

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OFFICIAL CALL
Legislative District Convention
of the 33rd House of Delegates District
of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the 33rd House of Delegates District Committee of the Republican Party, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, William A. Estrada do hereby issue this call for a Legislative District Convention to be held at Woodgrove High School, 36811 Allder School Rd, Purcellville, VA 20132, starting at 1pm local time on May 13th for the purposes of nominating a Republican candidate for the office of Delegate to be voted for in the General election on November 7, 2017, 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 33rd House of Delegates 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.

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 CHAIRMAN@LOUDOUNGOP.COM not later than 5pm on April 17, 2017. 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 (and at the Official Committee website if one exists). The Ballot Preference Form shall be returned to William A. Estrada not later than 5pm on April 21st, 2017. The Chairman or his designee shall email respond to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each emailed returned ballot.

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 to the local unit in accordance with the pre-file requirement in the local Call, or if none, directly to the District Convention Chairman at CHAIRMAN@LOUDOUNGOP.COM not later than 5pm on April 17th, 2017. Such Pre-file statement or form shall include a statement of intent to support all Republican Nominees and their preference for candidates for public office, if any, along with any pre-file fees for Delegates specified in the Call. 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 pre-files shall be provided to all the candidates within seven (7) days of the pre-file deadline.)

Over-filing. In the event that more candidates for Delegate to the Military Delegation have pre-filed than are allowed, Delegates shall be selected by the respective candidates for the highest public office in proportion to the first-choice results of the Candidate Preference Ballot. (e.g. If Candidate A for Governor receives 50% of the votes cast for first choice on the Candidate Preference Ballot for Governor, Candidate A shall select 50% Delegates allowed from the pool of pre-filed Delegates). In this case, candidates for the highest office shall select their Delegates at least seven (7) days prior to the Certification deadline of the Call.

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. Unless the Call or the Convention Rules specify otherwise, Military Delegates shall be free to cast their vote as they wish for votes other than votes for a nomination for public office.

Composition of Convention

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 is allowed one (1) Delegate Vote for each twenty five 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.

The number of Delegate Votes allocated by the formula above for each election district is as follows: Clarke, 213; Frederick, 333; Loudoun, 901; Total 1,447 Delegate Votes.

Candidate Pre-Filing Requirements

Each person desiring to pre-file must file a statement announcing their candidacy prior to the deadline for pre-filing. No particular form is required. Filing fee is \$700.00.

All pre-filing statements and filing fees must be complete and shall be submitted in person or by US Mail to William A. Estrada, Legislative District Chairman, P.O. Box 547, Leesburg VA 20178, or in person by the pre-filing individual at a duly called Unit Committee meeting to the Unit Chairman. In no case shall a pre-filed statement be accepted by any Unit Committee Chairman by hand delivery from a third party. Postmarks do not govern.

The deadline for pre-filing is 5pm on April 7th, 2017.

If only one candidate pre-files, that individual will be deemed the nominee of the 33rd House District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia.

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 received by 5pm on May 1st, 2017. 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.

If there is only one candidate who pre-files, that individual will be deemed the nominee of the 33rd House District of the Republican Party of Virginia. As such, the convention will be canceled and units will not need to hold mass meetings, and all monies paid will returned to the candidate less any expenses incurred.

Certification should be mailed or delivered as follows:

Original – William A. Estrada, Legislative District Chairman, P.O. Box 547, Leesburg VA 20178

Second Copy – Dave Sparkman, Legislative District Secretary, 1045 Valley Mill Road, Winchester, VA 22602 USA

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.

Paid for and authorized by the 33rd House of Delegates Legislative District Committee.