# **OFFICIAL CALL**

# Legislative District Convention of the 30<sup>th</sup> House of Delegates District of the Republican Party of Virginia

# Issued February 17, 2023

Pursuant to Article V, Section D.2.b; Article V, Section D.2.d; and Article VIII, Section A of The Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, as amended,<sup>1</sup> I, William A. Estrada, Chairman of the 30th House of Delegates Legislative District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, acting as recommended and directed by the Legislative District Committee, do hereby issue this Call for a Legislative District Convention to be held at

# Lovettsville Game Protective Association, 16 South Berlin Pike, Lovettsville, VA 20180, with registration beginning at 8:30 AM Eastern Time, and ending at 10:00 AM Eastern Time, and voting beginning at 10:30 AM Eastern Time, on Saturday, May 13, 2023,

for the purpose of nominating a Republican candidate for the office of Delegate for the November 7, 2023 General Election.

# **Qualifications for Participation**

**Basic Provisions**. 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. In order to be eligible for election as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to this Convention, an individual must be registered to vote no later than the pre-filing deadline established in this Call. 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.

**MILITARY MEMBERS AS DELEGATES.** Military Members (any members of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard currently serving on active duty) may be certified as delegates by complying with the procedures detailed below pursuant to Article VIII, Section H, Paragraph 6 of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia. Military

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Available online at <u>https://virginia.gop/assets/uploads/2022/01/Party-Plan-Amended-Dec-3-2021.pdf</u>.

Member delegates or alternate delegates that are unable to attend the convention in person due to obligations of their official military orders, shall have their votes cast within their unit delegation according to candidate preference ballots. Military Member delegates shall send an e-mail declaration to Chairman William A. Estrada, will.estrada@gmail.com not later than 5:00 pm Eastern Time, Saturday, March 25, 2023. Such Declaration email shall include attached; a signed statement of intent to support all Republican Nominees in the General Election, an affirmation of their official military orders precluding their attendance, and their email address for correspondence. The Chairman or his designee shall email respond to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each email declaration.

**Candidate Preference Ballot.** Subsequent to the receipt of the Declaration, Qualifying Military Members will be sent a Ballot Preference Form to be returned by email. Qualifying 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 RPV website on Saturday, March 25, 2023 in the event the Convention is held in accordance with this Call. The Ballot Preference Form shall be returned to Chairman William A. Estrada, <u>will.estrada@gmail.com</u> not later than 5:00 pm Eastern Time, Saturday, April 22, 2023. The Chairman or his designee shall email respond to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each emailed returned ballot.

#### **Composition of Convention.**

The Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units they represent. Each Unit shall have one delegate vote per 500 votes of "Republican Party Voting Strength" as defined in the Republican Party of Virginia Plan of Organization. Delegates and alternates shall be elected in county and city mass meetings, party canvasses, or conventions called for this purpose by each unit committee in conformity with the Plan. The maximum number of delegates and delegate votes of each Unit shall be as follows:

Unit	Maximum # of Delegates
Fauquier	14
Loudoun	62
Total	76

The number of alternates a unit may have shall equal the number of delegates to which it is entitled. The delegates present in each unit delegation shall designate which alternate delegate(s) shall vote in the place of an absent delegate(s) except where the body electing the delegates has determined another method.

# **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 at least 7 days prior to the convention, namely by Saturday, May 6, 2023. 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 shall be mailed, emailed, or delivered to William A. Estrada, Chairman, 13143 April Circle, Lovettsville, VA 20180, <u>will.estrada@gmail.com</u>. A delegate or alternate delegate is not certification.

A voluntary non-refundable registration fee of \$15.00 is requested for each delegate and alternate to the convention, pursuant to Article VIII, Section A.1.e. Checks, made payable to the 30th House of Delegates Legislative District Committee for said registration fee must accompany the certification for each delegation sent to the Legislative District Chairman, along with the names of delegates and alternates who have paid said registration fee.

#### Filing Requirements for Candidates

Candidates for the Republican nomination for the Virginia 30th House of Delegates seat shall file a written statement by mail or in person, along with the appropriate filing fee, to William A. Estrada, Legislative District Chairman, 13143 April Circle, Lovettsville, VA 20180, which must be received not later than 5:00 PM Eastern Time, Sunday, February 26, 2023. Postmarks shall not govern. The statement must have an original wet ink signature and include a Statement of Qualification indicating his/her intent to support all Republican Party of Virginia nominees in the ensuing election. A non-refundable filing fee of \$705.60, payable to 30th House of Delegates Legislative District Committee, must also accompany the signed statement.

Only those candidates who have properly filed for the Republican nomination for the 30th House of Delegates will be considered for nomination at the Convention; nominations from the floor will not be allowed.

#### If only one person files then that prefiled candidate shall be declared the

Republican Nominee for the 30th House of Delegates seat, and the convention will be canceled.

# **Convention Temporary Committees**

Chairmen and members of the Temporary Convention Committees shall be appointed by the 30th House of Delegates Legislative District Committee Chairman and shall meet in advance of the Convention on the call of the appointed Temporary Committee Chairmen and/or the 30th House of Delegates Legislative District Committee Chairman to perform their duties subject to ratification by the delegates present and voting at the Convention. These committees shall include Nominations, Credentials, Rules, and Tellers and any other committees that the 30th House of Delegates Legislative District Committee Chairman deems necessary.

The 30th House of Delegates Legislative District Committee Chairman is hereby directed and authorized to publish this Call at all times and in all manners necessary to meet all requirements as identified in the RPV Plan of Organization as stated below.

### William A. Estrada Chairman, 30th House of Delegates Legislative District Committee

# Issued: Friday, February 17, 2023

# **PUBLICATION:**

This Call shall be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia (https://virginia.gop/events/category/official-call/).

All unit committees shall concurrently publish their calls on the Republican Party of Virginia (https://virginia.gop/events/category/official-call/), unless the convention is cancelled prior to the approval of such calls.

The Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 12th Edition.

Resolutions shall not be considered at the Convention.

#### CALL REVISIONS:

The 30th House of Delegates Legislative District Committee is authorized to revise the issued Call to make any such technical or conforming changes in the event such changes are necessary and shall promptly notify the Republican Party of Virginia.

This Call authorized and paid for by the 30th House of Delegates Legislative District Committee