and CD) are bound:

RULE NO. 16(f) CERTIFICATION

On behalf of the Republican Party of Virginia (state party), I have authority to and hereby certify that the following rules, statutes, procedures, policies, and instructive materials governing the selection of delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention filed pursuant to Rule No. 16(f) of *The Rules of the Republican Party* are true, complete, and current copies of the same.

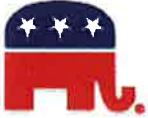
John Findlay
Signature

John Findlay
Name (please print)

Executive Director
Title

September 30, 2015
Date

Please email this completed form, along with the completed Rule No. 16(f) filing, to: Counsel@gop.com



**Republican
National
Committee**

Counsel's Office

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Republican Party Chairmen and Executive Directors

FROM: RNC Counsel's Office

DATE: June 25, 2015

RE: Rule 16(f) Filing Checklist for Delegate Selection

The following materials, as applicable to your state, shall be included in your state party's filing under Rule 16(f) of *The Rules of the Republican Party*:

- State Party Rules or State Party Resolution (detailing delegate selection procedure)
- Delegate Pledge Form and/or Delegate Application
- Instructive Materials for Potential Delegates
- State Laws including statutes, regulations and administrative materials with respect to:
 - o Delegate selection rules and information
 - o Binding of delegates (by state primary or other means)
 - o Primary date
 - o Certification of delegates to the state
 - o Allocation of delegates based on presidential primary
 - o Other relevant rules and information
- Primary Date (state law or party rules)
- Details of Delegate Allocation Method (proportional, winner-take-all, etc.)
- Convention Dates
 - o Precinct convention/caucuses
 - o District convention/caucuses
 - o State convention/caucuses

All materials applicable to your state must be sent by 11:59 PM, October 1, 2015 to:

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Not Authorized By Any Candidate Or Candidate's Committee
www.gop.com

John Findley
Executive Director
Republican Party of Virginia

September 28, 2015



Republican Party of Virginia

www.rpv.org

September 23, 2015

The Republican Party of Virginia's State Central Committee voted on June 27, 2015 to use the March 1, 2016 Presidential Primary to allocate Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the 2016 Republican National Convention on a proportional basis.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Whitbeck".

John Whitbeck
Chairman
Republican Party of Virginia

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Republican Party of Virginia 2016 Quadrennial Convention
April 29-30, 2016
James Madison University Convocation Center
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Harrisonburg, VA 22807
(Convening on 04/29 at 2:30 pm and on 04/30 at 12:00 pm)

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, John Whitbeck, do hereby issue this Call for a the Republican Party of Virginia's 2016 Quadrennial Convention (the "Convention") to be held at the James Madison University Convocation Center on April 29-30, 2016 for the following purposes:

- A. Electing 13 At-Large Delegates ("National Delegates") and 13 At-Large Alternate Delegates ("National Alternates") to the Republican National Convention to be held on July 18-21, 2016, at the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio (or its alternate site) (the "National Convention");
- B. Nominating two Electors At-Large to be voted for in the presidential election on November 8, 2016;
- C. Electing a State Chairman;
- D. Electing a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman;
- E. And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

The Convention will open on April 29 at 2:30 pm for the election of permanent Convention officers and adoption of rules. No other election shall occur prior to 1:30 pm on April 30.

I further direct the Executive Director of the Republican Party of Virginia to publish this Official Call on the Party's website and via such other means as may be necessary, in accordance with Republican National Committee Rules. I further direct the Congressional District Chairmen to call and make all necessary arrangements for Congressional District Conventions for the purpose of election three National Delegates and three National Alternates per Congressional District for a total of 33 National Delegates and 33 National Alternates to the National Convention; nominating one Elector per Congressional District to be voted for in the presidential election on November 8, 2016; electing a District Chairman; electing three members to the State Central Committee per Congressional District; and for the transaction of such other business that may properly come before the District Convention; and I further direct the Congressional District Chairmen to issue the call for each District Convention to each unit chairman within the district no later than February 1, 2016, for District Conventions to be held no later than May 21, 2016, and to publish such call in accordance with the Republican Party of Virginia's Plan of Organization

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.

Executed versions of the attached Statement of Qualifications shall be used to assist the Convention Credentials Committee in determining qualifications.

II. Composition of Convention

A. The Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units they represent. 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 delegation's voting strength shall equal one (1) Delegate Vote for each two hundred fifty (250) votes cast or major portion thereof for the Republican candidate in the most recent elections for President and Governor. Each unit shall be entitled to at least one (1) Delegate Vote. Each unit's maximum number of delegates is a number five (5) times its respective Delegate Vote. Each locality's Delegate Vote is set forth below:

County	Delegate Vote	County	Delegate Vote
ACCOMACK COUNTY	52	KING WILLIAM COUNTY	34
ALBEMARLE COUNTY	143	LANCASTER COUNTY	24

ALEXANDRIA CITY	119	LEE COUNTY	41
ALLEGHANY COUNTY	22	LEXINGTON CITY	7
AMELIA COUNTY	28	LOUDOUN COUNTY	463
AMHERST COUNTY	57	LOUISA COUNTY	58
APPOMATTOX COUNTY	35	LUNENBURG COUNTY	19
ARLINGTON COUNTY	198	LYNCHBURG CITY	122
AUGUSTA COUNTY	150	MADISON COUNTY	26
BATH COUNTY	8	MANASSAS CITY	41
BEDFORD COUNTY	182	MANASSAS PARK CITY	10
BLAND COUNTY	14	MARTINSVILLE CITY	15
BOTETOURT COUNTY	79	MATHEWS COUNTY	22
BRISTOL CITY	29	MECKLENBURG COUNTY	49
BRUNSWICK COUNTY	18	MIDDLESEX COUNTY	23
BUCHANAN COUNTY	39	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	121
BUCKINGHAM COUNTY	22	NELSON COUNTY	25
BUENA VISTA CITY	9	NEW KENT COUNTY	46
CAMPBELL COUNTY	115	NEWPORT NEWS CITY	168
CAROLINE COUNTY	38	NORFOLK CITY	139
CARROLL COUNTY	55	NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	17
CHARLES CITY COUNTY	9	NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY	29
CHARLOTTE COUNTY	22	NORTON CITY	6
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY	27	NOTTOWAY COUNTY	21
CHESAPEAKE CITY	331	ORANGE COUNTY	59
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY	568	PAGE COUNTY	40
CLARKE COUNTY	28	PATRICK COUNTY	37
COLONIAL HEIGHTS CITY	37	PETERSBURG CITY	9
COVINGTON CITY	6	PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY	124
CRAIG COUNTY	11	POQUOSON CITY	33
CULPEPER COUNTY	75	PORTSMOUTH CITY	79
CUMBERLAND COUNTY	16	POWHATAN COUNTY	72
DANVILLE CITY	50	PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY	25
DICKENSON COUNTY	26	PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY	56
DINWIDDIE COUNTY	42	PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY	468
EMPORIA CITY	6	PULASKI COUNTY	55
ESSEX COUNTY	16	RADFORD CITY	15
FAIRFAX CITY	30	RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY	15
FAIRFAX COUNTY	1270	RICHMOND CITY	120
FALLS CHURCH CITY	13	RICHMOND COUNTY	14
FAUQUIER COUNTY	134	ROANOKE CITY	91
FLOYD COUNTY	29	ROANOKE COUNTY	199
FLUVANNA COUNTY	42	ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY	38
FRANKLIN CITY	9	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	157
FRANKLIN COUNTY	107	RUSSELL COUNTY	48
FREDERICK COUNTY	144	SALEM CITY	45

FREDERICKSBURG CITY	25	SCOTT COUNTY	46
GALAX CITY	8	SHENANDOAH COUNTY	80
GILES COUNTY	30	SMYTH COUNTY	53
GLOUCESTER COUNTY	75	SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY	29
GOOCHLAND COUNTY	54	SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY	198
GRAYSON COUNTY	32	STAFFORD COUNTY	204
GREENE COUNTY	35	STAUNTON CITY	33
GREENSVILLE COUNTY	11	SUFFOLK CITY	111
HALIFAX COUNTY	57	SURRY COUNTY	11
HAMPTON CITY	116	SUSSEX COUNTY	13
HANOVER COUNTY	253	TAZEWELL COUNTY	85
HARRISONBURG CITY	39	VIRGINIA BEACH CITY	603
HENRICO COUNTY	439	WARREN COUNTY	63
HENRY COUNTY	88	WASHINGTON COUNTY	113
HIGHLAND COUNTY	6	WAYNESBORO CITY	30
HOPEWELL CITY	25	WESTMORELAND COUNTY	23
ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY	73	WILLIAMSBURG CITY	16
JAMES CITY COUNTY	146	WINCHESTER CITY	31
KING & QUEEN COUNTY	12	WISE COUNTY	68
KING GEORGE COUNTY	42	WYTHE COUNTY	53
		YORK COUNTY	129

B. Military Provision

Declaration. Otherwise Qualified Military Members who seek to be represented at this Convention, and who **because of the obligations of their official military orders**, are unable to attend their respective Unit mass meeting, canvass, or convention called for the purpose of selecting delegates to this Convention, and that in lieu of selecting delegates to represent them from their respective Unit they instead wish to be represented by the Military Delegation, shall send an e-mail declaration to MilitaryDelegation@Virginia.GOP not later than March 17, 2016.. Such Declaration email shall include attached; a signed Statement of Qualifications for State Convention Delegate, an affirmation of their official military orders precluding their attendance, and their email address for correspondence. The Chairman or his designee shall respond via email to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each email declaration.

Candidate Preference Ballot. Subsequent to the receipt of the Declaration and by the later of seven (7) days of (i) receipt of the Member's Declaration or (ii) the filing deadline for candidates for Elector-At-Large, the Chairman or his designee shall email Qualifying Military Members a Candidate Preference Ballot, which shall also be available on the RPV website. Qualifying Military Members shall be entitled to cast a Candidate Preference Ballot to convey their ordered candidate preferences for Elector-At-Large (first choice, second choice, third choice, etc.). The Candidate Preference Ballot must be returned to MilitaryDelegation@VirginiaGOP.com not later than March 24, 2016. The Chairman or his designee shall email respond to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each emailed returned ballot. The Chairman or his designee shall be responsible for tallying the results of the Candidate Preference Ballots, and reporting the results to the State Central Committee and the candidates for Elector-At-Large by no later than March 30, 2016.

Military Delegates. Persons who would otherwise qualify to be a Delegate from their local unit may request to be a Delegate to the Military Delegation instead. Such persons shall submit a pre-file Statement of Qualifications to the Chairman not later than March 30, 2016, along with any filing fee and the person's preference for candidates for Elector-At-Large, if any. Current or former active duty or reserve military or military family members are highly encouraged to serve as Military Delegates. No one may serve as both a Delegate of the Military Delegation and a Delegate representing their local unit. Copies of all Military Delegate pre-files shall be provided to all the candidates for Elector-At-Large by April 7, 2016.

Overfiles. In the event that more candidates for Delegate to the Military Delegation have pre-filed than are allowed, Delegates shall be selected on April 7, 2016 by the respective candidates for Elector-At-Large in proportion to the first-

choice results of the Candidate Preference Ballot. (e.g. If Candidate A for Elector-At-Large receives 50% of the votes cast for first choice on the Candidate Preference Ballot for Elector-At-Large, Candidate A shall select 50% of the Delegates allowed from the pool of pre-filed Delegates). In the event no candidate for Elector-At-Large makes such a selection, the Chairman shall choose the members of the Military Delegation.

Military Delegation Voting at Convention. The Military Delegation shall be instructed to vote in proportion to the Candidate Preference Ballot results of all Military Members.

III. Filing 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 candidate filing fee of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) 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, 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. The Executive Director is instructed to take all necessary steps to accommodate Congressional District Committees that issue calls for their respective conventions authorizing delegate candidate pre-filing to be conducted via the Republican Party of Virginia in the same manner as set forth herein for candidates for state Convention delegate.

Unit and District chairmen shall automatically receive copies of electronic pre-files from their respective election districts received by 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-filings, 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. Candidates for Offices Filled by the Convention

- (a) Candidates for Elector-at-Large and At-Large National Delegate and At-Large National Alternate must each submit a completed original version of the relevant filing form (attached hereto) to the Chairman via postal mail to be received no later than 5:00 PM March 1, 2016. Postmarks do not govern.
- (b) Candidates for Republican Party of Virginia 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 \$2,500 filing fee to the Republican Party of Virginia, to the Chairman via postal mail to be received no later than 5:00 PM January 15, 2016. Postmarks do not govern.
- (c) No nominations for offices to be filled by the Convention may be made from the Floor except upon the vote of two-thirds of those delegates present.

VI. Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates

- (a) Process. The delegates and alternates shall be elected at county and city mass meetings, canvasses, or conventions called by each unit for the purpose of electing delegates to their respective Quadrennial Congressional District Conventions. The election of delegates and alternates to the state Convention shall take place from February 6, 2016 and April 11, 2016 (inclusive). The deadline for pre-filing as a candidate for Convention delegate shall not be earlier than January 23, 2016.
- (b) 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 and, where required, any pre-filing 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.

- (c) Cancellation. A unit may include in the Official Call for its mass meeting, canvass, or convention to elect Convention delegates a provision deeming all qualified pre-filed delegate candidates to be elected in the event those persons are fewer in number than the total number of allowable delegates from such unit.

VII. Certification of Delegates

Delegates and alternate delegates elected by each unit mass meeting, canvass, or convention shall be certified in writing over the signatures of the permanent chairman and permanent secretary. Such Delegation Certifications shall be made in similar form as any Pre-Filing Certification received from RPV, and should be delivered electronically or in person to the Chairman or his designee requested 72 hours after (i) the election of the delegation, or (ii) if deemed elected pursuant to Section VI(d), the originally scheduled date of the election, but in no event less than sixteen (16) days prior to the convening of the Convention if postmarked or fourteen (14) days prior to the convening of said Convention if delivered electronically or in person (as indicated in Section H.1.c of the Party Plan).

VIII. Official Correspondence

All submissions required or allowed by this Official Call to be transmitted to the Chairman via postal mail must be sent to John Whitbeck, Chairman, Republican Party of Virginia, P.O. Box 12025, Richmond, VA 23241

All submissions required or allowed by this Official Call to be transmitted to the Chairman via electronic means must be sent via email to 2016-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).

IX. Official Documents

Attached to this Official Call are the following official documents:

- (a) Proposed Convention Rules;
- (b) Hardcopy Pre-File Form and Statement of Qualifications for Convention Delegate Candidates;
- (c) Filing Form and Statement of Qualifications for Candidates for At-Large Elector;
- (d) Filing Form and Statement of Qualifications for Candidates for At-Large National Delegate;
- (e) Filing Form and Statement of Qualifications for Candidates for At-Large National Alternate;
- (f) Filing Form and Statement of Qualifications for Candidates for National Committeewoman/Committeeman;
- (g) Filing Form for and Statement of Qualifications Candidates for State Chairman.



National Delegate

Declaration and Statement of Qualifications

I, _____, hereby indicate my intention to seek election as an At-Large Delegate to the 2016 Republican National Convention by the 2016 Republican Party of Virginia Quadrennial Convention to be held on April 29-30, 2016.

In accordance with the Qualifications for Participation set forth in the Official Call and Article I of the Plan of Organization, I also do hereby certify that I am a registered voter in Virginia, I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and I intend to support all the Nominees of the Republican Party during my term on the Republican National Committee.

I further acknowledge, understand, and agree that if elected, my vote on the first ballot for President at the Republican National Convention will be bound by the results of the March 1, 2016 Virginia Presidential Primary, in accordance with the Allocation Resolution adopted by the RPV State Central Committee on September 19, 2015. I further acknowledge that all costs associated with my candidacy and potential service as a National Delegate are my own responsibility.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Virginia, Zip Code _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail _____

Please complete this form and return it by mail or in person to Chairman, c/o Executive Director of the Republican Party of Virginia; 115 East Grace Street – Richmond, Virginia 23219, which must be received not later than 5:00pm EST on **March 1, 2016**. Postmarks will not govern.



National Delegate Alternate

Declaration and Statement of Qualifications

I, _____, hereby indicate my intention to seek election as an At-Large Delegate Alternate to the 2016 Republican National Convention by the 2016 Republican Party of Virginia Quadrennial Convention to be held on April 29-30, 2016.

In accordance with the Qualifications for Participation set forth in the Official Call and Article I of the Plan of Organization, I also do hereby certify that I am a registered voter in Virginia, I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and I intend to support all the Nominees of the Republican Party during my term on the Republican National Committee.

I further acknowledge, understand, and agree that if elected and if given the ability to vote at the Republican National Convention, my vote on the first ballot will be bound by the results of the March 1, 2016 Virginia Presidential Primary, in accordance with the Allocation Resolution adopted by the RPV State Central Committee on September 19, 2015. I further acknowledge that all costs associated with my candidacy and potential service as a National Delegate Alternate are my own responsibility.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Virginia, Zip Code _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail _____

Please complete this form and return it by mail or in person to Chairman, c/o Executive Director of the Republican Party of Virginia; 115 East Grace Street – Richmond, Virginia 23219, which must be received not later than 5:00pm EST on **March 1, 2016**. Postmarks will not govern.



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September 23, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for expressing an interest in becoming a Delegate or an Alternate Delegate to the 2016 Republican National Convention representing the Commonwealth of Virginia. 2016 is going to be an exciting year for our Party!

As of today Virginia will be sending 46 Delegates and 46 Alternate Delegates to the National Convention. The Republican Party of Virginia will be electing 13 At-Large Delegates and 13 At-Large Alternate Delegates at our State Convention that is being held on Saturday April 30th. Information about the 2016 RPV Convention can be found at www.virginia.gov/2016VAConvention.

If you are interested in being elected one of the 13 At-Large Delegates or 13 At-Large Alternate Delegates you will need to file a pre-filing form by mail or in person, to John Findlay, Executive Director of the Republican Party of Virginia – 115 East Grace Street – Richmond, Virginia 23219, which must be received not later than 5:00pm EST on Tuesday, March 1st, 2016. Postmarks will not govern. The Pre-Filing form is available at www.virginia.gov/2012VAConvention and 115 East Grace Street – Richmond, Virginia 23219. After the filing deadline, all those individuals who meet the requirements will be invited to meet with the 2016 RPV Convention's Nominations Committee. On Saturday April 30th the Nominations Committee will make a recommendation to the RPV State Convention as to which 13 At-Large Delegates and 13 At-Large Alternate Delegates should be elected and the Delegates to the 2016 RPV Convention will vote on that report and elect the At-Large Delegates and At-Large Alternate Delegates.

The Republican Party of Virginia will also elect 33 Delegates and 33 Alternate Delegates at Congressional District Conventions in the spring of 2016. Each of Virginia's 11 Congress Districts will elect 3 Delegates and 3 Alternate Delegates at their District Conventions which will be held in the Spring of 2016. Each Congressional District Committee will state in their Official Call the deadlines and process for electing their 3 Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention and those Official Calls will be posted online at www.virginia.gov/DistrictCalls and www.virginia.gov/2016VAConvention as soon as they are adopted in 2016. For more information about the process in a specific congressional district, please contact the Congressional District Chairman:

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The 13 At-Large Delegates and At-Large Alternate Delegates will be bound on the first ballot at the Republican National Convention based on the statewide results of the March 1, 2016 Republican Presidential Primary using proportional allocation. The Delegates and Alternate Delegates elected at the Congressional District Conventions will also be bound on the first ballot at the Republican National Convention based on the statewide results of the March 1, 2016 Republican Presidential Primary using proportional allocation. For more details about how Virginia will be allocating its Delegates and Alternate Delegates on a proportional basis, please visit: www.virginia/2016RNCConvention.

Finally, any person who is elected as one of the 13 Delegates or At-Large Delegates at the 2016 RPV Convention as well as the 33 Delegates and Alternate Delegates elected at the Congressional District Conventions is responsible for all costs associated with being a Delegate to the Republican National Convention. The Republican Party of Virginia is not responsible for providing funding for a Delegate's or Alternate Delegate's participation, travel, room, meals, etc.

If you have any questions about becoming a Delegate or an Alternate Delegate to the 2016 Republican National Convention, please contact John Findlay, the Executive Director of the Republican Party of Virginia at (804) 780-0111 or jfindlay@rpv.org

Yours in Republican Victory,



John Whitbeck
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§ 24.2-544. Time presidential primaries to be held and completion of duties by officers of election; age qualifications for participation.

A. Primaries for the nomination of candidates for the office of President of the United States to be voted on at the November 2012 general election and the November general election in each presidential election year thereafter shall be held on the first Tuesday in March preceding the November general election.

B. The provisions of this title shall apply to the conduct of presidential election year primaries including the time limits applicable to notices and candidate filing deadlines and the closing of registration records before the primary. The State Board shall provide a schedule for the notices and filing deadlines by the August 1 prior to the March primary including a campaign finance disclosure report filing schedule adjusted to reflect the differences between the June date for other primaries and the March date for the presidential primary and primaries for the nomination of candidates for offices to be voted on at the general election date in May.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any officer of election who serves at any election held on the first Tuesday in March shall be required to complete his official duties relating to that election whether or not he has been reappointed to serve for the ensuing year.

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any person who is otherwise qualified and will be 18 years of age on or before the day of the next November general election shall be permitted to register in advance of and also vote in any presidential primary and any other primary held on the same day.

§ 24.2-545. Presidential primary.

A. The duly constituted authorities of the state political party shall have the right to determine the method by which the state party will select its delegates to the national convention to choose the party's nominees for President and Vice President of the United States including a presidential primary or another method determined by the party. The state chairman shall notify the State Board of the party's determination at least 90 days before the primary date. If the party has determined that it will hold a presidential primary, each registered voter of the Commonwealth shall be given an opportunity to participate in the presidential primary of the political party, as defined in § [24.2-101](#), subject to requirements determined by the political party for participation in its presidential primary. The requirements may include, but shall not be limited to, the signing of a pledge by the voter of his intention to support the party's candidate when offering to vote in the primary. The requirements applicable to a party's primary shall be determined at least 90 days prior to the primary date and certified to, and approved by, the State Board.

B. Any person seeking the nomination of the national political party for the office of President of the United States, or any group organized in the Commonwealth on behalf of, and with the consent of such

person, may file with the State Board petitions signed by at least 5,000 qualified voters, including at least 200 qualified voters from each congressional district in the Commonwealth, who attest that they intend to participate in the primary of the same political party as the candidate for whom the petitions are filed. Such petitions shall be filed with the State Board by the primary filing deadline. The petitions shall be on a form prescribed by the State Board and shall be sealed in one or more containers to which is attached a written statement giving the name of the presidential candidate and the number of signatures on the petitions contained in the containers. Such person or group shall also attach a list of the names of persons who would be elected delegates and alternate delegates to the political party's national convention if the person wins the primary and the party has determined that its delegates will be selected pursuant to the primary. The slate of delegates and alternates shall comply with the rules of the national and state party.

The State Board shall transmit the material so filed to the state chairman of the party of the candidate immediately after the primary filing deadline. The sealed containers containing the petitions for a candidate may be opened only by the state chairman of the party of the candidate. The state chairman of the party shall, by the deadline set by the State Board, furnish to the State Board the names of all candidates who have satisfied the requirements of this section. In furnishing the name of each such candidate, the state chairman shall certify that a review of the filed candidate petitions found the required minimum number of signatures of qualified voters for that office to have been met. Whenever only one candidate for a party's nomination for President of the United States has met the requirements to have his name on the ballot, he will be declared the winner and no presidential primary for that party will be held.

C. The names of all candidates in the presidential primary of each political party shall appear on the ballot in an order determined by lot by the State Board.

D. The State Board shall certify the results of the presidential primary to the state chairman. If the party has determined that its delegates and alternates will be selected pursuant to the primary, the slate of delegates and alternates of the candidate receiving the most votes in the primary shall be deemed elected by the state party unless the party has determined another method for allocation of delegates and alternates. If the party has determined to use another method for selecting delegates and alternates, those delegates and alternates shall be bound to vote on the first ballot at the national convention for the candidate receiving the most votes in the primary unless that candidate releases those delegates and alternates from such vote.

E. The election, or binding of votes, of delegates to a political party's national convention for the nomination of that party's candidates for President and Vice President of the United States through the presidential primary process shall be considered to be equivalent to a primary for the nomination of a party's candidate.

F. The cost of the presidential primary shall be paid by the Commonwealth pursuant to the provisions of the appropriation act.

Joint Exhibit 4

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF **VIRGINIA**

Plan of Organization



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PREAMBLE

The Republican Party of Virginia is a free association organized for the purposes of promoting the principles and achieving the objectives of the Republican Party, electing duly nominated or designated Republican candidates to public office, and performing official actions within the Commonwealth of Virginia, consistent with these purposes.

ARTICLE I

Participation in Party Actions

SECTION A. Qualifications

1. 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.
2. A voter who, subsequent to making a statement of intent, publicly supports a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee shall not be qualified for participation in party actions as defined in Article I for a period of four (4) years.
3. Paragraphs 4 and 5 shall cease having any effect at such time as the Election Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia shall provide for party registration, at which time only those registered as Republicans may be deemed to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee.
4. In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party with in the last five years.
5. A single exception to Paragraph 4 shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends, at the time of the writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. Any voter that utilizes the foregoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of the exception identified in this paragraph thereafter. Within 30 days of receipt, the Official Committee shall provide a copy of this signed renunciation statement to the Republican Party of Virginia, to be maintained for a period of 5 years.
6. In order to be eligible for election as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to any convention, an individual must be registered to vote no later than the prefiling deadline established by the Official Committee or, if prefiling is not a requirement, no later than the date of election as a Delegate. A person who has made application for registration and meets all other requirements of Section A, but whose name does not appear on the local registration books solely because of the books having been closed in connection with a local election, will nevertheless be deemed a legal and qualified voter.

SECTION B. Participation

All Chairmen and members of Official Committees, delegates to Conventions, and voters in Mass Meetings or Party Canvasses provided for in the State Party Plan shall be members of the Republican Party of Virginia as stated in this Article and must be legally qualified voters of the respective Units or election Districts which they represent as Chairmen, members, delegates or voters.

Participation in the nomination of any candidate for public office may not be conditioned on the payment of a registration fee, except as provided for in Article VIII, Section A.1.e.

ARTICLE II

Definitions

1. "State Party" or "Party" or "RPV" means Republican Party of Virginia.
2. "State Party Plan" means Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.
3. "State Central Committee" means State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia.
4. "Election District" means the City, County, ward of a City, magisterial district of a County, precinct, or portions or combinations of such political subdivisions which comprise the area defined by law in which an election is to be held.
5. "Congressional District" means the Election District for a member of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress.
6. "District" means Congressional District unless otherwise designated.
7. "Legislative District" means the Election District for a member of the House of Delegates or the State Senate of the Virginia General Assembly.
8. "District Committee" means Republican Congressional District Committee for each Congressional District.
9. "Legislative District Committee" means Republican District Committee for each State Senatorial District and each House of Delegates District as the context may require.
10. "County Committee" means County Committee for the Republican Party for each county.
11. "City Committee" means City Committee for the Republican Party for each City.
12. "Unit" means County or City.
13. "Unit Committee" means County Committee or City Committee.
14. "Republican Party Voting Strength" means a uniform ratio of the votes cast in a political subdivision for the Republican candidates for Governor and President to the total votes cast in the entire Election District for the Republican candidates for Governor and President in the last preceding Gubernatorial and Presidential elections, as calculated according to Article VIII, Section F.
15. "Quadrennial State Convention" means the State Convention held in Presidential election years for the purposes of nominating electors-at-large to the Electoral College and electing delegates-at-large and alternates-at-large to the Quadrennial National Republican Convention.
16. "Quadrennial District Convention" means the District Convention held in Presidential election years for the purposes of nominating an elector to the Electoral College and electing Delegates and Alternates to the Quadrennial National Republican Convention.
17. "Biennial District Convention" means the District Convention held in Congressional election years and is the same as the Quadrennial District Convention in Presidential election years.
18. "Official Committees" are the State Central Committee, each District Committee, each Legislative District Committee, and each Unit Committee.
19. "Ex-Officio" means the person holding the office and shall not be construed to mean with or without vote.

20. "Mass Meeting" is as defined in *Robert's Rules of Order* subject to the provisions of the State Party Plan.
21. "Party Canvass" is a method of electing chairmen and members of Official Committees, delegates to Conventions, or Party nominees which shall include prefilng candidacies, then secret balloting by Party members at convenient polling places and hours after proper notice. Any Party Canvass that includes more than one (1) Unit shall have no less than one (1) polling place in each Unit unless this requirement is waived by a unanimous vote of all of the voting members of the Committee.
22. "Convention" is as defined in *Robert's Rules of Order* subject to the provisions of the State Party Plan.
23. "Primary" is as defined in and subject to the Election Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, except to the extent that any provisions of such laws conflict with this Plan, infringe the right to freedom of association, or are otherwise invalid.
24. "*Robert's Rules of Order*" shall mean the then current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.
25. "Military Member" shall mean any member of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard, who is currently serving on active duty or who expects to be on active duty at the time of a particular mass meeting or convention.
26. "Political Party" means a formal organization which nominates candidates for public office.

With respect to this document, whenever the singular or plural number, or masculine or feminine or neutral gender, is used herein, it shall equally include the others as the context may require. Definitions not set forth above, to the extent found therein and where not otherwise inconsistent with Article VII, Section H and Article VIII, Section I.4 of the State Party Plan, shall be those set forth in *Robert's Rules of Order*.

ARTICLE III

State Central Committee

Section A. Membership

The membership of the State Central Committee shall consist of the following:

1. State Chairman
2. First Vice Chairman
3. Two (2) Vice Chairmen from the Eastern part of the State.
4. Two (2) Vice Chairmen for the Western part of the State.
5. Two (2) National Committee members.
6. President, ex officio, and two (2) elected representatives of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women.
7. President, ex officio, and two (2) elected representatives of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia.
8. President, ex officio, and two (2) elected representatives of the College Republican Federation of Virginia.
9. District Chairman of each District, ex officio.
10. Three members from each District.

11. One (1) additional member from each District that cast its plurality vote for the Republican Presidential nominee in the last preceding Presidential election.
12. One (1) additional member for each District represented by a Republican member of Congress.
13. Four (4) Republican members of the General Assembly, equally divided between each house.
14. State Treasurer and Finance Chairman.
14. State Secretary
15. Budget Director and General Counsel, but they shall not be entitled to vote.
17. All publicly elected present and former Republican statewide office-holders, ex officio, but they shall not be entitled to vote.

SECTION B. Election and Term

1. The State Chairman shall be elected by the Quadrennial State Convention for a term of four (4) years or until his successor is elected.
2. The Vice Chairmen shall be elected by the State Central Committee at the first meeting following the Quadrennial State Convention for a term of four (4) years or until their successors are elected. The Eastern portion of the State shall include the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8th, and 11th Congressional Districts, and the Western portion of the State shall include the 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th and 10th Congressional Districts.
3. The National Committee Members shall be nominated by the Quadrennial State Convention.
4. District Members.
 - a. The regular members representing a District shall be elected by the Quadrennial District Convention for a term of four (4) years or until their successors are elected.
 - b. The additional member for each District that cast its plurality vote for the Republican Presidential nominee in the last preceding Presidential election shall be elected by the District Committee at the first meeting following the Presidential election and shall serve concurrently with the Presidential term.
 - c. The additional member for each District represented by a Republican Member of Congress shall be elected by the District Committee at the first meeting following the Congressman's election and shall serve concurrently with the Congressman's term.
5. The members representing the General Assembly shall be elected by the Republican Members of the General Assembly at the beginning of each even year session of the General Assembly, for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected.
6. The State Secretary and State Treasurer shall be elected by the State Central Committee at the first meeting following the Quadrennial State Convention to serve at the pleasure of the Committee.
7. The State Finance Chairman, Budget Director, and General Counsel shall be appointed by the State Chairman to serve at the pleasure of the Chairman. The Budget Director and General Counsel shall serve in an acting capacity until confirmed by a majority vote of the State Central Committee. In the event of any vacancy in one of these offices, the State Chairman shall notify the members of the State Central Committee within seven (7) days.
8. A person shall occupy only one voting membership on the State Central Committee at any one time.

SECTION C. Vacancies

1. A vacancy in the office of State Chairman shall be filled by the State Central Committee until the next regular State Convention, which shall then elect a State Chairman to fill the remaining unexpired portion of the term of the vacating State Chairman.
2. A vacancy in the office of Vice Chairman, State Secretary or State Treasurer shall be filled by the State Central Committee.
3. A vacancy in the office of a National Committee member shall be filled by the State Central Committee until the next regular State Convention which shall then elect a successor National Committee member to fill the remaining unexpired portion of the vacating member's term.
4. Vacancies in the District memberships of the State Central Committee shall be filled by the applicable District Committee; however, any vacancy not so filled within ninety (90) days may be filled by the State Central Committee.
5. Vacancies shall be filled after notice of such intent, has been included in the call of the meeting at which the vacancy is to be filled.

SECTION D. Duties

1. State Central Committee
 - a. The State Central Committee shall formulate and provide for the execution of such policies, plans and measures as it may deem conducive to the best interest of the Party and in conformity with the State Party Plan.
 - b. It shall determine whether candidates for statewide public office shall be nominated by Convention, Party Canvass or Primary.
 - c. It shall call all regular and special State Conventions and make arrangements therefor, including the basis of representation, the time and the place.
 - d. It shall have general supervision of all statewide campaigns. Neither the State Party nor the State Central Committee, however, shall be responsible for the financing of, or any financial obligations resulting from, such campaign, except to the extent that any such obligations may be approved and assumed in writing, in advance, by the State Central Committee.
 - e. It shall prescribe such additional duties of the State officers and shall appoint special State Central subcommittees as it deems appropriate.
 - f. Whenever the State Central Committee shall determine that a District or a Legislative District Chairman has failed to function as such, then the State Chairman shall appoint a new Chairman to perform the duties provided in the State Party Plan until a successor is duly elected by the applicable Committee.
2. State Chairman
 - a. The State Chairman shall be Chairman of the State Central Committee and of its Executive Committee.
 - b. See Article III, Section E, Paragraph 1, Executive Committee.
 - c. He shall issue calls for State Conventions and Party Canvasses, and shall preside until a temporary organization is effected.
 - d. He shall be responsible for sending a copy of the proposed annual budget to all members of the Committee no less than three weeks prior to the meeting at which it will be considered and adopted.

- e. He shall convene the State Central Committee when the needs of the Party so demand, but in no event less than once during each four (4) month period and he shall preside at the meetings of the committee. He shall be responsible for sending written notice of the call for a State Central Committee meeting to all members of the Committee and to Unit Chairmen, which shall include the agenda for the meeting.
 - f. He shall issue, upon request, to Unit Chairmen and Unit Committeemen a commission signed by him and countersigned by the State Secretary, after notification of their elections as such.
 - g. He shall be responsible for the operation of State Headquarters, including hiring such personnel as he may deem necessary. He may appoint any personnel as may be required from time to time with such duties as he may prescribe. In no case shall the total salaries of the employed personnel exceed the total amount for the salaries as set out in the budget adopted by the State Central Committee.
 - h. He shall, acting in the name of the Party not less than ninety days prior to the end of the fiscal year, engage a firm of certified public accountants to perform an annual independent review of the Party's financial records and affairs as of the end of the fiscal year and to report the results of such review to the Executive Committee and to the State Central Committee.
3. **First Vice Chairman**
The First Vice Chairman's primary duty, until action is taken under the provisions of Article III, Section C, Paragraph 1, is to act as State Chairman when the office has been vacated by the State Chairman or during his disability.
 4. **Vice Chairmen**
The Vice Chairmen's primary duties shall be to give organizational assistance to the Official Committees in their respective portions of the State and to discharge such other duties as may be assigned by the State Chairman.
 5. **District Members**
It shall be the affirmative duty of the District Members of the State Central Committee to cooperate with the District Chairmen and District Committees in coordinating Party activities at every level of the State organization. Membership on the State Central Committee is not an honorary, but rather a working position and each member assumes an obligation to assist in building the Party at every level and particularly within his area.
 6. **State Secretary**
 - a. The State Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of State Central Committee and Executive Committee meetings, which shall be the property of the Committee, and he shall transmit a copy of the minutes of the preceding meeting, including attendance, to the Executive Director within thirty (30) days of the adjournment of each meeting. The Executive Director shall post the minutes on the RPV website so that they are available to Members of the State Central Committee and Unit Chairmen. A copy of the minutes of State Central Committee meetings shall also be included with the call for the next meeting.
 - b. He shall serve as the secretary of all State Conventions until a temporary organization is effected. He shall be the custodian of the record of the proceedings of each State Convention.
 - c. He shall keep a roster of the names and addresses of all State Central Committee members and District, Legislative District and Unit Chairmen and shall perform such other duties as the State Central Committee prescribes.
 7. **State Treasurer**
The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of Party funds.
 8. **Finance Chairman**
See Article III, Section E, Paragraph 2, Finance Committee.

9. Budget Director
See Article III, Section E, Paragraph 3, Budget Committee.
10. General Counsel
The General Counsel shall be a lawyer who shall advise the State Chairman and the State Central Committee on legal matters relating to Party business. He shall serve as Parliamentarian of all meetings of the State Central Committee.

SECTION E. Subcommittees

1. Executive Committee
 - a. There shall be an Executive Committee of the State Central Committee comprised of the State Chairman and all District Chairmen, plus the following, but they shall not be entitled to vote: The First Vice Chairman, National Committee members, President of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women, President of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia, President of the College Republican Federation of Virginia, State Treasurer, State Secretary, Finance Chairman, Budget Director, and one member of the State Senate and one member of the House of Delegates selected by the Republican members of the Virginia General Assembly who are currently serving on the State Central Committee.
 - b. The Executive Committee shall act for the State Central Committee when the latter is not in session and shall be subject to the direction of the State Central Committee.
 - c. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called at the pleasure of the Chairman or one-third of the voting members, and shall be held not less than once every three months.
2. Finance Committee
 - a. There shall be a State Finance Committee comprised of the State Finance Committee Chairman, appointed by the State Chairman and one (1) member from each District, who shall be appointed by the District Chairman. The State Chairman is authorized to appoint additional members to the State Finance Committee.
 - b. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for fund raising activities of the Party which shall be developed in coordination with the Budget Committee. The State Chairman or the Finance Chairman shall provide the State Central Committee with regular updates on the activities of the Finance Committee.
 - c. The State Finance Chairman may appoint other officers of the Finance Committee.
3. Budget Committee
 - a. There shall be a Budget Committee comprised of the Budget Director, who shall be the Chairman, Executive Director of the State Party, Finance Chairman and State Treasurer; and three (3) persons to be appointed by the State Chairman, who shall be experienced in business and financial matters, and who shall serve in an acting capacity until confirmed by a majority vote of the State Central Committee.
 - b. The Budget Committee under the direction of the State Chairman shall prepare an annual budget for approval of the State Central Committee and shall establish controls to assure compliance with the budget as adopted.
 - c. The annual budget shall include a provision for such funds as shall be required to comply with the requirements of Article III, Section D.2.g.
4. Audit Committee

- a. There shall be an Audit Committee comprised of not less than five persons, at least three of whom shall be experienced in business and financial matters to be appointed by the State Chairman, and who shall serve in an acting capacity until confirmed by a majority vote of the State Central Committee.
- b. The Audit Committee shall be responsible for the establishment and supervision of the implementation of accounting and financial systems, procedures and policies and other internal financial controls. It shall also, in cooperation with the Chairman, select a firm to conduct the annual independent review of the Party's financial records and supervise the conduct of this review.

SECTION F. Financial Transactions

1. Any written or verbal contract or other transaction between (i) the Party and (ii) the Chairman, one or more members of the State Central Committee, and/or the Executive Director (hereinafter "Responsible Person"), or any corporation, partnership, firm or association in which a Responsible Person or a family member of that Responsible Person has a material financial interest, is void unless:
 - a. The material facts as to the transaction and as to the Responsible Person's interest are fully disclosed or known to the State Central Committee, or to the Executive Committee acting in its stead pursuant to Article III, Section E.1.b, prior to the time that such contract or transaction is approved, and
 - b. The State Central Committee, or the Executive Committee acting in its stead pursuant to Article III, Section E.1.b, approves the contract or transaction in good faith by an affirmative majority vote (without counting the Responsible Person) at a meeting at which there is a quorum present (without counting the Responsible Person).
2. The term "material financial interest" shall mean a financial interest of any kind which, in view of all the circumstances, is substantial enough that it would, or reasonably could, affect a Responsible Person's or family member's judgment with respect to transactions in which the Party is involved. The term "family member" shall mean a spouse, parent, spouse of a parent, child, spouse of a child, brother, sister, or spouse of a brother or sister.
3. Neither the State Chairman nor any corporation, partnership, firm or association in which the Chairman or a family member of the Chairman has more than a ten percent (10%) financial interest, may enter into a written or verbal contract or transaction to provide goods or services to the Party.
4. Neither the State Chairman nor any member of the State Headquarters employed personnel may receive direct compensation of any kind from a vendor that is seeking a contract with the Party to provide goods or services or that has provided goods or services to the Party within the previous twelve months. This prohibition also shall extend to any family member of the State Chairman or of the Executive Director.
5. No RPV funds may be lent for any purpose nor may funds be borrowed on its behalf for any period exceeding 90 days in any amount exceeding \$25,000, except as authorized by a vote of the Executive Committee or State Central Committee. The itemized purpose for which the funds will be used must be specified in an email or physical document.

ARTICLE IV District Committees

SECTION A. Memberships

The membership of each District Committee shall consist of the following:

1. District Chairman
2. Unit Chairman, ex officio, of each Unit wholly or partially within the District, subject to the provisions of Article VI, Sections E and H.

3. District Representative of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women, ex officio.
4. Young Republican Federation District Committeeman, ex officio.
5. College Republican Federation District Committeeman, ex officio.
6. District members of the State Central Committee, ex officio.
7. Vice Chairmen, a Secretary and a Treasurer may be elected by the District Committee. They may be elected members of the District Committee, but they shall not otherwise be entitled to vote solely by virtue of holding any of such offices.

SECTION B. Election and Term

1. The District Chairman shall be elected by the Biennial District Convention for a term of two (2) years or until his successor is elected.
2. The Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the voting members of the District Committee for a term of two (2) years at the first meeting following the Biennial District Convention.

SECTION C. Vacancies

1. A vacancy in the office of District Chairman shall be filled by the District Committee for the remaining unexpired portion of the term.
2. Vacancies in the offices of Vice Chairmen, Secretary and Treasurer shall be filled by the District Committee.
3. Vacancies shall be filled after notice of such intent has been included in the call of the meeting.

SECTION D. Duties

1. District Committee
 - a. The District Committee shall determine whether candidates for District public office shall be nominated by Convention, Party Canvass or Primary.
 - b. It shall call all regular and special District Conventions and make arrangements therefor, including the basis of representation, the time and the place.
 - c. It shall have general supervision over all District Campaigns and shall cooperate with the State Central Committee in conducting statewide campaigns.
 - d. It shall assist in raising funds within the District for National and State causes and otherwise assist the State Central Committee in other Party endeavors wherever practical.
 - e. Whenever the District Committee shall determine that a Unit Committee, or its Chairman, has failed to function as such, the District Committee shall appoint a new Committee, or a new Chairman, as the case may be. A Committee thus created shall perform their duties provided in the State Party Plan until their successors are elected at a Mass Meeting or Convention called for that purpose.
2. District Chairman
 - a. The District Chairman shall be Chairman of the District Committee.
 - b. He shall issue calls for District Conventions and Party Canvasses, and shall preside until a temporary organization is effected. See Article VIII, Section A.

- c. He shall convene the District Committee when the needs of the Party so demand, but in no event less than once during each calendar quarter, with no more than four (4) months between each meeting, and shall preside at the meetings of the Committee. He shall be responsible for sending written notice of the call for a Committee meeting to all members of the Committee, which shall include the agenda for the meeting.
- d. He shall be responsible for the operation of the District Headquarters, hiring such personnel as he shall deem necessary and for which funds are budgeted and shall be accountable therefor to the District Committee.
- e. He shall be responsible for providing a prescribed time and place, which shall be supervised by the District Chairman, or a designated representative, for filing such declaration of candidacy and petitions as may be required by state law of a candidate in any primary election.

ARTICLE V

Legislative District Committee

SECTION A. Membership

1. The membership of each Legislative District Committee shall consist of the Unit Chairman of each Unit wholly or partially in the Legislative District, subject to the provisions of Article VI, Section E.
2. Each Unit Chairman's vote within the Committee shall be weighted in proportion to the Republican Party Voting Strength of his Unit within the Legislative District.

SECTION B. Election and Term

In the month of December in each year preceding a general election for members of the House of Delegates and/or State Senate, the Legislative District Committee shall meet and elect a Legislative District Chairman. The Chairman of a State Senate District shall serve for four (4) years, and the Chairman of a House of Delegates District shall serve for two (2) years, or until their respective successors are elected. He may be one of the Unit Chairmen, but shall not otherwise be entitled to vote solely by virtue of holding said office.

SECTION C. Vacancies

A vacancy in the office of Legislative District Chairman shall be filled by the Legislative District Committee for the remaining unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION D. Duties

1. Legislative District Committee
 - a. The Legislative District Committee shall determine whether candidates for Legislative District public office shall be nominated by Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention or Primary, where permitted to do so under Virginia Law.
 - b. It shall call all regular and special Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses and Conventions and make arrangements therefor, including the time and the place and, if a Convention, the basis of representation.
2. Legislative District Chairman
 - a. The Legislative District Chairman shall be the Chairman of the Legislative District Committee.
 - b. He shall issue Calls for Legislative District Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, or Conventions and shall preside until a temporary organization is effected. See Article VIII, Section A.
 - c. He shall convene the Legislative District Committee when required and shall preside the meeting of the Committee. He shall be responsible for sending written notice of the Call for a

Committee Meeting to all members of the Committee, which shall include the agenda for the meeting.

- d. He shall be responsible for providing a prescribed time and place, which shall be supervised by the Legislative District Chairman, or a designated representative, for filing such declaration of candidacy and petitions as may be required by state law of a candidate in any primary election.

ARTICLE VI

County and City Committee

SECTION A. Membership

The membership of each County and City Committee shall consist of the following:

1. Unit Chairman
2. Precinct Members - the number from each Precinct shall be determined by the Unit Committee on the basis of Republican candidates' votes in a recent past election or elections, but not less than one (1) member from each Precinct.
3. At-Large Members - additional At-Large Memberships may be created which shall not exceed in number 30 percent of the members of the Committee.
4. Elected Public Officials - All publicly elected Republican officials shall be additional members of the Committee, if the Unit Committee's Bylaws so provide. They shall not be classified as At-Large Members.
5. Vice Chairmen, a Secretary and a Treasurer may be elected by the Unit Committee. They may be elected members of the Unit Committee, but they shall not otherwise be entitled to vote solely by virtue of holding any such offices.
6. Associate Members – Unit Committees may have Associate Members if the Committee's Bylaws so provide. An Associate Member shall meet all of the requirements for Members of the Committee except for the attendance requirements of Article VII, Section D. Associate Members shall have all privileges of other Members except they shall not be entitled to a vote. Associate Members shall not count toward any limits on Precinct or At-Large Memberships nor shall they be counted when establishing a quorum.

SECTION B. Election and Term

1. The Chairman and other members of the Committee shall be elected by the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention, or Primary called for the purpose of electing delegates to the Biennial District Convention for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected.
2. The Vice Chairmen, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by such procedure and for such terms as shall be fixed by the Unit Party Plan, should there be one, and otherwise as shall be determined by the Unit Committee.

SECTION C. Vacancies

1. A vacancy in the office of Unit Chairman shall be filled by the Unit Committee for the remaining unexpired portion of the term.
2. Vacancies in the office of Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be filled by the Unit Committee.
3. Any vacancies among other elected members of the Committee shall be filled by the Unit Committee for the remaining unexpired portion of the term.
4. Vacancies shall be filled after notice of such intent has been included in the call of the meeting.

SECTION D. Duties

1. Unit Committee
 - a. The Unit Committee shall determine whether candidates for local and constitutional public offices shall be nominated by Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention, or Primary and whether Unit Chairman and Committee members shall be elected by Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention, or Primary.
 - b. It shall call all regular and all special Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, Conventions and make all arrangements therefor and, if a Convention, determine the basis of representation. Authority to make such arrangements (other than the date, time and whether there shall be, and the requirements for, any pre-filing) may, at the discretion of the Unit Committee, be delegated to the Unit Chairman.
 - c. It shall cooperate with the State Central Committee, its District Committee, and the Legislative District Committees within its boundaries in conducting all elections and fund raising activities.
2. Unit Chairman
 - a. The Unit Chairman shall be the Chairman of the Unit Committee.
 - b. He shall issue calls for Unit Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, or Conventions and shall preside until a temporary organization is effected. See Article VIII, Section A. In the case of a Mass Meeting for a Magisterial, City Council or other local Election District in which the Unit Chairman is not a registered voter, he shall designate a representative, who is a registered voter in that Magisterial District, to preside until a temporary organization is effected.
 - c. He shall convene the Unit Committee when required, but in no event less than once during each calendar quarter, with no more than four (4) months between each meeting, and shall preside at the meetings of the Committee. He shall be responsible for sending written notice of the call for a Committee meeting to all members of the Committee, which shall include the agenda for the meeting.
 - d. He shall be responsible for providing a prescribed time and place, which shall be supervised by the Unit Chairman, or a designated representative, for filing such declaration of candidacy and petitions as may be required by state law of a candidate in any primary election.

SECTION E. Divided Units

Whenever a Unit is divided between two (2) or more Congressional or Legislative Districts the Chairman of such Unit Committee shall serve as the Unit representative on the Congressional or Legislative District Committee encompassing his residence. Such Unit Chairman shall designate a person residing in that part of the unit located in each of the other involved Congressional or Legislative Districts to serve at the pleasure of the Unit Chairman as the Unit's representative on the respective Congressional or Legislative District Committee with the authority and vote of a Unit Chairman.

SECTION F. Combined Units

The Party organization of a city of the second class and an adjoining county may be combined whenever the respective committees, by a majority vote of each, vote to combine into one organization. Thereafter, such city and county shall be considered as one Unit for all purposes except in nominations for elective offices which serve solely the city or the county. A combined organization may be dissolved by the majority vote of a Mass Meeting of either the city or the county, provided notice of such proposal is included in the Call of the Mass Meeting.

SECTION G. Multi-Jurisdictional Constitutional Offices

In December prior to any year in which a Constitutional Office that covers more than one jurisdiction is to be filled, the unit chairmen of the affected jurisdictions, by call of the unit chairman representing a plurality of the weighted vote of the combined jurisdictions, shall meet to determine the method of nomination for that office. Decisions shall be made on the basis of the weighted vote of each chairman. In the event the chairmen shall decide to nominate a candidate for a Constitutional Office by convention, it shall remain the responsibility of each unit committee to determine the method of electing delegates thereto.

SECTION H. Unit Chairmen Who Serve as Congressional District State Central Representatives

Whenever a Unit Chairman shall be elected to serve as a Congressional District Chairman or Congressional District State Central Representative (as provided in Article II, Section A. 10, 11, or 12), the Unit Chairman shall serve and vote on the Congressional District Committee only as a State Central Representative. In his capacity as a Unit Chairman he shall designate a person residing in that part of the unit located in the same Congressional District to serve at the pleasure of the Unit Chairman as the Unit’s representative on the Congressional District committee with the authority and vote of a Unit Chairman. This provision shall apply whether the Unit Chairman shall have been elected to serve as a State Central Representative either prior to or subsequent to his election as Unit Chairman.

**ARTICLE VII
Official Committees - General**

SECTION A. Proxies

A member of an Official Committee or the Executive Committee of the State Central Committee may be represented in meeting by a proxy, subject to the following conditions:

1. Except as provided in Article V, Section A(2) hereof, no individual may cast more than one vote at any meeting.
2. The proxy holder must be a member of the Republican Party from the same Election District or organization represented by the absent member of that committee.
3. All proxies shall be in writing and shall be signed by the maker of the proxy and shall be substantially in the following form:

"KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, [NAME] of [AREA REPRESENTED], do hereby constitute and appoint [NAME OF PROXY] my true and lawful attorney, to vote as my proxy (with full power of substitution)* at a meeting of the Republican [State Central, District, County, etc.] Committee on the _____ day of [MONTH], [YEAR], or at any adjourned meeting thereof and for me and in my name, place and stead to vote upon any question that properly may come before such meeting, with all the power I should possess if personally present, hereby revoking all previous proxies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this _____ day of [MONTH], [YEAR].

_____ (Seal)

WITNESS:

_____ (Seal)"

(*) Inclusion of the power of substitution is discretionary with the member. Its omission shall preclude substitution.

SECTION B. Notice and Quorum

1. Except as provided in subsection B.3. of this Article, meetings of Official Committees or the Executive Committee shall be held upon written notice, in the case of the State Central Committee, of not less than three weeks and otherwise, of not less than one week on the call of the Chairman, or on the call of one-third of the voting members, which call shall include the agenda for the meeting. Electronic Mail shall be deemed written

notice for the purpose of this subsection, unless otherwise specified in the by-laws. However, the Official Committee must provide an alternative form of delivery for any member who does not have regular access to electronic mail.

2. Unless otherwise provided by a District's or Unit's Plan or Bylaws, a majority of the voting members of a Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the case of a Legislative District Committee, the weighted vote of the voting members shall be used in determining whether a majority exists for a quorum. Likewise, a meeting of a Legislative District Committee may be called by one-third of the members' weighted vote or on call of the Chairman.
3. Meetings called for the purpose of (1) determining the method of nomination and associated details for a Republican candidate for a Special Election where there is less than (30) days available in which to nominate a candidate or (2) filling vacancies with Section F of this article, shall require at least twenty-four (24) hour notice, either written or verbal.

SECTION C. Removal

Any Chairman, except the State Chairman, or any other member of an Official Committee may be removed from office by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the other members of the Committee, after being furnished with notice that such removal will be sought, with the charges, in writing, signed by not less than one-third (1/3) of the members of the Committee; and allowing him thirty (30) days within which to appear and defend himself. The State Chairman may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a State Convention or by the three-fourths (3/4) vote of the State Central Committee, the action of said Convention or Committee being subject to the foregoing as to notice and opportunity for defense.

A member of an Official Committee is held to a higher standard of support for nominees of the Republican Party than an individual who merely participates in a mass meeting, party canvass, convention or primary. Therefore, a member of an Official Committee is deemed to have resigned his Committee position if he (a) makes a reportable contribution to and/or (b) knowingly allows his name to be publicly used by and/or (c) makes a written or other public statement supporting the election of a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee in a Virginia General or Special Election, and/or (d) becomes an officer of any other political party. A majority of the elected officers of an official committee are charged with recognizing when this provision is in effect. For members of multiple official committees, such recognition by a given official committee applies to all subordinate official committees. Such member may be re-instated by a majority vote of the other members of the Committee.

For the purposes of this section, "allows" shall mean that a member has either (i) affirmatively given permission for his name to be publicly used, or (ii) refused to publicly disavow the use of his name upon receiving notification by an official committee chairman that it is being used.

SECTION D. Absences

A member of an Official Committee other than an ex-officio member automatically loses his committee position if he is absent three (3) consecutive meetings without representation by a person holding a proxy; provided, however, that a State Central Committee member automatically loses and is deemed to have resigned his Committee position if he fails to attend in person at least fifty (50) percent of the regular meetings in any calendar year. A vacancy created by such resignation shall be filled in accordance with the State Party Plan. In the case of an ex-officio member with voting privileges, those voting privileges shall be suspended if he is absent three (3) consecutive meetings. Voting privileges for an ex-officio member that has been suspended may be restored by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the other members of the committee.

SECTION E. Nominations by Committee

Whenever an Election District fails to nominate a candidate or candidates for public office, in the absence of an instruction to the contrary by the Convention or Mass Meeting, the Official Committee of that Election District is authorized to nominate such candidate or candidates by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present in a Committee meeting after notice of such intent has been included in the call of the meeting, and the nominations shall have the same force and effect as if the person or persons were nominated by a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention or Primary.

SECTION F. Filling Vacancies

Whenever candidates, electors, delegates or alternates have been duly elected by a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention, or Primary and a vacancy occurs, the applicable Official Committee is authorized to fill such vacancy in formal meeting by majority vote after due notice of such intent has been included in the call of the meeting. Such a meeting shall require at least twenty-four (24) hours notice, either written or verbal.

SECTION G. Public Meetings

All Official Committee meetings shall be held in a building appropriate for public use and shall be open to the public.

SECTION H. Rules

All Official Committee meetings shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with, giving precedence as listed to, the following: the State Party Plan; District or Unit Plan or Bylaws; and otherwise in accordance with the then current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

SECTION I. Endorsement of Candidates

An Official committee shall not endorse, nor contribute to from its funds, any candidate who is running for a Republican nomination for public office unless that candidate is unopposed for that nomination. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent an Official Committee from endorsing a candidate running for public office where there will be no Republican nominee, nor to prevent a member or officer of an Official Committee, as an individual, from endorsing a candidate in a contested nomination.

SECTION J. Ethical Conduct

1. Voting members of official committees shall exercise their best efforts to conduct the business of the Party in good faith, with reasonable care, skill, and diligence. They shall hold as confidential all party information, documents, and communications clearly designated as confidential or for limited dissemination or use by adopted policy of the committee. They shall refrain from participating in unethical activity, diminishing the dignity and credibility of the the Party.
2. Recognizing that not all possible conflicts represent an actual conflict of interest, voting members of the State Central Committee and District Committees shall voluntarily disclose, in writing, any known potential or actual conflicts of interest to all members of the official committee on which they serve in a timely manner after becoming aware of such conflict.

ARTICLE VIII

Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, Conventions and Primaries

SECTION A. Call Requirements

1. All calls for State, District and Legislative District Conventions, shall be issued by the appropriate Chairman to the included Unit Chairman not less than thirty (30) days, except those calls for special elections, prior to the Convention date. Each call shall include:
 - a. The qualifications for membership in the Republican Party of Virginia as stated in Article I.
 - b. The time, place and purposes to the Convention.
 - c. The basis of representation to the Convention.
 - d. The number of Delegate votes to which all participating Election Districts, and the Military Delegation if applicable, are entitled.
 - e. The amount of the registration fee, if any. If one of the stated purposes of the Convention is to nominate persons for any public office, then the registration fee shall not exceed \$25 in the

case of a Unit, District or Legislative District Convention and shall not exceed \$45 in the case of a State Convention.

- f. If one of the stated purposes is to nominate persons for public office, then the declaration requirements for Military Members as per Article VIII, Section H, para 7, subsection a and Military Delegation Participation requirements as per Article VIII, Section H, para 7.
2. All calls for Mass Meetings or Party Canvasses, or for Unit Conventions, shall be published in their entirety on the web site of the Republican Party of Virginia (RPV) and on such unit and district web sites as may be available and appropriate not less than seven (7) days nor more than sixty (60) days, except those calls for special elections, prior to the Mass Meeting or Party Canvass. Calls published in any presidential election year shall be published *at least* fifteen (15) days in advance. All calls must also be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Election District unless the appropriate official committee votes to eliminate this requirement by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Except in the case of a special election, no call shall be published earlier than January 1 of the year in which the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention will take place.

Each call shall include:
 - a. The qualifications for membership in the Republican Party of Virginia as stated in Article I.
 - b. The time, place and purposes of the Mass Meeting or Party Canvass.
 - c. In the event a purpose is to elect Delegates to a Convention, the time, place, purpose of, and the basis of representation to the Convention.
 - d. If the purpose of the Mass Meeting or Party Canvass is solely to elect persons to Party office, then the amount of the registration fee, if any. However, if one of the stated purposes of the Mass Meeting or Party Canvass is to nominate persons for any public office, then there shall be no registration fee required. However, the call may publish a request for voluntary payment of a registration fee.
 - e. The declaration requirements for Military Members as per Article VIII, Section H, para 7, subsection a and Military Delegation Participation requirements as per Article VIII, Section H, para 7.
 3. In order to be a requirement for any election or nomination for public office by a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention, pre-filing shall be approved by the appropriate Official Committee and the pre-filing requirement included in the call. The call, including the pre-filing requirement, must then be published at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-filing deadline. This publication requirement shall take precedence over the publication requirement of Article VIII, Section A.2. Each person desiring to pre-file must file a statement prior to the deadline for pre-filing. The Official Committee or its Chairman, if authorized, may prescribe the use of a particular filing form for the required statement, in which case the official pre-filing form must be included with the call published on the RPV website. The Official Committee may, at its option, establish a filing fee for candidates for nomination for public office, as long as such fee does not exceed twice the primary filing fee for that office. Filing fees for any office are non-refundable.
 4. A copy of the call shall be sent by e-mail to each member of the issuing committee who has an e-mail address on file with the committee and to the respective District Chairmen, in compliance with all the time requirements in Paragraphs 1,2 and 3 above.

5. It is the responsibility of the applicable Chairman to use the most effective means available, including news media, to adequately publicize Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, or Conventions with the purpose of encouraging maximum citizen involvement. This publicity shall include the method of Delegate selection.
6. In the event that a published call for any Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention shall differ in any respect from the call authorized by the Official Committee, the requirements of the published call, unless contested prior to adjournment or conclusion, shall upon adjournment or conclusion of the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention be conclusive and not thereafter subject to contest. Participation in a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention shall not prejudice the rights of any person signing a petition protesting the validity of such Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention.
7. A Mass Meeting or Convention may by unanimous consent dispense with the reading of the call.
8. The State Central Committee recommends that the documents related to these proceedings should conform as closely as possible to the model forms in Appendix A.
9. If the number of persons prefilng as candidates for election or nomination by a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention does not exceed the number to be elected or nominated for a particular office, then the prefiling candidate or candidates may be declared elected or nominated by the Republican Party, if provided for in the call. If the number of persons prefilng as candidates for election or nomination for all offices to be decided upon by any Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention does not exceed the number ot be elected or nominated, then the candidates may be declared elected or nominated by the Republican Party and the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention may be cancelled if provided for in the call.
10. If the number of persons seeking election as a member of a unit committee or as a delegate to a unit, district or state convention does not exceed the total number allowed by the State Party Plan, all candidates for such office who meet the requiremenst of Article I of the State Party Plan and, where required, any prefilng requirements, shall be deemed elected.

A unit Chairman shall document the reason(s) for determining that an individual, who is seeking election as a member of the unit committee or as a convention delegate, has been disqualified for the reason that the individual does not meet the Qualifications for Participation as stated in Article I and/or the unit's prefilng requirements, if any, and shall provide such documentation with the certification of delegates required in Article VIII, Section H.

Additionally, an individual's election may be challenged by any member and may be excluded by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

SECTION B. State Conventions

A State Convention, which may be the Quadrennial State Convention, Party Canvass or Primary shall be held in each year in which there is to be an election for Governor or United States Senator for nominating candidates for the applicable offices, and for other proper purposes.

SECTION C. District Conventions

A District Convention, which may be the Quadrennial or Biennial District Convention, Party Canvass or Primary shall be held in each year in which there is to be an election for Congressman for nominating a candidate and for other proper purposes.

SECTION D. Legislative Convention

A Legislative District Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention, or Primary shall be held in each year in which there is to be an election for members of the General Assembly from the Legislative District for nominating a candidate(s) and for other proper purposes.

SECTION E. Unit Conventions

A Unit Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention, or Primary shall be held in each year in which there is to be an election for local or constitutional offices for nominating candidates for the applicable offices, and for other proper purposes.

SECTION F. Unit Representation

Representation in all State and District Conventions shall be by Units based upon the Republican Party Voting Strength, but each unit shall be entitled to at least one delegate vote. In all proceedings for nominations for statewide office, the relevant Unit shall be entitled to one (1) delegate vote for each 250 votes. In all proceedings at the District level, the relevant Unit shall be entitled to one (1) delegate vote for each 100 to 500 votes. In all proceedings at the local and Legislative District level, the relevant political subdivision shall be entitled to one (1) delegate vote for each 25 to 500 votes. The exact number shall be decided by the appropriate Official Committee and included in the call.

For the purposes of, and limited to, determining the Republican Party Voting strength of a Military Delegation at a Party convention called to nominate a candidate for election to a public office, such Voting Strength shall be the average percentage of the Republican vote in the immediately preceding Gubernatorial and Presidential elections among all units and portions of units comprising the convention multiplied by the total number of active-duty military absentee votes cast in such units and portions of units in the same Gubernatorial and Presidential elections (number of military absentee ballots cast can be found from your local registrar using the code 6A).

SECTION G. Uniform Ratio

Representation in Legislative District and Unit Conventions shall be by either Units, Wards, Magisterial Districts, Precincts, or the like, but each such political subdivision shall be entitled to at least one delegate vote. In all such proceedings, the political subdivision shall be entitled to one (1) delegate vote for each 25 to 500 votes as defined in Article II, Section 14; the exact number shall be decided by the Official Committee and included in the call.

SECTION H. Delegates

1. Certification
 - a. Delegates and alternates to a Convention shall be certified to that Convention by the permanent Chairman, and Secretary of the Mass Meeting, or Convention which selected them, or by the Chairman of the Official Committee which conducted the Mass Meeting, Convention or Party Canvass to select the delegates and alternates. The certifications shall be delivered to the Chairman of the Official Committee which called the Convention prior to the convening of the Convention. Except in the case of the State Central Committee, a copy of the certification shall also be delivered to the secretary of the official committee. Such Chairman shall be responsible for the preparation of a roll of all such certifications which roll shall thereafter govern the procedures of the Convention, unless and until changed by the Convention.
 - b. In the case of a State Convention a copy of unit certifications shall also be delivered to its District Chairman.
 - c. In the case of a District Convention, said certifications must be delivered to the appropriate District Chairman and Secretary seven (7) days prior to the convening of said Convention. In the case of a State Convention, said certifications must be postmarked sixteen (16) days prior to the convening of the Convention or delivered in person fourteen (14) days prior to the convening of said Convention. After the filing deadline of the certifications, no change may be made except a certified alternate may be made a delegate. A copy of the published official call of the Convention, Mass Meeting, or Party Canvass called for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to convention must accompany the certification with the date of the publication included.
 - d. 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 vote of the Convention.

- e. The foregoing provisions notwithstanding, members of the Military Delegation (as specified in Section 7 below) shall be certified by the Chairman of the Official Committee that called the Convention, pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Official Call and in compliance with Paragraph 7 of this Section H.
2. A delegation to a Convention may not have more than five (5) delegates and five (5) alternates per delegate vote. No delegate may have less than 0.20 votes.
3. The certification of delegates may state how the delegates shall vote whether by those present voting full vote, or non-full vote, and if an how an allocation of votes is fractionalized. A delegation shall vote full vote unless otherwise designated by the electing body.
 - a. Full vote means the delegates present and voting at the Convention may cast the full vote of the delegation with proportionate weight given to majority and minority vote. Example: If a County has ten votes to a Convention but only six delegates are present at the Convention and four desire to support one candidate and two desire to support another candidate, the four delegates would cast 6.67 votes for their candidate and the two delegates would cast 3.33 votes for their candidate.
 - b. Non-full vote shall mean that each delegate will only be entitled to the vote to which he is certified. Example: If a County has ten votes to a Convention and elects fifty delegates non-full vote, each delegate present at the Convention would have 0.20 vote.
 - c. The vote of a delegation shall be reported to the nearest hundredth. Example: If a 37-vote delegation has 85 delegates present with 22 voting for A and 63 voting for B, A's vote would be $22/85 \times 37 = 9.58$; B's vote would be $63/85 \times 37 = 27.42$.
4. No delegation shall vote under a unit rule at any Convention; nor shall any delegation be instructed on any vote at any convention, except as set forth in Paragraph 7 of this Section H.
5. The delegates present in a given delegation shall designate which alternate shall vote in the place of an absent delegate, except where the body electing the delegates has determined that another method of alternate selection shall be used.
6. 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.
 - a. The provisions of this Paragraph 6 of Section H shall remain in force until such time as the State Central Committee determines Department of Defense regulations no longer inhibit active duty military personnel from standing for election to become a delegate to a Convention.
7. Every convention involving nominations for public office, except those called to nominate candidate(s) for a special election, shall have a Military Delegation representing Military Members as set forth below.
 - a. Declaration. Military Members who declare via electronic mail to the Chairman of the Official Committee calling the Convention or his designee in the Call, that because of the obligations of their official military orders, they are unable to attend their respective Unit mass meeting, canvass or convention called for the purpose of selecting delegates to that Convention, and that in lieu of selecting delegates to represent them

from their respective Unit they instead wish to be represented by the Military Delegation, shall be entitled to representation via the Military Delegation. Such e-mail declaration shall include attached a signed statement of intent and affirmation of their official military orders precluding their attendance, and their email address for correspondence. The Call for the Convention shall provide Military Members the deadline and email address by which to send their declarations. The Chairman or his designee shall respond via email to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each email declaration.

- b. Candidate Preference Ballot. Military Members shall be entitled to cast a Candidate Preference Ballot to convey their ordered candidate preferences for each public office (first choice, second choice, third choice, etc). The Ballot shall be available at the Official Committee website (if one exists) and at the RPV website, and shall be emailed to each declared Military Member within seven (7) days of the receipt of (i) the Member's declaration, or (ii) the filing deadline for candidates for public office, whichever is later. The Call shall provide the deadline and email address by which to return the ballot. The Chairman or his designee shall respond via email to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each emailed returned ballot. The deadline to return the ballot shall be at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the convening of the convention. The Chairman of the Official Committee or his designee shall be responsible for ensuring the complete set of returned Candidate Preference Ballots are delivered to the permanent chairman of the Convention, once elected, for tallying the ballots in a manner designed to cast a vote in each round of balloting (as determined by the Rules adopted by the Convention) for the then-eligible candidate with the highest preference expressed on each Candidate Preference Ballot. The Chairman of the Official Committee or his designee shall also provide, upon the request of any candidate on the ballot, the names of qualified Military Members who submitted Candidate Preference Ballots.
- c. Voting. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee or his designee shall cast the votes of the Military Delegation in proportion to the count of the Candidate Preference Ballots as specified pursuant to paragraph (b), and shall tabulate results in accordance with the Republican Voting Strength of the Military Delegation.

SECTION I. State Convention Committees

The State Central Committee shall establish committees for each State Convention. The State Chairman shall appoint the Chairman and one member of each committee. The Congressional District Chairmen shall additionally appoint one member to each committee. Appointments are not subject to approval by the State Convention.

SECTION J. Rules

1. The Official Committee shall prepare the rules and order of business for the conduct of a Convention in advance thereof. Said rules and order of business shall then be submitted to the Committee on Rules of such Convention for its consideration and report to the Convention.
2. The Official Committee shall prepare the rules for the conduct of a Party Canvass subject to the provisions of the State Party Plan.
3. The State Central Committee recommends that the documents related to these proceedings should conform as closely as possible to the model rules in Appendix B.
4. All Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, Conventions, and Primaries shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with, giving precedence as listed to, the following: the State Party Plan; District or Unit Plan or By-Laws; rules adopted by a designated Rules Committee; and otherwise in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*.

SECTION K. Primaries

When an Official Committee has declared for a Primary for nominating candidates for public offices, the State Central Committee shall establish the necessary rules and regulations for the conduct of such Primaries and assist in every practical manner.

SECTION L. National Convention Delegates

Procedures concerning Conventions at which delegates and alternates to National Conventions are elected shall comply with the applicable Rules of the National Republican Party.

SECTION M. Public Meetings

Every Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention shall be held in a building appropriate for public use and shall be open to the public. If after a call for a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention, it shall be determined that the size of the building designated in the call shall be inadequate relative to the anticipated attendance or the building shall be unavailable, the location may be changed by the Chairman issuing the call to a more adequate, but equally accessible, building provided that written notice of the new location be posted at the location originally selected for the meeting, and further provided that those attending are allowed sufficient time to be present at the alternate location and to participate in the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention.

SECTION N. Special Elections

Special Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, and Conventions shall be held to nominate candidates in special elections and for other proper purposes.

SECTION O. Divided Units

1. No member of a Unit Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention shall vote for delegates to a Convention of a District of which he is not a resident.
2. When a Mass Meeting or Convention has divided in order to choose delegates to different Election District Conventions, each resulting division may, by majority vote, elected to adopt its own rules and it shall otherwise be conducted in accordance with Article VIII, Section I.4 of the State Party Plan.

ARTICLE IX Change in Boundaries

In the event the boundaries of a Unit are changed between the time of the last preceding Gubernatorial or Presidential elections and the time set for a State or District Convention, the Republican Party voting strength shall be transferred between the Units affected on the basis of the percentage or registered voters by Precincts which have been transferred.

In the event the boundaries of a Congressional District, Legislative District, Ward, Magisterial District or Precinct are changed, then a method equal or similar to that aforementioned shall be used for determining the Republican votes transferred between the affected political subdivisions and therefor the revised Delegate allotments of Committee memberships. Boundaries of congressional districts, legislative districts, wards, magisterial districts and precincts shall be determined in accordance with applicable local, state and federal law.

In the event that the boundaries of a congressional district change after March 15 in the year of a Quadrennial District Convention, calls for such conventions issued prior to March 15 shall remain valid for all purposes except the nomination of a candidate for the House of Representatives. Delegates and alternates elected at such conventions shall be the district delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention, the new boundaries of the congressional districts notwithstanding.

ARTICLE X Rulings and Appeals

SECTION A. Rulings

1. Any Chairman of an Official Committee or twenty (20) percent of the members of an Official Committee may request a ruling or interpretation of the State Party Plan from the General Counsel. The General Counsel's determination shall be binding unless and until overturned upon appeal, either to the Appeals Committee or directly to the State Central Committee. Any original appeal must be made within thirty (30) days of the date that the ruling is posted on the RPV website.

2. The Appeals Committee shall consist of the State Chairman, all of the State Vice Chairmen and a General Assembly Committee Member appointed by the Joint Republican Legislative Caucus. The State Chairman shall convene this Committee within fourteen (14) days or less, either in person or by telephone, and shall participate in its deliberations and decisions. If the State Chairman has not called a meeting of the Appeals Committee within this period, a meeting may be called upon notice given by a majority of the members of the Appeals Committee.
3. In the event of an appeal to the Appeals Committee and a concurrence by a majority of that Committee with the Ruling or interpretation of the General Counsel, it may be further appealed to the State Central Committee, whose decision shall be binding in accordance with Article X, Section C.
4. All rulings and interpretations by the General Counsel, and the final determination on any appeal of such, shall be posted on the State Central Committee and Unit Chair sections of the website of the Republican Party of Virginia. Further, notice of each ruling and determination of any appeal shall be provided by electronic mail to each member of the State Central Committee and to each Unit Chairman.

SECTION B. Contests

1. Each Unit Committee shall decide all controversies and contests arising within its jurisdiction, but those persons deemed adversely affected by any such decision shall have the right of appeal to the appropriate District Committee. In the case of a split Unit, if the controversy or contest specifically relates to the operations or affairs of a particular Congressional or Legislative District, an appeal shall be taken to that particular Congressional or Legislative District Committee; if not, an appeal shall be taken to the District Committee of the District wherein the person appealing resides.
2. Each Legislative District Committee shall decide all controversies and contests arising within its jurisdiction. Persons deemed adversely affected by a decision of the Legislative District Committee shall have the right of appeal to the appropriate Congressional District Committee. In the case of a legislative district that is located in more than one congressional district, the appropriate Congressional District Committee shall be the District wherein the person appealing resides.
3. Each District Committee shall decide all controversies and contests arising within its jurisdiction. It shall also hear and decide all timely appeals taken from units and legislative districts within the District. Persons deemed adversely affected by a decision of the District Committee shall have the right of appeal to the State Central Committee.
4. All appeals, under sub-sections 1, 2 and 3 of this section must be made in writing within thirty (30) days after the decision appealed from and the appeal must be accompanied by a petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) Party members (except as provided below) of the respective Unit, Legislative District or Congressional District affected. When an appeal involves a mass meeting, party canvass or convention, then for purposes of this paragraph the term "Party members" shall mean mass meeting participants in the case of a mass meeting; canvass voters in the case of a party canvass; or delegates in the case of a convention. If fewer than one hundred twenty-five (125) persons voted in such mass meeting, party canvass or convention, then the petition shall be signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the voters at such mass meeting, party canvass or convention.
5. All Contests and Appeals under sub-sections 1, 2 and 3 of this section, except for an appeal to the State Central Committee, shall be heard and a decision rendered by the committee to which the appeal was made within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the appeal. If no decision has been rendered in writing at the end of thirty days, the appeal or contest may be made directly to the next level of appeal as if an adverse decision had been rendered. A timely appeal made to the State Central Committee will be heard at the next regular meeting of the Committee unless the Chairman or 1/3 of the members call for a special meeting.
6. If the Contest or Appeal arises from an action during a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention held less than fourteen (14) days prior to the deadline for the official committee chairman to certify a nominee, a contest or appeal may be made directly to the appropriate Congressional District Committee.

SECTION C. Finality

The State Central Committee shall make the final decision, upon timely appeal, on all Party controversies and contests in any Election District of the State, rulings of the General Counsel and on all other matters deemed to affect the efficiency of the Party organization or the success of the Party.

**ARTICLE XI
Amendments**

The State Party Plan may be amended by any State Convention by three-fourths (3/4) roll call vote after notice of such intent and general text of such amendment has been made in writing to each Unit Chairman and Member of the State Central Committee, postmarked not later than 45 days prior to the start of the convention; or by the State Central Committee by three-fourths (3/4) of its members present, but not less than a majority of the total members, after notice of such intent and general text of such amendment has been included in the call of the meeting.

APPENDIX A

Model Calls for Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses and Conventions

- 1. Model Calls for Conventions: State, District, Legislative**
- 2. Model Calls for Mass Meetings: Legislative and Unit**
- 3. Model Calls for Party Canvasses: Legislative and Unit**

Model Calls for Conventions

STATE

OFFICIAL CALL
State Convention
of the Republican Party of Virginia
[DATE] at [TIME] Local Time
[LOCATION]

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, [NAME], do hereby issue this Call for a State Convention of the Republican Party of Virginia to be held at the [LOCATION], or its alternate site, starting at [TIME] local time on [DATE] for the following purposes:

[USE ALL THAT APPLY]

- a) Electing [NUMBER] delegates and [NUMBER] alternate delegates at large to the Republican National Convention to be held at the [LOCATION], or its alternate site beginning on [DATE];
- b) Nominating two (2) Electors At Large to be voted for in the presidential election on [DATE];
- c) Electing a State Chairman;
- d) Nominating a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman;
- e) Nominating a Republican candidate for the office of [OFFICE];

and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention; [USE IN PRESIDENTIAL YEARS] and I further direct the Republican Congressional District Chairmen to issue a call for Congressional District Conventions for the purpose of electing three (3) delegates and three (3) alternate delegates per congressional district for a total of [NUMBER] delegates and [NUMBER] alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention to be held at the [LOCATION], or its alternate site beginning on [DATE]; nominating one (1) Elector per congressional district to be voted for in the presidential election of [DATE]; electing a District Chairman; electing three (3) members to the State Central Committee per congressional district; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the District Convention; and I further direct the Republican Congressional District Chairmen to issue the call for each district convention to the chairman of each unit within the district not less than thirty (30) days prior to such conventions, and further, to publish such call in a newspaper of general circulation in the district at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such convention as required by the rules adopted by the previous Republican National Convention; and I further direct the Executive Director of the Republican Party of Virginia to publish this call in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the state at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the state convention as required by the rules adopted by the previous Republican National Convention.

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.

Composition of Convention

The State 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 two hundred fifty (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 State Chairman [E-MAIL ADDRESS] no later than [DEADLINE] that they intend to support the Party's nominees in the ensuing election and that their orders preclude them from participating in person. The State Chairman will provide declarants with candidate preference ballots that will be cast on their behalf at the convention.

Certification of Delegates

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. The said delegates and alternate delegates to the State Convention so elected shall be certified in writing with their respective names and addresses including zip codes 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.

ALL CERTIFICATIONS, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF LOCAL MASS MEETING, PARTY CANVASS OR CONVENTION must be postmarked not later than sixteen (16) days [DEADLINE] prior to the convention or delivered in person fourteen (14) days [DEADLINE] prior to the convening of said convention. After the filing deadline of the certification, no change may be made except a certified alternate delegate 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. Certification should be mailed or delivered as follows:

Original – [State Chairman and mailing address]

Second Copy – The respective district chairman

Third Copy – For the unit's records

A delegate or alternate delegate is not certified until his name, address and phone number has been provided on the certification.

[ATTACH LIST OF UNITS AND RESPECTIVE VOTING STRENGTHS]

Paid for and authorized by the Republican Party of Virginia, Inc.

DISTRICT

OFFICIAL CALL
District Convention
of the [NUMBER] Congressional District
of the Republican Party of Virginia
[DATE] at [TIME] Local Time
[LOCATION]

As Chairman of the [NUMBER] Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the District Committee, I, [NAME], do hereby issue this Call for a District Convention to be held at the [LOCATION], or its alternate site, starting at [TIME] local time on [DATE] for the following purposes:

[USE ALL THAT APPLY]

- a) Electing [NUMBER] delegates and [NUMBER] alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention to be held at the [LOCATION], or its alternate site beginning on [DATE];
- b) Nominating one (1) Elector to be voted for in the presidential election on [DATE];
- c) Electing a District Chairman of the Republican Party;
- d) Electing three (3) members of the State Central Committee;
- e) Nominating a Republican candidate for the office of U.S. House of Representatives;

and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of the [NUMBER] Congressional District 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.

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 [*one hundred (100) to five hundred; District Committee chooses exact number*] 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 [E-MAIL ADDRESS] no later than [DEADLINE] 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.

Certification of Delegates

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. 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 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.

ALL CERTIFICATIONS, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF LOCAL MASS MEETING, PARTY CANVASS OR CONVENTION must be postmarked not later than seven (7) days prior to the convening of said convention [DEADLINE]. After the filing deadline of the certification, no change may be made except a certified alternate delegate 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. Certification should be mailed or delivered as follows:

- Original – [District Chairman and mailing address]
- Second Copy – [District Secretary and mailing address]
- Third Copy – For the unit’s records

A delegate or alternate delegate is not certified until his name, address and phone number has been provided on the certification.

[ATTACH LIST OF UNITS AND RESPECTIVE VOTING STRENGTHS]

Paid for and authorized by the [FULL NAME OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE].

LEGISLATIVE

OFFICIAL CALL

Legislative District Convention
of the [NUMBER][HOUSE OR SENATE]
District of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the [NUMBER][HOUSE OR SENATE] District Committee of the Republican Party, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, [NAME], do hereby issue this call for a Legislative District Convention to be held at [LOCATION], starting at [TIME] local time on [DATE] for the purposes of nominating a Republican candidate for the office of [DELEGATE OR SENATOR] to be voted for in the [GENERAL OR SPECIAL] election on [DATE], and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of the [NUMBER][HOUSE OR SENATE] District 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.

Composition of Convention

The Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units [*see note*] 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 [*see note*] in the last gubernatorial and presidential election combined. Each unit [*see note*] is allowed one (1) Delegate Vote for each [*twenty-five (25) to five hundred (500); Legislative District Committee to choose exact number*] Republican votes cast or major portion thereof. Each unit [*see note*] 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.

[*NOTE: legislative districts entirely within one unit should substitute precincts, wards, or magisterial districts, as applicable, in place of "unit" above*]

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 Legislative District Chairman [E-MAIL ADDRESS] no later than [DEADLINE] that they intend to support the Party's nominees in the ensuing election and that their orders preclude them from participating in person. The Legislative District Chairman will provide declarants with candidate preference ballots that will be cast on their behalf at the convention.

Certification of Delegates

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. The said delegates and alternate delegates to the Convention so elected shall be

certified in writing with their respective names and addresses including zip codes 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.

All certifications must be delivered prior to the convening of said convention. After the filing deadline of the certifications, no change may be made except a certified alternate delegate 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. Certification should be mailed or delivered as follows:

Original – [Legislative District Chairman and mailing/delivery addresses]

Second Copy – [Legislative District Secretary and mailing/delivery addresses]

Third Copy – For the unit's records

A delegate or alternate delegate is not certified until his name, address and phone number has been provided on the certification.

[ATTACH LIST OF UNITS AND RESPECTIVE VOTING STRENGTHS]

Paid for and authorized by the [FULL NAME OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE].

Model Calls for Mass Meetings

LEGISLATIVE

OFFICIAL CALL

Legislative District Mass Meeting
of the [NUMBER][HOUSE OR SENATE]
District of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the [NUMBER][HOUSE OR SENATE] District Committee of the Republican Party, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, [NAME], do hereby issue this call for a Legislative District Mass Meeting to be held at [LOCATION], starting at [TIME] local time on [DATE] for the purposes of: (a) nominating a Republican candidate for the office of [DELEGATE OR SENATOR] to be voted for in the [GENERAL OR SPECIAL] election on [DATE]; and (b) for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the mass meeting.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of the [NUMBER][HOUSE OR SENATE] District 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.

Filing Requirements (OPTIONAL)

Candidates for the election or nomination at said mass meeting shall file a written statement by mail or in person, to [NAME AND MAILING/DELIVERY ADDRESSES OF PERSON(S) DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE FILINGS], which must be received not later than [TIME AND DATE]. *[Note: if a filing form is used, information on where to obtain the form must be included in the call.]*

Registration Fee

There will be no registration fee to participate in this mass meeting.

[ALTERNATE: A voluntary registration fee of [AMOUNT] is requested of each voter in this mass meeting.]

[NOTE: a voluntary fee may be requested, but not required, when the mass meeting involves the nomination of any publicly elected official.]

Paid for and authorized by the [FULL NAME OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE].

UNIT

OFFICIAL CALL
Mass Meeting
of [NAME OF UNIT]
of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the [UNIT] Committee of the Republican Party, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, [NAME], do hereby issue this call for a Mass Meeting to be held at [LOCATION], starting at [TIME] local time on [DATE] for the following purposes:

[USE ALL THAT APPLY]

- a) Nominating a Republican candidate for the office of [OFFICE] to be voted for in the [GENERAL OR SPECIAL] election on [DATE];
- b) Electing a Unit Chairman;
- c) Electing members of the Unit Committee as follows: [LIST PRECINCT NAME AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS, RESPECTIVELY, AND NUMBER OF AT-LARGE MEMBERS];
- d) Electing up to [NUMBER] Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the [STATE, DISTRICT, ETC.] Convention, to be held on [DATE] at [LOCATION], beginning at [TIME] for the purposes of [LIST PURPOSES]. Each unit is entitled to one (1) Delegate Vote per [NUMBER] Republican votes for Governor and President at their last election, so that [UNIT] is entitled to [NUMBER] Delegate Votes; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the mass meeting.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of [UNIT] 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.

Filing Requirements (OPTIONAL)

Candidates for the election or nomination at said mass meeting shall file a written statement by mail or in person, to [NAME AND MAILING/DELIVERY ADDRESSES OF PERSON(S) DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE FILINGS], which must be received not later than [TIME AND DATE]. *[Note: if a filing form is used, information on where to obtain the form must be included in the call.]*

Registration Fee

There will be [NO or AMOUNT] registration fee to participate in this mass meeting.
[NOTE: a voluntary fee may be requested, but not required, if the mass meeting involves the nomination of any publicly elected official. If voluntary, state so above.]

Paid for and authorized by the [FULL NAME OF UNIT COMMITTEE].

Model Calls for Party Canvasses: Legislative and Unit

LEGISLATIVE

OFFICIAL CALL

Legislative District Party Canvass
of the [NUMBER][HOUSE OR SENATE]
District of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the [NUMBER][HOUSE OR SENATE] District Committee of the Republican Party, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, [NAME], do hereby issue this call for a Legislative District Party Canvass to be held at [LOCATION(S)], from [TIMES] local time on [DATE] for the purposes of: (a) nominating a Republican candidate for the office of [DELEGATE OR SENATOR] to be voted for in the [GENERAL OR SPECIAL] election on [DATE].

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of the [NUMBER][HOUSE OR SENATE] District 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.

Filing Requirements

Candidates for the Republican nomination at said canvass shall file a written statement by mail or in person, to [NAME AND MAILING/DELIVERY ADDRESSES OF PERSON(S) DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE FILINGS], which must be received not later than [TIME AND DATE]. If only one candidate properly files, then said candidate shall be declared the Republican nominee and no canvass will be held.

[Note: if a filing form is used, information on where to obtain the form must be included in the call.]

Registration Fee

There will be no registration fee to participate in this canvass.

[ALTERNATE: A voluntary registration fee of [AMOUNT] is requested of each voter in this canvass.]

[NOTE: a voluntary fee may be requested, but not required, when the canvass involves the nomination of any publicly elected official.]

Paid for and authorized by the [FULL NAME OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE].

UNIT

OFFICIAL CALL
Party Canvass of [NAME OF UNIT]
of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the [UNIT] Committee of the Republican Party, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, [NAME], do hereby issue this call for a Party Canvass to be held at [LOCATION(S)], from [TIMES] local time on [DATE] for the following purposes:

- a) Nominating a Republican candidate for the office of [OFFICE] to be voted for in the [GENERAL OR SPECIAL] election on [DATE];
- b) Electing a Unit Chairman;
- c) Electing members of the Unit Committee as follows: [LIST PRECINCT NAME AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS, RESPECTIVELY, AND NUMBER OF AT-LARGE MEMBERS];
- d) Electing up to [NUMBER] Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the [STATE, DISTRICT, ETC.] Convention, to be held on [DATE] at [LOCATION], beginning at [TIME] for the purposes of [LIST PURPOSES]. Each unit is entitled to one (1) Delegate Vote per [NUMBER] Republican votes for Governor and President at their last election, so that [UNIT] is entitled to [NUMBER] Delegate Votes.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of [UNIT] 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.

Filing Requirements

Candidates for the nomination or election at said canvass shall file a written statement by mail or in person, to [NAME AND MAILING/DELIVERY ADDRESSES OF PERSON(S) DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE FILINGS], which must be received not later than [TIME AND DATE]. If not more than the number of persons to be elected shall file for each office, then such properly filed persons shall be declared nominated or elected as the case may be, and no canvass will be held for such purpose. *[Note: if a filing form is used, information on where to obtain the form must be included in the call.]*

Registration Fee

There will be [NO or AMOUNT] registration fee to participate in this canvass. *[NOTE: a voluntary fee may be requested, but not required, if the canvass involves the nomination of any publicly elected official. If voluntary, state so above.]*

Paid for and authorized by the [FULL NAME OF UNIT COMMITTEE].

APPENDIX B

Model Rules for Mass Meetings and Party Canvasses

- 1. Model Rules for a Mass Meeting**
- 2. Model Rules for a Party Canvass**

Model Rules for a Mass Meeting

1. This mass meeting shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following (giving precedence as listed): the State Party Plan, District or Unit Plan or By-Laws, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised 10th Edition).
2. Any person may attend the mass meeting, but only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may have the floor unless specially recognized by the Chair. Only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may vote. No proxies are allowed at any time.
3. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Mass Meeting.
4. The Credentials Committee shall report on the proper credentials of each voter and decide any question that may arise concerning eligibility to participate.
5. No one will be allowed on the Mass Meeting floor without proper credentials displayed.
6. A roll call shall be taken at the request of one-fifth (1/5) of the total Mass Meeting votes as certified by the Credentials Committee.
7. Elections shall require a majority of the total Mass Meeting vote as certified by the Credentials Committee. There shall be no cumulative voting.
8. No voter may change his or her vote after it has been collected or recorded by the unit chairman or a teller appointed by the unit chairman.
9. (Optional) Upon adoption of these rules, the temporary officials of the Mass Meeting shall be made permanent.
10. No resolution may be presented from the floor unless first submitted in writing to the Resolutions Committee for consideration. Each resolution shall be considered separately in the order contained in the committee report.
11. The order of business shall be as set forth below, provided, however, that upon majority vote of the Mass Meeting, an item may be omitted or added. The Chairman of the Mass Meeting may interrupt the order as he or she may deem appropriate.
 - A) Reading of the Call by the Party Secretary.
 - B) Election of Temporary Chairman
 - C) Election of Temporary Secretary
 - D) Appointment of Temporary Parliamentarian, Timekeeper and Sergeant-at-Arms.
 - E) Appointment of Temporary Committees.
 - F) Meetings of Committees.
 - G) Credentials Committee Report.
 - H) Rules Committee Report.
 - I) Final Report of the Credentials Committee.
 - J) [if Rule 9 above is not adopted] Election of Permanent Chairman and Permanent Secretary.
 - K) [if Rule 9 above is not adopted] Appointment of Permanent Officials.
 - L) [if applicable] Nominations of candidates for public office [specify].
 - M) [if applicable] Election of persons to party offices [specify].
 - N) Resolutions Committee Report.
 - O) Other Business.
 - P) Adjournment.

Model Rules for a Party Canvass

The [NAME] Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, hereby adopts these Rules for the conduct of this Party Canvass.

1. The Republican Party Canvass shall be held at [LOCATION(S)] on [DATE], from [TIMES]. The purpose of the Canvass shall be [LIST PURPOSES].
2. This party canvass shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following (giving precedence as listed): the State Party Plan, District or Unit Plan or By-Laws, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (10th Edition).
3. Only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may vote. No proxies are allowed at any time.
4. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass.
5. The [NAME APPOINTING AUTHORITY] shall appoint a Credentials Committee of not more than [NUMBER] persons, to register those persons who offer to vote and to count the ballots once the polls are closed. The members of the Credentials Committee shall remain inside the room in which voting is conducted during the period in which voting takes place and until the ballots are counted.
6. The Credentials Committee shall decide any question that may arise concerning the qualifications of a candidate or eligibility to vote.
7. No one will be allowed in the voting area without proper authorization. Candidates shall not loiter or campaign in the room in which voting will take place.
8. No resolutions may be introduced.
9. The Credentials Committee shall prepare ballots listing the names of all qualified candidates for contested nominations or elections, who have properly filed as required in the Call of the Party Canvass.
10. As soon as the polls are closed, the Credentials Committee shall immediately proceed to ascertain the vote given at the Canvass and shall continue without adjournment until they declare the results of the canvass. Only the members of the Credentials Committee and two representatives of each candidate, if any, shall be permitted to remain in the room once the polls have closed and until the ballots are counted. Ballots shall then be placed in a sealed envelope and preserved and secured by the Credentials Committee for at least thirty (30) days in the event of any challenge to the results.
11. Candidates shall be elected on the basis of plurality of votes received. If two or more persons have an equal number of votes and a higher number than any other person, the [NAME] Committee shall proceed publicly to determine by lot which of the persons shall be declared elected, after those persons have been notified and are allowed an opportunity to be present.
12. The [NAME] Committee shall preserve order inside and outside the polling place(s). No person shall hinder, intimidate, or interfere with any qualified voter so as to prevent the voter from casting a secret ballot. The [NAME] Committee may order a person violating this Rule to cease such action and, if such action continues, may remove such person from the polling place.

Joint Exhibit 5



National Delegate

Declaration and Statement of Qualifications

I, _____, hereby indicate my intention to seek election as an At-Large Delegate to the 2016 Republican National Convention by the 2016 Republican Party of Virginia Quadrennial Convention to be held on April 29-30, 2016.

In accordance with the Qualifications for Participation set forth in the Official Call and Article I of the Plan of Organization, I also do hereby certify that I am a registered voter in Virginia, I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and I intend to support all the Nominees of the Republican Party during my term on the Republican National Committee.

I further acknowledge, understand, and agree that if elected, my vote on the first ballot for President at the Republican National Convention will be bound by the results of the March 1, 2016 Virginia Presidential Primary, in accordance with the Allocation Resolution adopted by the RPV State Central Committee on September 19, 2015. I further acknowledge that all costs associated with my candidacy and potential service as a National Delegate are my own responsibility.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Virginia, Zip Code _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail _____

Please complete this form and return it by mail or in person to Chairman, c/o Executive Director of the Republican Party of Virginia; 115 East Grace Street – Richmond, Virginia 23219, which must be received not later than 5:00pm EST on **March 1, 2016**. Postmarks will not govern.

Joint Exhibit 6

**Call for the
The Tenth District Convention
Of the Republican Party of Virginia
Issued January 8, 2016**

Pursuant to the Plan of Organization Republican Party of Virginia, I, Jo A. S. Thoburn, Chairman of the Tenth Congressional District Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, do hereby call a Tenth District Convention to be held at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at Stone Bridge High School, 43100 Hay Road, Ashburn, Virginia, 20147.

Registration shall begin at 8:30 o'clock a.m. and close at 10:00 o'clock a.m. EDT. Everyone in line at 10:00 o'clock a.m., the said closing time, may still be registered if otherwise eligible.

Convention Committee meetings shall begin no later than 8:30 o'clock a.m., and shall be held at the convention site, but preliminary meetings may be held at such times and dates as may be designated by the Temporary Convention Committee Chairmen.

The purpose of the 10th District Convention shall be:

- i) To elect a Chairman of the 10th Congressional District Republican Committee.
- ii) To elect three members to the Republican Party of Virginia State Central Committee.
- iii) To elect three Delegates and three Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, beginning on July 18, 2016.
- iv) To nominate one Elector to be voted for in the Presidential Election of November 8, 2016.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters, regardless of race, religion, color, national origin or sex, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, who are in accord with principles of the Republican Party and who if requested express in open meeting 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, Conventions or Primaries in their respective districts. Each delegate must present a valid, non-expired photo identification issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States.

Composition of Convention

The District Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegate of the respective units they represent. Representation shall be based on 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. Each county or city shall be entitled to at least one delegate vote. The delegates and alternates shall be elected in county and city mass meetings, party canvasses or conventions held no earlier than February 1, 2016, and no late than March 30, 2016.

A delegation to this convention may have no more than five (5) delegates and five (5) alternates per delegate vote. No delegate may have less than one-fifth of a vote. Delegations shall vote full vote unless otherwise directed by the mass meeting, party canvass, or convention by which they were elected, said direction to be included in the certification of delegates. The number of delegates to which each city or county shall be entitled is as follows:

Clarke	28
Fairfax	333
Frederick	144
Loudoun	463
Manassas	41
Manassas Park City	10
Prince William	106
Winchester	31
Military Delegation	1
TOTAL	<u>1,157</u>

Revisions

In the event that the redistricting process requires technical or conforming changes to the Call, the District Chairman is authorized to revise the Call to make any such technical or conforming changes. The District Chairman must promptly notify the District Committee of any such conforming changes.

Military Provision Declaration

Military Members who declare via email to the chairman@vagop10.org, not later than March 3, 2016, that because of the obligations of their official military orders, they are unable to attend their convention, and that in lieu of selecting delegates to represent them from their respective Unit they instead wish to be represented by the Military Delegation, shall be entitled to representation via the Military Delegation. Such e-mail declaration shall include attached a signed statement of intent and affirmation of their official military orders precluding their attendance, and their email address for correspondence. The Chairman or his designee shall respond via email to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each email declaration.

Candidate Preference Ballot

Military Members shall be entitled to cast a Candidate Preference Ballot to convey their ordered candidate preferences for each office (first choice, second choice, third choice, etc). The Ballot shall be available at the Official Committee website (www.vagop10.org) and at the RPV website, and shall be emailed to each declared Military Member within seven (7) days of the receipt of (i) the Member's declaration, or (ii) the filing deadline for candidates for office, whichever is later. The Chairman or his designee shall respond via email to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each emailed returned ballot. The deadline to return the ballot shall be March 25, 2016.

Delegate Certification deadline of the Call

The Chairman of the Tenth Congressional District Republican Committee or his designee shall be responsible for ensuring the complete set of returned Candidate Preference Ballots are delivered to the permanent chairman of the Convention, once elected, for tallying the ballots in a manner designed to cast a vote in each round of balloting (as determined by the Rules adopted by the Convention) for the then-eligible candidate with the highest preference expressed on each Candidate Preference Ballot. The Chairman of the Tenth Congressional District Republican Committee or his designee shall also provide, upon the request of any candidate on the ballot, the names of qualified Military Members who submitted Candidate Preference Ballots.

Voting

The Chairman of the Credentials Committee or his designee shall cast the votes of the Military Delegation in proportion to the count of the Candidate Preference Ballots as specified pursuant to paragraph, and shall tabulate results in accordance with the Republican Voting Strength of the Military Delegation.

Committees/Rules

Members of the Temporary Convention Arrangements, Credentials, Nominations, Elections, Tellers, Resolutions and Rules Committees shall be appointed by the 10th District Republican Committee Chairman and shall meet in advance of the Convention

(at the discretion of the Temporary Chairman of each such Committee and the District Chairman) to perform their duties subject to ratification by the delegates present and voting at the Convention. The State Party Plan, the Call of the Convention, and the Rules adopted by the Convention shall take precedence in governing the Convention. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall also govern insofar as they do not conflict with the State Party Plan, the Call of the Convention, and the Convention Rules.

Resolutions must be submitted in their entirety to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee not later than noon on Saturday, April 2, 2016. All resolutions and the accompanying business of each resolution shall be conducted after the candidate speeches and before the reporting of the balloting totals. Resolutions or amendments from the floor are not permitted and any motion to propose any resolution is out of order.

Candidate Filing Requirements and Election Procedures

Chairman of the 10th Congressional District Republican Committee. All Candidates who desire to be nominated at the 10th District convention described herein for the position of Chairman of the 10th Congressional District Republican Committee shall pre-file in writing their intention for candidacy for said office including a non-refundable \$1500.00 pre-filing fee, in the form of a check made out to the 10th District Committee, with the District Chairman, Jo Thoburn, 1406 Crowell Road, Vienna, VA, 22182, not later than 12:00 noon EST, on Saturday, January 23, 2016. Actual receipt is required. Postmarks do not govern. Only those who so pre-file may stand for election at this District Convention. The winning candidate will be chosen by election of the convention delegates based on a majority vote of greater than 50%.

State Central Committee Members. All Candidates who desire to be nominated at the 10th District Convention described herein for the position of State Central Committee shall pre-file in writing their intention for candidacy for said office including a non-refundable \$250.00 pre-filing fee, in the form of a check made out to the 10th District Committee, with the District Chairman Jo Thoburn 1406 Crowell Road, Vienna, VA, 22182, not later than 12:00 noon EST, on Saturday, January 23, 2016. Actual receipt is required. Postmarks do not govern. Only those who so pre-file may stand for election at this District Convention. The three (3) winning candidates will be chosen by election of the convention delegates based on the candidates receiving the top three (3) number of votes.

Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention and

Elector to the Electoral College. All Candidates who desire to be nominated at the 10th District Convention described herein for the positions of Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, beginning on July 18, 2016, and/or Elector to the Electoral College, shall pre-file in writing their intention for candidacy for said offices, including a non-refundable \$250.00 pre-filing fee, in the form of a check made out to the 10th District Committee, with the District Chairman Jo Thoburn 1406 Crowell Road, Vienna, VA, 22182, not later than 12:00 noon, on Saturday, January 23, 2016.. All candidates for Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Republican National Convention shall also include a non-refundable \$250.00 pre-filing fee, in the form of a check made out to the 10th District Committee. Actual receipt is required. Postmarks do not govern. Only those who so pre-file for Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and Elector may stand for election or nomination at this District Convention. Election for Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Republican National Convention shall determined as follows. The winning Delegate candidates will be chosen by the top three (3) vote totals, and the winning Alternate Delegates candidates will be chosen by the fourth, fifth, and sixth vote totals. The winning candidate for Elector will be chosen by election of the convention delegates based on the candidate receiving the highest number of votes.

Certification of Delegates

The delegates and alternate delegates to Tenth District Convention so elected shall be certified in writing with their respective names, mailing addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers, over the signatures of the permanent chairman and the permanent secretary of the county or city mass meeting, convention or party canvass, as well as the signature of the current unit chairman. Units shall also provide the above information in an in the format to be provided by the 10th District Secretary via email to chairman@vagop10.org and gerrygunn.esq@gmail.com. **THE CERTIFICATION MUST BE DELIVERED AND RECEIVED AT LEAST FOURTEEN (14) DAYS (NOT LATER THAN APRIL 2, 2016) PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF THE DISTRICT CONVENTION TO BOTH THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN AND THE DISTRICT SECRETARY.** Said certification shall be sent to the address listed herein. After the filing deadline of the certification, no change may be made except, notwithstanding the foregoing, a certified alternate may be made a delegate.

A voluntary, non-refundable registration fee of \$20.00 is requested for each delegate and alternate to the convention. **CHECKS (MADE PAYABLE TO THE 10TH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE) FOR SAID REGISTRATION FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THE CERTIFICATION FOR EACH DELEGATION SENT TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN, ALONG WITH THE NAMES OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES WHO HAVE PAID SAID REGISTRATION FEE.** These fees are subject to the limits and prohibitions of the Federal Election Campaign

Act.

A paper copy of the call posted on the unit website and the RPV website containing the published Call of the Mass Meeting, Convention or Party Canvass, called for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to the 10th District Convention, shall accompany the certification. Certification shall be conveyed as required herein on properly executed forms, provided by the District Chairman to:

Jo Thoburn
Chairman, 10th Congressional District Republican Committee
1406 Crowell Road
Vienna, VA 22182

AND

Gerry Gunn
Secretary, 10th District Republican Committee
3212 Dominy Court
Oakton, VA 22124

In witness whereof, I have set my hand this 8 day of January, 2016.



Jo Thoburn
Chairman, 10th Congressional District
Republican Committee

Joint Exhibit 7

From: beau@correllfirm.com [<mailto:beau@correllfirm.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 11:28 AM
To: SBE - INFO, rr (ELECT); Dogu, Reiko (ELECT); vote@winchesterva.gov
Subject: Official opinion from Virginia Department of Elections

Virginia Department of Elections
Washington Building
1100 Bank Street, First Floor
Richmond, VA 23219

May 25, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Carroll "Beau" Correll, Jr. I was elected to be a national delegate to attend to Republican national convention in Cleveland. (Source: <http://www.virginia.gop/virginia-national-delegates-to-the-gop-convention/>) It is my intent to vote on the first ballot at the National Convention against the candidate receiving the most votes in the most recent Virginia Republican presidential primary.

Please confirm that such a vote, and if others in my delegation do the same, would be in violation of Virginia Code 24.2-545(D), "...delegates and alternates shall be bound to vote on the first ballot at the national convention for the candidate receiving the most votes in the primary unless that candidate releases those delegates and alternates from such vote." Specifically, I am requesting whether such action is in violation of state law rather than potential party rules.

Also, please inform me if any such action would be in violation of (i) *any other* Virginia statutes of which the Department exercises authority, and (ii) whether there are penalties, if any.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Respectfully,

Carroll "Beau" Correll, Jr.

Subject: RE: Official opinion from Virginia Department of Elections
From: "Braun, Brooks (ELECT)" <Brooks.Braun@elections.virginia.gov>
Date: Wed, May 25, 2016 2:09 pm
To: "beau@correllfirm.com" <beau@correllfirm.com>
Cc: "Dogu, Reiko (ELECT)" <Reiko.Dogu@elections.virginia.gov>

Beau,

While it would seem on its face that what you are suggesting is in clear contradiction of the law as written, the Department of Elections does not provide legal advice. For most matters, we are not an enforcement agency. In most cases, when law under [Title 24.2](#) of the Code of Virginia is violated, it is left to the Commonwealth's Attorney to decide whether to prosecute. You could contact your local CA and ask them their opinion. I would certainly recommend that you retain council of your own before speaking to anyone else about this matter. They will be best positioned to help you understand the law and your potential liability should you decide to pursue a particular course of action.

I hope you find this information useful. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me. I'm happy to assist.

Sincerely,

Brooks C. Braun, Esq.

Policy Analyst
Virginia Department of Elections
1100 Bank Street
Richmond, VA 23219
Direct: 804.864.8924
Toll free: 800.552.9745 ext. 8924

Remember - Virginia law now requires photo identification when voting in person.

Disclaimer: This message is not legal advice, nor a binding statement of official policy. It is intended only for the use of the name addressee(s). Any other use is prohibited. If you received this message in error, please call me and delete the message and any attachments without forwarding, copying or otherwise disclosing them. Thank you.

Joint Exhibit 8

From: beau@correllfirm.com [<mailto:beau@correllfirm.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 12:16 PM
To: mabrams@ca.winchesterva.com
Subject: Request for Legal Opinion

Mr. Marc Abrams
Commonwealth's Attorney, City of Winchester
24 Rouss Avenue, Suite 200
Winchester, VA 22601

June 2, 2016

RE: REQUEST FOR LEGAL OPINION

Dear Marc,

I hope this letter finds you well. The Department of Elections suggested I reach out to you regarding a legal opinion on an election law statute.

I was elected to be a National Delegate to attend to Republican National Convention in Cleveland. (Source: <http://www.virginia.gov/virginia-national-delegates-to-the-gop-convention/>) I wish to learn whether a vote on the first ballot at the National Convention **against** the candidate receiving the most votes in the most recent Virginia Republican presidential primary would be in violation of state law.

Specifically, please confirm whether such a vote would be in violation Va. Code § 24.2-545(D), "...delegates and alternates shall be bound to vote on the first ballot at the national convention for the candidate receiving the most votes in the primary unless that candidate releases those delegates and alternates from such vote." Specifically, I am requesting whether such action is in violation of state law rather than party rules as they exist at the time of the convention.

Also, please inform me whether there are penalties, if any. For example, would such an act be a Class 1 misdemeanor as provided under Va. Code § 24.2-1017 (Penalties when not specifically provided elsewhere) or subject a delegate to criminal penalties under another section of the Code?

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Respectfully,

Carroll "Beau" Correll, Jr.
CORRELL LAW FIRM, PLC

Ex. A to Abrams Decl.

Joint Exhibit 9



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June 8, 2016

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Dear Beau:

I'm writing in response to your email dated June 2, 2016 and entitled "REQUEST FOR LEGAL OPINION".

My office generally does not respond to requests for legal opinions about potentially criminal conduct which we may or may not prosecute subject to a few exceptions, including but not be limited to a few statutorily defined exceptions such as "conflict of interest opinions". However, as you are aware the first rule of statutory construction dictates that we are to interpret words of a statute using the ordinary meaning of the language in the statute. The plain meaning of the statute you cite, Va. Code. §24.2-545(D) would appear clear.

I refer you to consult private counsel for an opinion as to issues such as jurisdiction, venue, potential penalties, etc.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc H. Abrams".

Marc H. Abrams,
Commonwealth's Attorney

Ex. B to Abrams Decl.

Joint Exhibit 10

From: beau@correllfirm.com [<mailto:beau@correllfirm.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2016 7:42 PM
To: Mcclees, Myron (ELECT)
Cc: Bill Steele
Subject: Request for Advisory Opinion
Importance: High

Mr. Myron McClees
Election Uniformity
Virginia Department of Elections
Washington Building
1100 Bank Street, First Floor
Richmond, VA 23219
June 8, 2016

RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION

Dear Mr. McClees,

I hope this letter finds you well. Bill Steele, the Chairman of the Winchester Electoral Board, directed me to you regarding an advisory opinion on an election law statute.

I was elected to be a National Delegate to attend to Republican National Convention in Cleveland. (Source: <http://www.virginia.gov/virginia-national-delegates-to-the-gop-convention/>) I wish to learn whether a vote on the first ballot at the National Convention **against** the candidate receiving the most votes in the most recent Virginia Republican presidential primary would be in violation of state law.

Specifically, please confirm whether such a vote would be in violation Va. Code § 24.2-545(D), "...delegates and alternates shall be bound to vote on the first ballot at the national convention for the candidate receiving the most votes in the primary unless that candidate releases those delegates and alternates from such vote." Specifically, I am requesting whether such action is in violation of state law rather than party rules as they exist at the time of the convention.

Also, please inform me whether there are penalties, if any. For example, would such an act be a Class 1 misdemeanor as provided under Va. Code § 24.2-1017 (Penalties when not specifically provided elsewhere) or subject a delegate to criminal penalties under another section of the Code?

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Respectfully,

Carroll "Beau" Correll, Jr.
National Delegate, Republican Convention 2016