

## **CALL FOR A CONVENTION OF THE VIRGINIA SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPUBLICAN PARTY**

I, Fred Gruber, Chairman of the Seventh Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia ("Plan") and as directed by the District Committee, do hereby issue this Call for a District Convention to be held on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at the Richmond Convention Center or an alternate site if necessary, beginning at 10:00 AM.

**PURPOSES:** The purposes of the 7<sup>th</sup> District Convention are:

1. to nominate a candidate to represent Virginia's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives, to be voted on in the general election on November 8, 2016,
2. to elect a 7<sup>th</sup> District Republican Committee Chairman, effective immediately upon election
3. to elect three Delegates and three Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention to be held at the Quicken Loans Arena, Cleveland, Ohio, or an alternative site, beginning in July, 2016,
4. to nominate one Elector to be voted for in the presidential election on November 8, 2016, and
5. to elect three members of the State Central Committee, effective immediately upon election

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:** All legal and qualified voters of the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 a member 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, a voter shall not have participated in the nominating process of a party other than the Republican Party within the last five years. A single exception to this requirement shall be approved for a voter who renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he or 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.

**REGISTRATION:** Convention registration shall begin at 9:00 AM May 21, 2016 and shall end at 10:30 AM. The Convention shall be called to order at 10:00 AM.

**BALLOTING:** All contests shall be by majority vote. Upon completion of the first ballot, if the contest has not been decided by majority vote, another ballot shall be held to decide the remaining contest, and the candidate who has received the lowest vote will be dropped after each ballot. Subsequent ballots shall be so conducted until the contest has been decided by majority vote. Balloting shall not begin before 10:30 AM.

**COMPOSITION OF THE CONVENTION:** The District Convention shall be composed of Delegates and Alternate Delegates of the respective GOP 7<sup>th</sup> District Units they represent. Each Unit shall have one Delegate vote per 250 votes of "Republican Voting Strength" as defined in the RPV Party Plan. The Delegates and Alternate Delegates 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 RPV Party Plan. The number of Delegates and delegate votes of each Unit shall be as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DELEGATE VOTES</u>	<u>MAX. NO of DELEGATES</u>
Amelia	28	140
Chesterfield	408	2040
Culpeper	75	375
Goochland	54	270
Henrico	371	1855
Louisa	58	290
Nottoway	21	105
Orange	59	295
Powhatan	72	360
Spotsylvania	151	755
MILITARY	1	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1298</b>	

The number of Alternate Delegates a Unit may have shall equal the number of Delegates to which it is entitled. The Delegates present in a given 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.

**Military Provision:**

**Declaration** Any active duty 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 to their military orders, may be represented through the Military Delegation. To be so represented, they must declare by e-mail to the District Chairman, [fgdistrict7va@comcast.net](mailto:fgdistrict7va@comcast.net), no later than April 14, 2016, 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.

**Candidate Preference Ballot** Subsequent to the receipt of the Declaration and by the later of seven (7) days of (1) receipt of the Member's Declaration or (2) the filing deadline for candidates for Elector, the Chairman or his designee shall e-mail Qualifying Military Members a Candidate Preference Ballot, which shall also be available on the Republican Party of Virginia website ([www.vagop.org](http://www.vagop.org)). Qualifying Military Members shall be entitled to cast a Candidate Preference Ballot to convey their ordered candidate preferences for a

nominee for the House of Representatives and for Elector (first choice, second choice, third choice, etc.). The Candidate Preference Ballot must be returned to Ben Slone, P.O. Box 759, 3064 River Rd West, Suite B, Goochland, VA 23063, no later than April 29, 2016. The Chairman or his designee shall by e-mail respond to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each e-mailed returned ballot. The Chairman of the Convention Credentials Committee shall be responsible for tallying the results of the Candidate Preference Ballots, and reporting the results to the Seventh District Committee and the candidates for Elector, no later than May 6, 2016.

**CANDIDACY FILING REQUIREMENTS:** Any person seeking election to the offices listed above under "Purposes" must file a written declaration of candidacy and a filing fee with Ben Slone, P.O. Box 759, 3064 River Rd West, Suite B, Goochland, VA 23063, to be received by 5:00 PM, Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Postmarks shall not be considered. Required filing fees are: House of Representatives - \$6,960.00; Seventh District Chairman - \$1,500.00; Elector-none; State Central Committee \$500.00 – payable by check, made out to the Seventh District Republican Committee. If the number of qualified individuals who meet the filing requirements to any of the positions outlined in the “Purposes” does not exceed the maximum number that can be elected, the election for that position will be canceled and that person will be declared elected to that position.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEES:** Every Delegate and Alternate Delegate elected to the 7th District Convention is requested to pay a voluntary \$25.00 registration fee. In order to vote in any election for District Chairman or State Central Committee member, the \$25.00 registration fee is a mandatory requirement. Voluntary and required fees shall be paid to the Unit represented, and the Unit will forward the aggregated fees to the 7<sup>th</sup> District Convention Treasurer.

**CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES:** Delegates and Alternate Delegates elected to the District Convention shall be certified in writing with their respective names, addresses (including zip codes), and phone numbers by the Unit Chairman or Permanent Chairman and Permanent Secretary of the Unit mass meeting, convention, or party canvass. ALL CERTIFICATIONS AND AGGREGATED APPLICABLE FEES, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF THE UNIT MASS MEETING, PARTY CANVASS OR CONVENTION MUST BE E-MAILED TO [fgdistrict7va@comcast.net](mailto:fgdistrict7va@comcast.net) NO LATER THAN APRIL 21, 2016, OR AS LATE AS ALLOWED BY THE RPV CALL FOR THE 2016 CONVENTION, WHICHEVER DATE IS LATER, OR DELIVERED IN PERSON NO LATER THAN APRIL 21, 2016, OR AS LATE AS ALLOWED BY THE RPV CALL FOR THE 2016 CONVENTION, WHICHEVER DATE IS LATER, to Ben Slone, P.O. Box 759, 3064 River Rd West, Suite B, Goochland, VA 23063. A second copy shall be delivered to the 7<sup>th</sup> District Secretary, Ms. Susan Newton, 7713 Balla Court, Henrico, VA 23228 A third copy shall be kept by the respective Unit Committee. 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 Unit mass meeting, canvass or convention must be included.

**CONVENTION COMMITTEES:** The District Chairman shall appoint the Chairman, and each Unit Chairman shall appoint one member, to the following Convention committees: Credentials, Rules, Resolutions and Nominations. No confirmation of these committees shall be required by the Convention.

**Authorized and paid for by the Seventh District Republican Committee**