

OFFICIAL CALL

Party Canvass

of Washington County Republican Committee
of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the Washington County Republican Committee, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, John M. Seaborn, do hereby issue this call for a Party Canvass ("party-run primary") to be held at the Washington County Republican Party Headquarters, 1080 West Main Street @ Lights Mill Plaza, Abingdon VA, beginning at 10:00AM local time and ending at 7:00PM local time on Saturday March 19, 2016 for the following purposes:

- 1) Electing a Unit Chairman;
- 2) Electing members of the unit committee.
- 3) Electing up to 565 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the Ninth District Convention to be held on April 9, 2016 at George Wythe High School, #1 Maroon Way, Wytheville, VA 24382 beginning at 10:00AM (with registration opening at 8:00AM) for the following purposes:
 - a) Electing a District Chairman of the Ninth Congressional District Republican Committee;
 - b) Electing three (3) members of the State Central Committee;
 - c) Electing three (3) delegates and three (3) alternate delegates to the 2016 Republican National Convention to be held at the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio, or its alternate site from July 18 - 21, 2016;
 - d) Nominating one (1) Elector from the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia to serve in the 2016 Electoral College; and
 - e) For the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.
- 4) Electing up to 565 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the Republican Party of Virginia State Convention to be held on April 29-30, 2016 at James Madison Convocation Center, 895 University Blvd., Harrisonburg, VA 22807 or its alternative site beginning at 2:30PM on April 29 and 12:00PM on April 30 for the following purposes:
 - a) Electing a Republican Party of Virginia Chairman;
 - b) Electing delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland OH, July 18-21 2016;
 - c) Electing presidential electors for the Republican Party of Virginia;
 - d) Electing a Committeeman and Committeewoman to the Republican National Committee; and
 - e) For the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

If the number of persons pre-filing as candidates for the above stated positions does not exceed the number of positions to be filled, then the pre-filed candidate or candidates will be declared elected and no canvass will be held.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of Washington County 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 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 within the last five years.

A single exception to this 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 this 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 thereafter.

Canvass participants must present an acceptable form of photo identification for voting purposes.

During the hours the canvass is being held, any person meeting the qualifications for participation enumerated herein may appear at any time to offer to vote. Any person in line for the canvass at 7:00PM will be permitted to offer to vote.

The Washington County Republican Committee shall promulgate appropriate rules for the operation and conduct of the party canvass.

Filing Requirements

Individuals seeking the office of Washington County Republican Committee Chairman, membership in the committee, or delegate to the District or State Convention, shall be **required** to pre-file their intention of seeking such nomination. A written statement of intent must be filed no later than 6:00PM on March 12, 2016 by mail to Washington County Republican Committee, P.O. Box 2122, Abingdon VA 24212 or in person to (John Seaborn, 20472 Blue Spruce Road, Bristol VA 24202). Postmarks will not be considered. Filings must actually be received by the deadline.

Only the names of those persons who are properly qualified and who have pre-filed will be printed on the ballots used at the party canvass. No write-in votes will be counted.

Candidate filing forms or copies are available from John Seaborn, 804-357-7087, jseaborn@bvu.net,

Filing Fees

Filing fees apply as follows:

- File as a candidate for Member of the Washington County Republican Committee:
Mandatory Fee: \$25 (Annual Dues)
- File as a candidate for Delegate to the Ninth District Republican Convention:
Voluntary Fee: \$10
- File as a candidate for Delegate to the Republican Party of Virginia Convention:
Voluntary Fee: \$35
- File as a candidate for Chairman of the Washington County Republican Party:
Mandatory Fee: \$50

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