

OFFICIAL CALL

SPECIAL PARTY CANVASS

98th House of Delegates District

February 24, 2026

As Chairman of the Legislative District Committee for Virginia House District 98 of the Republican Party of Virginia, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization, I, Larry Lane, issue this call for a 98th House Legislative District Party Canvass to be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM local time on February 24, 2026, at the Royal Courtyard at West Neck, 3100 Arnold Palmer Drive, Virginia Beach, VA.

The purpose is to nominate a Republican Candidate for the office of Delegate to be voted on in the March 17, 2026, Special Election.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

All legal and qualified voters of Virginia House of Delegates District 98, 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 in open meeting (either orally or in writing as may be required), affirm 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 special party canvass.

FILING REQUIREMENTS / QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates for the Republican nomination at said canvass shall file:

1. A written statement (Filing form attached to this call), and
2. A \$500 nonrefundable filing fee
3. In addition, candidates must provide a copy of the completed State Board of Elections Form 505/520 (Declaration of Candidacy), available at:

[ELECT 505/520 - Declaration of Candidacy](#) Completion requires notarization or two witnesses.

Candidates or the candidate's designee shall submit all required forms and payment to Larry Lane or his designees in person at Republican Party of Virginia Beach Headquarters, 2955 Virginia Beach Blvd, Suite 105, Virginia Beach, VA, by 4:00 PM local time on February 23, 2026.

The office will be open from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM local time. The filing fee may be paid by check or money order, made payable to Republican Party of Virginia Beach (RPVB). **No Cash or Credit Card are accepted.** Each candidate filing properly will receive a signed written receipt.

Additional Candidate Requirements:

- Must be a citizen of the United States authorized by law to serve in the Virginia House of Delegates, District 98.
- Must reside in the 98th House of Delegates District (HOD).
- Must be a registered voter in the 98th HOD District.
- Must have been a resident of Virginia for one year immediately preceding the election.

PARTICIPATION IN THE CANVASS

Only legal and qualified voters of the 98th HOD District may participate in the Party Canvass.

To participate, all attendees must present an official government-issued picture identification to receive a ballot. Disputes regarding eligibility shall be referred to a three-person Credentials Committee for final determination. The rulings of the Credentials Committee shall be final.

Persons who refuse to sign the Qualification Document when requested shall not be issued a ballot.

When the canvass time ends, persons still in line will be permitted to obtain a ballot.

- No proxies are permitted. All participants must appear in person to vote.
- No write-in votes are permitted.

CANCELLATION CLAUSE

If only one candidate properly files, that candidate shall be declared the Republican nominee, and no canvass will be held.

If no candidates file by the stated deadline, the canvass shall be cancelled, and the 98th HOD Legislative District Committee will select a nominee to be declared the Republican Candidate for the March 17, 2026, Special Election.

98th House of Delegates Republican Nomination Filing Form

I, _____

declare myself a candidate in the 98th HOD District Canvass to be held on February 24, 2026, to determine the Republican Nominee in the March 17, 2026, Special Election to select a Delegate to represent the 98th HOD District.

I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intend to support the Republican nominee in the March 17, 2026, Special Election.

I intend to support all Republican Nominees in the November 2026 Elections. I am a registered voter in the 98th HOD District.

My Address is: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

CANDIDATES ARE CAUTIONED that they will need to complete other filing deadlines as may be established by the Virginia Department of Elections for this upcoming March 17, 2026, Special Election.

These two forms are also required as part of your filing to be a candidate on the ballot of the **March 17, 2026, Special Election** and are due to the State Board of Elections.

1. The SBE 501(6) - [Certificate of Candidate Qualification – General Assembly](#)
2. [Statement of Economic Interest](#)

RULES FOR THE SPECIAL PARTY CANVASS

1. This party canvass shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following (in order of precedence): The State Party Plan, These Rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 12th Edition.
2. The Chair of the Legislative District Committee shall appoint a Credentials Committee of 3 persons to decide all controversies concerning eligibility to participate. Members of this committee may be replaced by another appointee.
3. The LDC Chairman shall prepare enough ballots listing each candidate. The order of names on the ballot shall be determined by lot in the presence of all candidates (should they desire to attend at Republican Party of Virginia Beach Headquarters, 2955 Virginia Beach Blvd, Suite 105, Virginia Beach, VA, Monday February 23rd 4:00pm).
4. The Chair of the Legislative District Committee shall appoint RPVB Committee Members to verify the identity and eligibility of participants to vote. They shall issue only one ballot to each eligible voter; lost ballots will not be replaced. Following voting, all persons shall leave the voting area.
5. Each candidate shall be permitted to have two observers plus themselves in the voting area. No observer or candidate shall communicate with voters. Observers and candidates who fail to comply will be required to leave the voting area.
6. No campaigning shall take place in the voting area.
7. As soon as the polls close, the LDC Chairman shall appoint members of RPVB as tellers responsible for counting the votes. Representatives from the House of Delegates and officials of the Republican Party of Virginia are permitted to witness the vote count. Each candidate shall be permitted to have two observers plus themselves observe the counting. No candidate or observer shall approach any teller or touch/handle any ballot. The Chairman shall oversee the counting. A police officer may be present in the counting area to maintain order and ensure ballot security.
8. A Candidate shall be elected based on a plurality of votes received.
9. In the event of a tie for the most votes between two or more candidates, the outcome shall be determined by lot. Each candidate's name shall be placed in an identical sealed envelope by the LDC Chairman in private. The envelopes will be placed in a container. One member of the House of Delegates shall draw one envelope. The name in that envelope shall be the winner. The drawing will occur in front of all candidates, their observers, the tellers, the LDC Chairman, and any other observers. After the draw, all remaining envelopes will be opened and contents shown to all present.
10. All ballots will be sealed and kept by the LDC Chairman for at least 60 days following the election.

11. Write-in Ballots **WILL NOT** be counted.

12. Provisional Ballots will be issued at the discretion of the Credentials Committee and secured in a sealed envelope and placed in the provisional ballot box.

13. Provisional Ballots will be counted at the discretion of the LDC Chairman when the number of provisional ballots exceeds the margin of victory. Provisional Ballots will be admitted for counting before any provisional ballot is opened.