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### **OFFICIAL CALL**

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**May 30-31, 2008**

**Greater Richmond Convention Center, Richmond, Virginia**

As Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the State Central Committee, I, John H. Hager, do hereby issue this Call for a State Convention of the Republican Party of Virginia to be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 North Third Street, Richmond, Virginia, or its alternate site, starting at 2:00 p.m. local time on Friday, May 30, 2008 for the following purposes:

- a) Nominating a candidate for U.S. Senate, to be elected November 4, 2008;
- b) Electing twenty-seven (27) delegates and twenty-seven (27) alternate delegates at large to the 2008 Republican National Convention to be held at the Xcel Energy Center, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, or its

alternate site beginning on September 1, 2008, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for President and Vice President;

- c) Nominating two (2) Electors At Large to be voted for in the presidential election on November 4, 2008;
- d) Electing a State Chairman;
- e) Nominating a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman;

and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention; and I further direct the Executive Director of the Republican Party of Virginia to publish this call in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the state at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the state convention as required by the rules adopted by the previous Republican National Convention.

### **Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters 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, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party after March 1, 2004, or in the last five years, whichever is more recent.

A single exception to this shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/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. Any voter that 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 thereafter.

The selection and certification of a delegate by the Official Committee that is qualified pursuant to the first paragraph shall be adequate proof that the Qualifications for Participation have been met.

## **Composition of Convention**

The State 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 two hundred fifty (250) 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.

### **Voluntary Registration Fee**

A voluntary registration fee of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) (for the Republican Party of Virginia) is requested of each delegate or alternate delegate to the State Convention. The unit chairmen are requested to collect and transmit to the State Party headquarters all voluntary registration fees promptly upon completion of the unit mass meeting, party canvass or convention.

Payments to the Republican Party of Virginia are not tax-deductible for federal income tax purposes. Funds received will be deposited into the Party's Federal Account unless otherwise prohibited.

### **Certification of Delegates**

Delegates and alternate delegates to the State 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, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF LOCAL MASS MEETING, PARTY**

CANVASS OR CONVENTION must be postmarked not later than sixteen (16) days (Wednesday, May 14, 2008) prior to the convention or delivered in person not later than fourteen (14) days (Friday, May 16, 2008) prior to the convening of said convention. 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 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. Certification should be mailed or delivered as follows:

1. Original – Mr. John H. Hager, State Chairman, 115 East Grace Street, Richmond, VA 23219-1741
2. Second Copy – The respective district chairman
3. 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.