

17th SENATE DISTRICT REPUBLICAN PARTY OFFICIAL 2023 CONVENTION CALL

As Chair of the 17th Senate District Legislative Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia and as directed by the Committee, I, Dawn Jones, do hereby issue this call for a Legislative District Convention to be held on the date and time and at the location shown below:

Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 10:00 AM
Paul D. Camp Community College
100 North College Drive
Franklin, Virginia 23851

OR

An alternate site if necessary for the following purposes:

- a) Election of Republican Nominee for the Senate of Virginia 17th District, and
- b) Transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

All legal and qualified voters of the 17th 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 by their Republican unit committee, 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 17th Senate District Convention.

DELEGATE CHECK-IN:

Convention check-in shall begin at 8:30 AM and shall conclude at 10:00 AM. All Delegates in line at 10:00 AM shall be allowed to check-in. Delegates will be required to present photo identification as part of the check in process. The Convention shall be called to order at 10:00 AM or upon completion of check-in of all Delegates in line at 10:30 AM. Upon commencement of the first ballot for any office and thereafter, no quorum call, or point of order regarding the quorum of the Convention, or of any Committee thereof, shall be in order.

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 in a Unit's call pursuant to Article VIII, Section H, Paragraph 6 of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia. Military

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.

Candidate preference ballots will be made available by the 17th Senate District Republican Committee no later than May 1, 2023, and will be made available on the Republican Party of Virginia website or upon request by e-mail to iowgopchairman@gmail.com. Candidate preference ballots must be received no later than May 15, 2023, by physical delivery, postmarks will not govern, to Lawrence (Bill) Yoakum, 17th Senate District Republican Committee, 29 Faye Drive, Smithfield, VA 23430.

COMPOSITION OF THE CONVENTION:

The 17th Senate District 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:

| Locality | Delegate Vote | Maximum # of Delegates |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Suffolk City | 63 | 315 |
| Isle of Wight County | 51 | 225 |
| Southampton County and Franklin City | 27 | 135 |
| Brunswick County | 12 | 60 |
| Greensville County and Emporia City | 10 | 50 |
| Portsmouth City | 10 | 50 |
| Dinwiddie County | 8 | 40 |
| Chesapeake City | 1 | 5 |
| TOTAL: | 182 | 910 |

The number of alternates a unit may have shall equal the maximum 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.

DISTRICT CONVENTION VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION FEE:

Every person elected as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the 17th Senate District Convention will have the option to donate \$20.00 to help cover the Convention expenses. This fee will be paid to the delegate’s unit committee.

CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES:

If a person pre-files with his or her local unit committee, that person must use the Delegate Form attached to this Call. Whether filed by email, via postal mail, or other methods, all Delegate filings must be received by the date specified in the Unit's Official Call for the Mass Meeting, Canvass, or Convention at which the Delegate is standing for election. Postmarks do not govern for forms submitted to a unit committee. Once credentialing of the prospective delegate has been completed by the local unit, the Unit Chair (or his/her designee) should send an email update to the prospective delegate, providing the preliminary acceptance or rejection of his/her filing, prior to the unit's delegate election process. However, in the absence of this feedback, the Delegate should confirm ultimate filing success with his/her Unit Chair prior to that unit committee's Mass Meeting, Canvass, or Convention at which the Delegate is standing for election. Units choosing not to pre-file Delegates and Alternates are instructed to also collect Delegate information using the attached Delegate Form for each individual at their mass meeting, canvass, or convention. All forms submitted to a Unit must contain the Delegate's signature.

To the Unit Chair or Permanent Chair and Permanent Secretary of the Unit Mass Meeting, Convention, or Party Canvass: All Certifications and applicable fees received by the Unit, regardless of the date of the Unit Mass Meeting, Canvass, or Convention must be received no later than May 1, 2023, at 6:00 PM to the 17th Senate District Secretary, postmarks do not govern.

It is the responsibility of the Unit Chair to confirm receipt of the certifications and fees with the 17th Senate District Secretary.

After the filing deadline of the certification, no change may be made, except a certified alternate delegate may be made a delegate.

Certification packets from each Unit should include the following:

- a) A copy of the Unit Call of the Mass Meeting, Canvass, or Convention called for the purpose of selecting Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the 17th Senate District Convention.
- b) Unit check for Convention fees remitted by 17th Senate Convention Delegates who filed with the Unit, which shall be made payable to their respective unit committees.
- c) For each delegate who filed with the Unit, the original or a copy of 17th Senate District Delegate application of elected Delegates or Alternates.
- d) For each delegate who was disqualified by the Unit, documentation of the reason(s) for the disqualification.

- e) Printed copy of the unit's official Excel spreadsheet listing Delegates.
- f) Completed Delegate Certification form attached to this Call.

Certification packets should be mailed or delivered, postmarks will not govern, as follows:

First Copy to:

Lawrence (Bill) Yoakum
17th Senate District Republican Committee
29 Faye Drive
Smithfield, VA 23430

Second copy to:

Unit's permanent records

Additionally, the Unit Chair must also send an electronic copy of the delegate list to the 17th Senate District Committee Secretary, at iowgopchairman@gmail.com, by the same date.

CANDIDACY FILING REQUIREMENTS:

Any person who desires to seek election at the 17th Senate District Convention shall file the Declaration of Candidacy and pay a nonrefundable filing fee of \$720.00, via a check made payable to the "Isle of Wight Republican Committee" fiscal agent for the 17th Senate District Republican Committee no later than 5:00 PM on April 15, 2023. The Declaration of Candidacy form and payment must be mailed to Lawrence (Bill) Yoakum, 17th Senate District Republican Committee, 29 Faye Drive, Smithfield, VA 23430, or hand delivered to Lawrence (Bill) Yoakum, 17th Senate District Republican Committee, 29 Faye Drive, Smithfield, VA 23430. Postmarks will not govern, and it is the responsibility of the candidate to confirm receipt of their Declaration with the 17th Senate District Secretary Lawrence (Bill) Yoakum at 757-613-7456. The Declaration of Candidacy form is attached to this Call. Should only one candidate properly file for the Republican nomination for the 17th Senate District, then such candidate shall be deemed elected and the convention shall be cancelled.

BALLOTING:

Balloting shall not begin before 10:00 AM or until all Convention Delegates in line by 10:00 AM have been registered.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolutions shall not be considered at the 17th Senate District Republican Convention.

INFORMATION PROVIDED TO CANDIDATES:

A list of delegates and alternates elected to represent a Unit shall be provided, once available, by

the chairman of the Unit Committee to each duly filed candidate for public or party offices to be filed at the convention, upon request of the candidate or candidate's designee. Lists of delegates shall be available within (a) 14 days of their election, if 250 or fewer delegates are elected, or (b) within 21 days if more than 250 delegates have been elected. Lists shall be provided in an equitable manner to all requesting candidates and shall include all contact information provided by the delegates at the time of pre-filing or election.

INFORMATION PROVIDED TO DELEGATES:

On or before April 27, 2023, the following information will be emailed to each Unit Chairman for subsequent distribution to each Delegate certified by that Unit:

- 1) Candidates for Senate
- 2) Proposed Convention Rules

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.

CALL REVISIONS:

The 17th Senate District Republican 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.

Authorized and paid for by the 17th Senate District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia