

# OFFICIAL RULES

## Legislative District Party Canvass of the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District of the Republican Party of Virginia

The 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District 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 the following locations on November 18, 2017, and shall be open for balloting from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.:

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>
Clarke County	Boyce Fire Hall	1 S. Greenway Ave. Boyce, VA 22620
Culpeper County / Fauquier County	Fauquier High School Cafeteria	705 Waterloo Rd. Warrenton, VA 20186
Frederick County / City of Winchester	Stonewall District Ruritan Building	155 Fairground Rd. Clearbrook, VA 22624
Loudoun County	Arcola Elementary School	41740 Tall Cedars Pkwy. Aldie, VA 20105
Stafford County	Colonial Circuits Building	1026 Warrenton Rd. Fredericksburg, VA 22406

The purpose of the Canvass shall be to nominate a Republican candidate for the office of 27<sup>th</sup> District Virginia Senator to be voted for in a special election to be held on a date to be determined, but anticipated to occur in January, 2018.

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 (11th 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. All legal and qualified voters of the 27<sup>th</sup> Senatorial 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 this canvass in their respective election districts.
6. A person who has made application for registration and meets all other requirements of the immediately preceding Rule, 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.

7. The Chairman of the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District Republican Committee shall appoint a Credentials Committee of not more than fifteen 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.
8. The Credentials Committee shall decide any questions that may arise concerning the qualifications of a candidate.
9. Any questions regarding eligibility to vote shall be made by the on-site members of the Credentials Committee. Any appeals of voter eligibility shall be referred by phone to the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate Legislative District Republican Committee Chairman, in consultation with other members of the Credentials Committee. The decisions of the Chair and the Credentials Committee on appeal shall be final.
9. No one will be allowed in the voting area without proper authorization. Candidates shall not loiter or campaign in any room in which voting will take place.
10. No resolutions may be introduced.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Candidates shall be elected on the basis of the highest plurality of votes received. If two or more persons have an equal number of votes and a higher number than any other person, the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District Republican 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.
14. The 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District Republican 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 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District Republican 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.

# OFFICIAL CALL

## Legislative District Party Canvass of the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the Twenty-Seventh Senate District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the District Committee, I, Andrew M. Robbins, do hereby issue this call for a Party Canvass to be held from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 18, 2017, for the purpose of nominating a Republican candidate for the office of State Senator, to be voted for in the special election to be held on a date to be determined in January, 2018.

In the event that Hon. Jill Vogel, the current 27<sup>th</sup> District Senator does not ascend to the position of Lieutenant Governor of Virginia following the general election to be held on November 7, 2017, then she will continue to serve as the 27<sup>th</sup> District Senator for the remainder of her current term; and the aforementioned District Party Canvass will be cancelled. Similarly, if no more than one person qualifies as a candidate for the Republican nomination as of the filing deadline, then the aforementioned District Party Canvass will be cancelled.

### **Balloting Stations by Locality:**

Voters are permitted to vote only at the balloting station assigned to the city or county in which they are registered.

1. CLARKE COUNTY: **Boyce Fire Hall** - 1 S. Greenway Ave., Boyce, VA 22620
2. CULPEPER COUNTY: **Fauquier High School Cafeteria** - 705 Waterloo Rd., Warrenton, VA 20186
3. FAUQUIER COUNTY: **Fauquier High School Cafeteria** - 705 Waterloo Rd., Warrenton, VA 20186
4. FREDERICK COUNTY: **Stonewall District Ruritan Building** - 155 Fairground Rd., Clearbrook, VA 22624
5. LOUDOUN COUNTY: **Arcola Elementary School Library** – 41470 Tall Cedars Pkwy., Aldie, VA 20105
6. STAFFORD COUNTY: **Colonial Circuits Building** – 1026 Warrenton Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22406
7. CITY OF WINCHESTER: **Stonewall District Ruritan Building** - 155 Fairground Rd., Clearbrook, VA 22624

## **Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters of the 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, 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. A single exception shall be approved for a voter that 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 to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. A voter who 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. The 27<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District Republican Committee will provide a copy of all signed renunciation statements to the Republican Party of Virginia, to be maintained for a period of five years.

Any voter who, subsequent to making a statement of intent, publicly supports a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee is not qualified to participate as a member of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions, or primaries for a period of four (4) years.

## **Balloting**

Balloting will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will end at 2:00 p.m., except that anyone in the registration line at 2:00 p.m. may continue the registration process. In order to receive a ballot, the voter must present a valid, non-expired photo identification issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States government.

A statement of intent, properly completed and signed by the voter, must be submitted at the time of registration. No ballot will be given to any voter who has not signed and submitted this statement of intent.

No absentee voting, proxies, or provisional ballots are permitted.

No registration fees are required for voting in this party canvass.

Votes will NOT be weighted, and will be counted only for those candidates whose names appear on the official ballot. No write-in votes will be permitted. Any ballot with more than one candidate name marked will be declared invalid.

## **Candidate Filing Requirements**

Any person seeking election as the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District Republican Nominee for Member, Senate of Virginia must submit a completed and signed Official Filing Form, along with a non-refundable filing fee of \$720.00 (Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars), paid by valid check or money order, not later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Submissions may be made by mail to Andrew M. Robbins, Chairman, 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District Republican Committee, P.O. Box 179, Winchester, Virginia, 22604. Mr. Robbins can be contacted at (540) 751-8374 and will receive forms and fees in person by appointment only. Filing forms and fees can also be delivered in person, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., to Mr. William Estrada, at #1 Patrick Henry Circle, Purcellville, Virginia, 20132. Actual receipt is required. Postmarks will not govern. Incomplete or modified filing forms, and/or filing forms accompanied by an invalid check, will be returned, and the individual will be deemed to have not filed for candidacy.

The Official Filing Form can be downloaded from the Republican Party of Virginia website, [www.rpv.org](http://www.rpv.org).

If not more than one person properly files for candidacy and is determined to be qualified, then that person is deemed to be nominated and the canvass will not be held.

## **Committees**

Chairmen of the Rules, Nominations, Credentials, Tellers, and Logistics Committees are appointed as needed, by the Chairman of the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District Republican Committee. These committee chairmen will appoint the members of their respective committees at their own discretion. The committees will meet prior to the canvass on the call of their respective appointed chairmen.

The canvass will be governed by (giving precedence as listed): the Republican Party of Virginia Party Plan, the Call of the Canvass, and the Rules adopted by the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District Republican Committee.

The nomination will be decided by the plurality of the valid votes cast at all balloting stations. The vote will not be weighted.



# 27<sup>th</sup> Virginia Senate District Republican Committee

## Candidate Filing Form

November 18, 2017

### Party Canvass

MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL

Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it is to appear on  
the ballot: \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse side for instructions.

Legal Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Post office box or general  
delivery will NOT be  
accepted.)*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone

\_\_\_\_\_ Email

Filing fee: \$720.00

Suggested VOLUNTARY contribution: \$280.00

Voluntary contributions are to help defray the costs of the party canvass.

Additional VOLUNTARY contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ All filing fees are nonrefundable, even in the event that the Party Canvass is cancelled.

By my signature below, in accordance with the Qualifications for Participation set forth in the Plan of Organization for the Republican Party of Virginia, I do hereby state my intent to support the 27<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District Republican Senate nominee in the January, 2018 Special Election. I further agree to remove all campaign signs and materials from the balloting stations at the conclusion of the party canvass, and not later than 3:00 p.m. on November 18, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Completed and signed form, along with a check or money order payable to “27<sup>th</sup> Senate Republican LDC”, must be submitted not later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Submissions may be made by mail to Andrew M. Robbins, Chairman, 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District Republican Committee, P.O. Box 179, Winchester, Virginia, 22604. Mr. Robbins can also be contacted by phone at (540) 751-8374, and will receive forms and fees in person by appointment only. Filing forms and fees can also be delivered in person, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., to Mr. William Estrada, at #1 Patrick Henry Circle, Purcellville, Virginia, 20132. Actual receipt is required. Postmarks will not govern. Incomplete or modified filing forms, and/or filing forms accompanied by an invalid check, will be returned, and the individual will be deemed to have not filed for candidacy.to

Candidates are hereby notified that all filing fees and voluntary contributions are non-refundable. Should the canvass be cancelled for any reason, the filing fees and contributions paid by potential candidates will not be returned.

Paid for and Authorized by the 27<sup>th</sup> Virginia Senate Republican Legislative District Committee, Andrew M. Robbins, Chairman.



27<sup>th</sup> Virginia Senate District Republican Committee

**Participant Registration Form  
2017 Party Canvass**

I, the undersigned, being a **REGISTERED VOTER** in the 27<sup>th</sup> Virginia Senatorial District, hereby register to participate in the 2017 27<sup>th</sup> Virginia Senate District Republican Party Canvass being held on November 18, 2017, to select a Republican nominee to run in the special election to replace Hon. Jill H. Vogel as the 27<sup>th</sup> District Senator.

**PLEASE PRINT**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone\* \_\_\_\_\_ Email address\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Optional

\*Optional

***I hereby certify that I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and that it is my intent to support all Republican candidates in the 2017-2018 General and/or Special Election cycles.***

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE USE ONLY	
ID CHECKED _____	
FORM OF IDENTIFICATION _____	