

## **Proposed Rules for 27<sup>th</sup> Legislative District GOP Canvass**

The 27<sup>th</sup> House of Delegates Republican Legislative 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 27<sup>th</sup> District Republican Party Canvass shall be held on Monday, May 10, 2010 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The purpose of the Canvass shall be to nominate a Republican candidate for the June 15, 2010 Special Election.
2. The Party Canvass will be conducted in three voting locations as follow:

Voters who normally vote in the following Precincts: Bird, Beulah, Meadowbrook, Falling Creek, Chippenham, Southside, Five Forks and Gates shall vote at the following location in this Party Canvass:

Meadowbrook High School  
4901 Cogbill Road  
Richmond, VA 23234

Voters who normally vote in the following Precincts: Providence, LaPrade, Jacobs, St. Lukes, Crenshaw and Genito shall vote at the following location in this Party Canvass:

Manchester Middle School  
7401 Hull Street Road  
Richmond, VA 23235

Voters who normally vote in the following Precincts: South Manchester, Spring Run, Deer Run, Birkdale and Cosby shall vote at the following location in this Party Canvass:

Swift Creek Baptist Church  
7511 North Spring Run Road  
Midlothian, VA 23112

3. 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 (10<sup>th</sup> Edition).
4. Only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may vote. No proxies are allowed at any time.
5. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass. Each person offering to vote shall present a government issued photographic identification or an official Commonwealth of Virginia Voter Registration card issued by the Chesterfield County Registrar, and must sign a statement of intent to support the Republican nominee in the Special Election as specified in the Republican Party of Virginia's Plan of

Organization (“State Party Plan”). **No voter refusing to sign the statement of intent shall be allowed to vote in this canvass.**

6. The Legislative District Committee shall appoint a Credentials Committee of six (6) persons, two from each magisterial district, with one being the CCRC Magisterial District Chair, to oversee the conduct of the Party Canvass and the counting of votes. Two members of the Credentials Committee shall be at each location where voting is conducted during the period in which voting takes place.
7. The Credentials Committee shall assist in recruiting volunteers to staff each canvass location, including a Tellers Committee of not more than 10 persons to count votes at each location at the conclusion of voting. The Credentials Committee shall ensure that the ballots and ballot boxes are secure and supervised throughout the voting process.
8. The Credentials Committee shall decide any question that may arise concerning the qualifications of a candidate or eligibility to vote.
9. No one will be allowed in the voting area without proper authorization. Candidates shall not loiter or campaign in the room in which voting will take place.
10. No resolutions may be introduced.
11. The Legislative District Committee Chair 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. Ballot position shall be determined by lot under the supervision of the Chair.
12. As soon as the polls are closed, the Credentials Committee shall immediately proceed to determine and certify the number of voters who have properly voted in the canvass.
13. At the end of voting, the Tellers Committee shall take the ballot boxes to a secure area and shall count the ballots, continuing without adjournment until they declare the results of the canvass. Only the members of the Tellers Committee, the Credentials Committee and up to two representatives of each candidate shall be permitted to be in the room where the ballots are being counted until counting is complete. Candidate representatives may observe the counting of ballots, but may not themselves participate in the counting. 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.
14. The Republican nominee shall be elected on the basis of plurality of votes received. If two or more persons have an equal number of votes and a higher number than any other person, the Credentials 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 a reasonable opportunity to be present.
15. The Credentials Committee shall appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms and an appropriate number of Deputy Sergeants-at-Arms who 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 Sergeants-at-Arms may order a person violating this Rule to cease such action and, if such action continues, may remove such person from the polling place.