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BY-LAWS
OF THE
AUGUSTA COUNTY
REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

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By-Laws of the Augusta County Republican Committee

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Article I – Name

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The name of this Organization shall be “Augusta County Republican Committee”, hereafter called the “County Committee”.

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Article II – Organization

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The County Committee is organized under and governed by the “Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia” (State Party Plan) and “Robert’s Rules of Order”. No action of the County Committee or these By-Laws shall conflict with the State Party Plan, as amended from time to time, and to the extent that there shall be a conflict, the provisions of the State Party Plan, then these By-Laws, and then “Robert’s Rules of Order” shall prevail.

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Article III – Objectives

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The purpose of the County Committee is to promote and promulgate the principles of the Republican Party, to encourage qualified candidates to run for public office, to elect Republican candidates to public office, to assist generally the citizens composing the districts served by the County Committee, and to assist elected Republican officials in the execution of their responsibilities.

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Article IV – Membership

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Section A – Qualifications

All legal and qualified voters, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, color, national origin, or sex, who reside in the County of Augusta, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and who express in open meeting, if requested, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election may participate as members of the Republican party of Augusta County in its Mass Meetings, party Canvasses, Conventions, or Primaries in their respective election districts and are eligible for membership on the County Committee.

ADDENDUM: “Under the foregoing stipulations an individual may submit his/her name for membership into the ACRC at a Unit meeting and be voted upon for acceptance or denial at the subsequent Unit meeting he/she attends.” (Amended: 1/19/2010)

1 Section B – Dues

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3 Each member of the County Committee may be required to pay reasonable annual dues,
4 the amount of which shall be determined by majority vote of those members who are
5 present and voting at a duly called meeting. Initially, there shall be no annual dues.
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7 Section C – Composition

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9 The County Committee shall consist of:

- 10 1) A Chairman;
- 11 2) Precinct Members. One (1) member for each 300 votes, or majority fraction thereof,
12 cast in that Precinct for the Republican candidate in the most recent Gubernatorial
13 and Presidential election, but not less than one (1) member from each Precinct;
- 14 3) At-Large Members. Officers of the County Committee except the Chairman,
15 Magisterial District Chairmen, and the eligible Presidents of The Valley Republican
16 Women and College Republicans (Mary Baldwin College and Blue Ridge
17 Community College) are eligible for election as At-Large Members. Past Chairmen
18 are also eligible for At-Large Membership, on personal verbal request at a regular
19 meeting, and may be so elected. Additional At-Large Members may be elected by
20 the County Committee, provided that the total number of all At-Large Members does
21 not exceed thirty (30) percent of all the authorized Precinct Members determined as
22 in Article IV (C) (2) above;
- 23 4) Elected Public Officials. All eligible publicly elected Republican officials shall be
24 members of the County Committee ex-officio.
- 25 5) A person may have only one membership and one vote. Therefore any person elected
26 to At-Large Membership or as Chairman shall vacate any other membership. Elected
27 public officials shall likewise, upon election to office, vacate any other membership
28 and become an Elected Public Official Member.

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30 Section D – Election

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32 The Chairman and Precinct members of the County Committee shall be elected at the
33 County Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention called for the purpose of electing
34 delegates to the Bi-annual District Convention, in the Sixth Congressional District of
35 Virginia and other business. They shall hold office for two (2) years from the time of
36 their election, or until successors are elected as above, unless sooner removed.
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38 Section E – Removal

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40 1) Any member shall automatically lose his or her status as a voting member of the
41 County Committee who:
- 42 a) Fails to attend, either in person or by Proxy, three consecutive duly called
43 meetings;
- 44 b) Fails to pay annual dues by 1 April of each year;
- 45 c) The Secretary shall notify, in writing, any member of failure to comply with the
46 above within thirty (30) days of such failure.

- 1 2) The Chairman, any other officer of the County Committee, or any member of the
2 County Committee may be removed from office for cause by a two-thirds vote of the
3 membership of the County Committee; provided that such person shall be given thirty
4 (30) days notice, in writing, that such removal will be sought. The grounds upon
5 which such removal is based shall be stated in writing and signed by one-third of the
6 membership of the County Committee. Such persons shall be given reasonable
7 opportunity to appear and to respond to the allegations.
- 8 3) Persons deemed adversely affected shall have the rights of appeal as stated in Article
9 X of the State Party Plan.

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11 Section F – Vacancies and Redistricting
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- 13 1) In the event of the death, resignation, removal, or inability to act of the Chairman, the
14 Executive Committee shall call a special meeting of the County Committee to be held
15 within thirty (30) days, but no sooner than seven (7) days of the Call for the purpose
16 of electing a new Chairman to fill the unexpired term.
- 17 2) Members and officers may be elected to fill any membership or officer vacancy at
18 any regularly called meeting of the County Committee provided that notice of such
19 intent is given with the Call for the meeting. Magisterial District and Precinct
20 Chairmen shall be selected to fill vacancies as in Article VI (B) below. Legislative
21 District representatives may be dismissed and appointed by the Chairman as
22 necessary.
- 23 3) In the event of changes to district or Precinct boundaries the votes cast for the
24 Republican candidate in the most recent Gubernatorial election shall be estimated for
25 the purpose of determining the allowed number of Precinct Members and other
26 allotments, on the basis of the percentage of registered voters transferred. Members,
27 Chairmen, and representatives affected by such redistricting shall vacate their
28 membership within ninety (90) days of the redistricting and the vacancies shall be
29 filled as in (2) above.

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31 Section G – Duties
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33 The County Committee shall:

- 34 1) Determine whether candidates for local and constitutional public offices shall be
35 nominated by Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention, or Primary;
- 36 2) Determine, with respect of Section D above, whether the Chairman and Precinct
37 Members shall be elected by Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention, or Primary;
- 38 3) Cause to be called all regular and special meetings, all Mass Meetings, Party
39 Canvasses, and Conventions and cause all arrangements therefore to be made.
40 for the above, the County Committee shall specify the date, time, fees, if any, and
41 whether there shall be pre-filing. If there is to be pre-filing, the County Committee
42 shall determine the requirements thereof. If a Convention, the County Committee
43 shall specify the basis of representation;
- 44 4) Cooperate with the State Central Committee, the Sixth Congressional District
45 Committee, and the 20th, 24th, 25th House of Delegates, and 24th Senatorial Legislative
46 District Committees in conducting all election and fund raising activities.

Article V – Definitions

- 1) “State Party” or “Party” means Republican Party of Virginia.
- 2) “State Party Plan” means Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.
- 3) “State Central Committee” means State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia.
- 4) “Election District” means the County, Magisterial District of the County, Precinct, or portions or combinations thereof, including cities and city wards as appropriate, which comprise the area defined By-Law in which an election is to be held.
- 5) “Congressional District” means the election district, as defined in the State Party Plan, for a member of the House of Representatives of the United State Congress.
- 6) “Annual Meeting” means the first meeting held in the spring quarter. The Annual Budget and the Political Plan are approved at this meeting.
- 7) “Legislative District” means the election district, as defined in the State Party Plan, for the member of the House of Delegates or the State Senate of the Virginia General Assembly.
- 8) “District Committee” means the Republican Congressional District Committee for a Congressional District.
- 9) “Legislative District Committee” means the Republican District Committee for a State Senatorial District or a House of Delegates District as the context may require.
- 10) “County Committee” means the Augusta County Republican Committee.
- 11) “Unit” means County or City.
- 12) “Unit Committee” means County or City Committee.
- 13) “Republican Party Voting Strength” means a uniform ratio of the votes cast in a political subdivision for the Republican candidates for Governor and President to the total votes cast in the entire Election District, as defined in the State Party Plan, for the Republican Candidates for Governor and President in the last proceeding Gubernatorial and Presidential elections. (Used by higher-level committees to determine Unit and other representation.)
- 14) “Quadrennial State Convention” means the State Convention held in Presidential election years for the purpose of nominating electors-at-large to the Electoral College and electing delegates-at-large and alternates-at-large to the Quadrennial National Republican Convention.

- 1 15) “Quadrennial District Convention” means the District Convention held in Presidential
2 election years for the purpose of nominating an elector to the Electoral College and
3 electing Delegates and Alternates to the Quadrennial National Republican
4 Convention.
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- 6 16) “Biennial District Convention” means the District Convention held in Congressional
7 election years and is the same as the Quadrennial District Convention in Presidential
8 elections years.
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- 10 17) “Official Committee” means the State Central Committee, a District Committee, a
11 Legislative District Committee, or a Unit Committee.
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- 13 18) “Chairman”, “Chairmen”, “he”, and “his” shall not be construed to denote gender.
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- 15 19) “Ex-Officio” means by virtue of holding an office and shall not be construed to mean
16 without vote.
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- 18 20) “Mass Meeting” is as defined in the current edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order”
19 subject to the provisions of the State Party Plan and these By-Laws.
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- 21 21) “Party Canvass” is a method of electing Chairmen, members of Official Committees,
22 delegates to Conventions, or Party nominees which shall include pre-filing
23 candidacies, then secret balloting by Party members at convenient polling places and
24 hours after proper notice.
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- 26 22) “Convention” is as defined in the current edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order” subject
27 to the provisions of the State Party Plan.
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- 29 23) “Primary” is as is as defined in, and subject to, the election laws of the
30 Commonwealth of Virginia.
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- 32 24) “Party Members” are all Chairmen, members of the County Committee, delegates to
33 Conventions, and voters in Mass Meetings or Party Canvasses that are legally
34 qualified voters in the election district which they represent.
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- 36 25) “Voting Strength,” means the actual, or computed, number of votes cast for the
37 Republican candidate in the most recent Gubernatorial and Presidential election.
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- 39 26) “Full Vote” means that the delegates present and voting at a Convention may cast the
40 full vote of the delegation proportionately weighted. *Example: The delegation has 12*
41 *votes and 11 delegates, there are 10 delegates voting (7 yes and 3 no), The delegation*
42 *vote is 8.40 yes and 3.60 no.*
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1 27) “Non-Full Vote” means that each delegate is only entitled to the vote for which he is
2 certified. Non-Full Vote votes are normally uniformly fractionalized for certification.
3 *Example: The delegation has 12 votes and 11 delegates, each delegate has been*
4 *certified for 1.09 votes, there are 10 delegates voting (7 yes and 3 no), The delegation*
5 *vote is 7.63 yes and 3.27 no.*
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7 **Article VI – Officers and Chairmen**

8 9 Section A – Officers

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11 1) The officers of the County Committee shall be the Chairman, and the following
12 officers who shall be elected from the Committee membership for a term of two (2)
13 years, or until a successor is elected. Election of these officers shall be at the first
14 regular meeting of the County Committee immediately following the election of the
15 Chairman and the Committee members. Provided, however that no paid members of
16 the campaign staffs or the paid staff of the Republican Party of Virginia shall be
17 eligible to hold the offices of Chairman or Vice-Chairman.
18 a) Vice-Chairman – Programs and Membership
19 b) Vice-Chairman – Precinct Organization
20 c) Vice-Chairman – Communications
21 d) Secretary
22 e) Treasurer

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24 ADDENDUM: No person shall be elected more than three (3) times to the office of
25 Chairman nor serve more than six (6) years. (Amended: 1/19/2010)
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- 27 2) Officers, excepting the Chairman, may be elected to fill any vacancy at any called
28 meeting of the County Committee provided that notice is given within the Call for the
29 meeting.
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31 Section B – Chairmen

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33 1) A Magisterial District Chairman for each Magisterial District and Precinct Chairmen
34 for each Precinct of a Magisterial District shall be elected by the County Committee
35 members residing in the respective Magisterial Districts. Such election shall be held
36 following the election of Precinct Members. These Chairmen shall hold office for
37 two (2) years from the time of election, until successors are selected, or unless
38 removed.
39 2) Magisterial and Precinct Chairmen shall be responsible for the activities within their
40 respective area, including the Organization thereof.
41 3) In the event of removal, resignation, death, removal of residence from within the
42 Magisterial District, or other cause for vacancy in a Magisterial District Chairman
43 position, the Chairman may appoint an Acting Magisterial District Chairman to fill
44 such vacancy, provided that such appointee is already a duly elected member of the
45 County Committee residing within the Magisterial District, until the members of the
46 County Committee residing in that Magisterial District shall meet to elect a successor

- 1 to fill the unexpired portion of the term. This election to be held at the County
2 Committee meeting at which the notice of such election is included within the Call.
- 3 4) In the event of a vacancy, for reasons such as above, in the position of Precinct
4 Chairman, the Magisterial District Chairman in which the Precinct is contained may
5 appoint a County Committee member, residing in that Precinct, as Acting Precinct
6 Chairman until a successor is elected by the County Committee members residing in
7 that Precinct to fill the unexpired portion of the term. This election to be held at the
8 County Committee meeting at which the notice of such election is included within the
9 Call.

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11 Section C – Duties of Officers
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- 13 1) The Chairman shall be responsible for the general execution and implementation of
14 the programs and policies of the County Committee commensurate with achieving the
15 goals of the Party Plan. In addition the Chairman shall:
- 16 a) Call regular or special meetings of the County Committee and of the Executive
17 Committee and preside over same;
 - 18 b) Call Mass Meetings or Conventions as the County Committee may decide and
19 preside over same until a temporary organization is effected;
 - 20 c) Call Party Canvasses or initiate Primaries as the County Committee may decide;
 - 21 d) Represent the County Committee on the Sixth District Committee;
 - 22 e) Convene the County Committee no less than once in each three month period,
23 normally monthly, and more frequently when the needs of the Party so require;
 - 24 f) Appoint two (2) qualified persons to make an annual audit of the books and
25 financial records of the Treasurer at the end of each fiscal/budget year, these
26 persons to report the results of their audit in writing to the County Committee;
 - 27 g) Represent the County Committee on the Legislative District Committees,
28 Senatorial and House of Delegates, of his residence, and appoint representatives
29 to those other Legislative District Committees, appropriate to Augusta County, in
30 which he does not reside.
- 31 2) The Vice-Chairman Programs shall chair the Candidates and Nominating Committee,
32 prepare a Unit Political Plan to be submitted to the Executive Committee prior to the
33 Annual Meeting, coordinate the activities of other Republican Organizations within
34 the County, conduct those programs and special projects as assigned by the Executive
35 Committee, and, in the event of an inability of the Chairman to serve, act as
36 Temporary Chairman until such time that the condition is corrected or until a new
37 Chairman is elected as in Article VI (C) (4) below.
- 38 3) The Vice-Chairman Precinct Organization and Membership shall chair the Precinct
39 Organization Committee, work with the Magisterial District Chairmen to insure that
40 Precinct Chairmen and others are properly trained, instructed and supplied, coordinate
41 the activities of the Magisterial District Organizations, be responsible for recruiting
42 Party Members, and perform such other functions as the Executive Committee may
43 assign.
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- 1 4) The Vice-Chairman Communications shall be responsible for such correspondence as
2 directed by the Executive and County Committees, placing and mailing all notices
3 and Calls, issuing press releases regarding public events including meetings,
4 maintaining a file of all correspondence sent and received, maintaining a list of the
5 names and addresses of County Committee Members and maintaining similar lists of
6 all contributors, volunteers and supporters. He shall also serve on the Precinct
7 Organization Committee with particular attention upon public relations. The Vice-
8 Chairman Communications shall deliver all lists and files to a successor within ten
9 (10) days of succession. Files and lists shall be retained for a period of three (3)
10 years.
- 11 5) The Secretary shall take and keep minutes of all meetings of the County Committee
12 and Executive Committee, obtain and keep all minutes and records of called Mass
13 Meetings, Party Canvasses, Conventions, and Primaries. He shall have available at
14 all meetings current copies of the State Party Plan, these By-Laws, and the current
15 edition of "Robert's Rules of Order". He shall keep and maintain accurate lists of the
16 membership, officers, Chairmen, and of the composition of all Committees. He shall
17 keep and maintain an accurate list of the membership's attendance, and shall inform
18 the Chairman and the member when a member becomes delinquent as in Article IV
19 (E) (1) (a) above. In the event of the Chairman's permanent inability to serve the
20 Secretary shall call a special meeting of the Executive Committee to act, within thirty
21 (30) days, to call a special meeting of the County Committee to elect a new Chairman
22 to fill the unexpired term. The Secretary shall deliver all minutes, lists, records, and
23 copies to any successor within ten (10) days of succession, such materials to be
24 retained for a period of three (3) years.
- 25 6) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safe keeping and disbursement of all
26 County Committee funds. He shall have the authority and responsibility to audit and
27 report to the Executive Committee the accounts of any other entities within the
28 County Committee. The Treasurer shall be authorized to distribute funds under the
29 following conditions:
- 30 a) In accordance with an annual budget approved by the County Committee at a
31 regularly called meeting, provided adequate funds are available to meet any
32 priority obligations as established by such a budget;
- 33 b) By written authority of the Executive Committee at a duly called meeting,
34 provided a source of funds to meet other obligations is clearly available;
- 35 c) By written authority of the Chairman or two (2) Vice-Chairmen, provided the
36 amount does not exceed \$100.00 and a source of funds to meet other obligations
37 is clearly available;
- 38 d) The Chairman and the Treasurer are empowered to open a bank account in the
39 name of The Augusta County Republican Committee and to make deposits and
40 withdrawals from that account;
- 41 e) The Treasurer shall present at each County Committee meeting a report covering
42 the period since the preceding meeting;
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- 1 f) The Treasurer shall present an annual report to the County Committee at the end
2 of the fiscal/budget year. The Treasurer's books are to be audited at the end of
3 that year by two persons appointed by the Chairman. The report of such audit
4 shall be delivered to the County Committee in writing with a copy to the
5 Treasurer;
- 6 g) The Treasurer shall keep proper records that provide an audit trail. Such records
7 shall be open to inspection by any County Committee member at reasonable times
8 and upon reasonable notice;
- 9 h) The Treasurer shall insure that all transactions are in accordance with applicable
10 law, supported by records, and that required reports are made;
- 11 i) The Treasurer shall deliver all books and records to any successor within ten (10)
12 days of succession. Such materials to be retained for seven (7) years.
- 13 j) No person shall obligate the County Committee without proper authority and only
14 after ascertaining that the Treasurer is authorized to make the corresponding
15 disbursement.

17 **Article VII – Meetings**

18 19 Section A – General

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21 The County Committee shall meet at least once in each three month period, and normally
22 monthly. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairman or upon petition to the
23 Secretary by one-third of the membership of the County Committee. The first regular
24 meeting of the spring quarter shall be the Annual Meeting at which the Unit Political Plan
25 shall be presented. The County Committee shall at the Annual Meeting, and thereafter as
26 necessary, elect a Parliamentarian. All meetings of the County Committee shall be open
27 to the public.

28 29 Section B – Notice

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31 Meetings of the County Committee shall be held upon seven (7) days written notice via
32 e-mail, phone call (where e-mail not available), or written notice to the membership as
33 recorded on the official membership list kept by the Secretary. (per State Party Plan
34 update)

35 36 Section C – Proxy

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38 A member may be represented at any County Committee meeting by a Proxy, such to the
39 following conditions.

- 40 1) No individual may cast more than one (1) vote at any meeting which he attends;
- 41 2) Any person who acts as Proxy for another must meet the qualifications for
42 membership on the County Committee as stated in Article IV (A) above and must
43 be from the same Magisterial District, or Organization if applicable, as is the
44 person granting the Proxy;
- 45 3) All proxies shall be in writing, signed and dated by the maker, substantially in the
46 following form:

1 “KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I _____
2 of _____, do hereby constitute and appoint
3 _____ my true and lawful attorney, to vote as my Proxy (with
4 full power of substitution)* at a meeting of the Augusta County Republican Committee
5 on the _____ day of _____ 20____, or at any adjourned meeting thereof and
6 for me and in my name, place and stead to vote upon any question that properly may
7 come before such meeting, with all power I should possess if personally present, hereby
8 revoking all previous proxies.
9 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and affixed by seal, this
10 _____ day of _____ 20____.

11 _____ Seal, _____ Witness,
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14 *Discretionary, omission shall preclude substitution.

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16 4) Any Proxy may be withdrawn by the County Committee member at any time
17 prior to its exercise.

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19 Section D – Voting by Ballot

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21 At any election when there is more than one (1) candidate, the vote shall be by paper
22 ballot accomplished by roll call of the membership with each member coming forward to
23 cast the paper ballot when his name is called. The Secretary shall tally the ballots.
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25 Section E – Quorum

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27 Twenty (20) percent of the current membership of the County Committee empowered to
28 vote shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
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30 **Article VIII – Executive Committee**

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32 Section A – Purpose

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34 The Executive Committee shall formulate such plans, policies, and measures as will
35 accomplish the objective of the County Committee. It shall bring to the County
36 Committee recommended actions. It shall work to strengthen the Republican Party and
37 to inform the membership and citizens. It shall receive and cause to be delivered to the
38 County Committee, with their recommendations, all Standing Committee reports. The
39 Executive Committee shall carry on the business of the County Committee in conformity
40 with the plans and policies of the County Committee. It shall have the general power to
41 administer the affairs of the County Committee between meetings of the County
42 Committee and shall report its actions to the County Committee.
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1 Section B – Membership

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3 The Executive Committee shall consist of:

4 1) Voting members:

- 5 a) Chairman;
- 6 b) Vice-Chairman Programs;
- 7 c) Vice-Chairman Precinct Organization & Membership;
- 8 d) Vice-Chairman Communications;
- 9 e) Secretary;
- 10 f) Treasurer;
- 11 g) Immediate Past Chairman (if a member);
- 12 h) Magisterial District Chairmen.

13 2) Non-voting Members:

- 14 a) All publicly elected Republican officials whose district includes Augusta County
- 15 or portions thereof;
- 16 b) All Augusta County Legislative District Committee Representatives.

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18 Section C – Quorum

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20 Twenty (20) percent of the voting members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a

21 quorum for the transaction of business.

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23 Section D – Meetings

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25 Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held monthly, so far as is practical and

26 more frequently if required, on the prior call of the Chairman or four (4) voting members

27 of the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall be the Chairman of the Executive

28 Committee or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman Programs.

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30 **Article IX – Committees**

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32 Section A – General

33
34 There shall be the following Standing Committees, the members of which shall be

35 appointed by the Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee as soon as

36 practical after his election:

- 37 1) Finance;
- 38 2) Precinct Organization;
- 39 3) Candidates and Nominating;
- 40 4) Rules and Resolutions;
- 41 5) There shall be such additional special Committees as deemed advisable by the
- 42 Chairman, County Committee, or the Executive Committee.
- 43 6) The Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all standing and special
- 44 Committees.

- 1 7) The Chairman shall appoint members to fill vacancies as they may occur,
2 appointment of non-members shall be with the approval of the County
3 Committee.
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5 Section B – Duties
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- 7 1) The Finance Committee shall consist of a Finance Chairman, the Treasurer, and one
8 member from each Magisterial District in so far as is practical. This Committee shall
9 be responsible for the overall planning and supervision of the financial affairs and
10 fund raising of the County Committee. It shall prepare an annual budget to be
11 presented by the Treasurer to the Executive Committee prior to the Annual Meeting
12 and shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the Chairman.
- 13 2) The Precinct Organization Committee shall consist of the Vice-Chairman Precinct
14 Organization (Chairman), the Vice Chairman Communications, and the Magisterial
15 District Chairmen. The Committee is responsible for establishing and maintaining an
16 Organization for effective communication between voters and the Republican Party
17 as well as a mechanism for accomplishing the objectives of the County Committee.
18 This Committee shall plan and manage the public relations of the County Committee
19 and the Chairman shall assign such other duties as.
- 20 3) The Candidates and Nominating Committee shall consist of the Vice-Chairman
21 Programs and one member from each Magisterial District. The Committee shall seek
22 out and encourage qualified candidates for public office, ascertain the means of
23 potential candidates to fund a successful campaign, and present the names of
24 potentially qualified candidates to the Rules and Nominating Committee. The
25 Committee shall conduct research and maintain records on issues of interest to the
26 County Committee, to the Precinct Organization Committee, to Republican
27 Candidates, and to Republican Elected Officials. The Committee shall provide a
28 program for candidate preparation, and receive and process pre-filing forms. The
29 Committee shall receive, process, and make as occurring or prior to deadlines
30 established by the County Committee, nominations for:
- 31 a) Chairman;
32 b) Member of the County Committee;
33 c) Officer of the County Committee;
34 d) Delegates to County, District, and State Conventions, including recommendations
35 as to directions and voting rules applicable to such delegations;
36 e) Candidates for election to public office, including recommendations for the
37 manner of selection.
- 38 4) The Rules and Resolutions Committee shall consist of the Secretary (Chairman), the
39 Parliamentarian elected by the County Committee, and such other members as the
40 Chairman may appoint. The Committee shall prepare such Calls, rules, and order-of-
41 business, as required for the conduct of Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, or
42 Conventions. It shall keep and compute the Voting Strength of the districts and
43 Precincts of Augusta County. It shall as appropriate review these By-Laws and
44 recommend changes when required. The Committee shall receive and review all
45 controversies and contests and report to the County Committee at the next called
46 meeting, provide that ten (10) days are available for review.

1 **Article X – Mass Meetings, Etc.**

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3 Section A – General

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- 5 1) A Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention, or Primary shall be held in each year in
6 which there is to be an election for local or County Constitutional Offices for the
7 purpose of nominating candidates for the applicable offices, and for other proper
8 purposes. In years in which a State, District, or Legislative District Convention is
9 called a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention shall be held for the purpose of
10 electing delegates to such conventions. This Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or
11 Convention shall be the same as that for nominating candidates if such is held. In
12 Congressional election years a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention shall be
13 held in order that Unit officers, Chairmen, and members shall be elected. This Mass
14 Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention shall be the same as that for nominating
15 candidates or delegates if such is held.
 - 16 2) Representation in County Committee Conventions shall be either by Magisterial
17 District, Precinct, or the like, on a uniform ratio established by the County
18 Committee, but each such political subdivision shall be entitled to at least one (1)
19 vote.
 - 20 3) No member of a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention shall vote for delegates
21 to a Convention representing a district of which he is not a resident.
 - 22 4) Every Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention shall be held in a building
23 appropriate for public use and shall be open to the public. If after a call for a Mass
24 Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention, it shall be determined that the size of the
25 building designated in the Call shall be inadequate relative to the anticipated
26 attendance or the building shall be unavailable, the location may be changed by the
27 Chairman to a more adequate but equally accessible building, provided that written
28 notice of the new location be posted at the location originally selected for the
29 meeting, and further provided that those attending are allowed sufficient time to be
30 present at the alternate location and to participate in the meeting.

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32 Section B – Rules

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- 34 1) All Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, Conventions, and Primaries shall to the extent
35 applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following, giving
36 precedence as listed: the State Party Plan, these By-Laws, rules adopted by the
37 designated Rules Committee, and otherwise by the current edition of “Robert’s Rules
38 of Order”.
 - 39 2) The County Committee shall approve the rules and order of business for the conduct
40 of any County Convention or Mass Meeting in advance thereof. Said rules and order
41 of business shall be submitted to the Committee on Rules of such Convention for its
42 consideration and report to the Convention.
 - 43 3) The County Committee shall approve the rules for the conduct of a Party Canvass.
44 Such rules shall be subject to the State Party Plan.
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- 1 4) When the County Committee has declared for a Primary for nominating candidates to
2 public offices, the State Central Committee shall be requested to establish, consistent
3 with state law, the necessary rules and regulation for the conduct of such Primary and
4 their assistance shall be utilized in every practical manner.
- 5 5) When a Mass Meeting or Convention has divided in order to chose delegates to
6 different election district Conventions or to elect members and Chairmen, each
7 resulting division may, by majority vote, elect to adopt its own rules and shall
8 otherwise be ruled in accordance with (1) above.

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10 Section C – Calls

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12 1) All Calls for Mass Meetings, or Party Canvasses shall be published in a newspaper of
13 general circulation in Augusta County not less than seven (7) days prior to the Mass
14 Meeting or Party Canvass, excepting those Calls for special elections and when pre-
15 filing is required. Calls for Conventions shall be issued to each Chairman of the
16 County Committee thirty (30) days prior to the Convention, excepting those Calls for
17 special elections and when pre-filing is required. Each Call shall include:
 - 18 a) The qualifications for membership in the Republican Party of Virginia as stated in
19 Article I;
 - 20 b) The time, place, and purpose of the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention;
 - 21 c) In the event a purpose is to elect delegates to a Convention, the time, place,
22 purpose of, and the basis of representation to the Convention;
 - 23 d) The amount of the registration fee, if any;
 - 24 e) If a Convention, the basis of representation to the Convention, and the number of
25 delegate votes to which all participating election districts are entitled;
 - 26 f) If appropriate, the pre-filing requirement shall be included.
- 27 2) In order to be a requirement for any election by a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or
28 Convention, pre-filing shall be approved by the County Committee and the pre-filing
29 requirement included in the Call. The Call, including the pre-filing requirement,
30 must be published at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-filing deadline. This pre-
31 filing deadline shall be thirty (30) days prior to the event, if a Convention, or no later
32 than the day of the event if a Mass Meeting or Party Canvass. This publication
33 requirement shall take precedence over, but is consistent with, the publication
34 requirement of (1) above. Each person desiring to pre-file must file a statement prior
35 to the deadline for pre-filing. The County Committee, or the Chairman if authorized,
36 may prescribe the use of a particular filing form for the required statement. If a
37 particular form is prescribed a copy shall be included in the Call.
- 38 3) It is the responsibility of the Chairman to use the most effective means available,
39 including news media to adequately publicize Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, or
40 Conventions with the purpose of encouraging maximum citizen involvement. This
41 publicity shall include the method of delegate selection.
- 42 4) In the event that a published Call for any Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or
43 Convention shall differ in any respect from the Call authorized by the County
44 Committee, the requirements of the published Call, unless contested prior to
45 adjournment or conclusion, shall upon adjournment or conclusion of the Mass
46 Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention be conclusive and not subject to contest.

1 Participation in a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention shall not prejudice the
2 rights of any person signing a petition protesting the validity of such Mass Meeting,
3 Party Canvass, or Convention.

- 4 5) A Mass Meeting or Convention may by unanimous consent dispense with the reading
5 of the Call.

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7 Section D – Vacancies

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9 1) Whenever an election district fails to nominate a candidate or candidates for public
10 office, in the absence of an instruction to the contrary by the Mass Meeting or
11 Convention, the election District Committee, see (a) below, is authorized to nominate
12 such candidate or candidates by two-thirds vote, provided a notice of such intent is
13 included in the Call of the meeting. The nominations of this meeting shall have the
14 same force and effect as if the person or persons were nominated by a Mass Meeting,
15 Party Canvass, Convention or Primary.

16 a) For election districts wholly within Augusta County but comprising less than the
17 whole County, the election District Committee is defined as those County
18 Committee members residing within the election district. A quorum shall be
19 thirty (30) percent of such members.

20 b) The Chairman shall issue the Call for such meeting not less than seven (7) days
21 prior to the meeting.

22 c) If the election district comprises less than the whole County, the Chairman shall
23 chair the meeting but only until a temporary organization is effected.

- 24 2) Whenever candidates, electors, delegates, or alternates have been duly elected by a
25 Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention, or Primary and a vacancy occurs, the
26 County Committee is authorized to fill such vacancy in formal meeting by majority
27 vote after due notice of such intent has been included in the Call of the meeting. Such
28 a meeting shall require at least twenty-four (24) hours notice. The notice may be
29 either written or verbal.

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31 Section E – Delegates

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33 1) Certification;

34 a) Delegates and alternates to a County Convention shall be certified to that
35 Convention by the Chairman and the Secretary of the meeting at which they were
36 selected. Such certificates shall be delivered to the Chairman three (3) days prior
37 to the County Convention. The Chairman shall prepare a roll of all such
38 certificates that shall govern the procedures of the Convention unless and until
39 changed by the Convention.

40 b) Augusta County delegates and alternates to a Convention shall be certified to the
41 Convention by the permanent Chairman and Secretary of the Mass Meeting or
42 Convention which selected them, or by the Chairman if selection was by Party
43 Canvass. The certifications shall be delivered to the chairman of the official
44 Committee, which called the Convention prior to the convening of the
45 Convention, according to the deadlines in (c) and (d) below. Except in the case of
46 the State Central Committee, a copy of the certification shall be delivered to the

- 1 Secretary of the official Committee. In the case of a State Convention, a copy of
2 the certification shall also be delivered to the Sixth District Chairman.
- 3 c) In the case of a Sixth District Convention, said certifications must be delivered to
4 the Sixth District Chairman and Sixth District Secretary seven (7) days prior to
5 the convening of said Convention.
- 6 d) In the case of a State Convention said certifications must be postmarked sixteen
7 (16) days, or delivered in person fourteen (14) days, prior to the convening of the
8 Convention.
- 9 e) A copy of the published official Call of the Convention, Mass Meeting, or Party
10 Canvass called for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to the
11 convention must accompany all certifications, with the date of publication
12 included. The certification may also state how the delegation is to vote as in
13 Section F (1) below.
- 14 f) A delegate or alternate who is not certified in accordance with the above
15 requirements shall be seated only by a majority vote of the Credentials
16 Committee, or in the event of the failure of the Credentials Committee to seat, by
17 a vote of the Convention.
- 18 g) A delegation to a Convention may not have more than five (5) delegates and five
19 (5) alternates per Delegate vote. No delegate may have less than 0.20 Delegate
20 votes.

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22 **Section F – Voting**

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- 24 1) The certification of delegates may state how the delegates shall vote, whether by
25 those present voting Full Vote, or Non-Full Vote. If Non-Full Vote the certification
26 shall state how the allocation of votes is fractionalized. The delegation shall vote Full
27 Vote unless otherwise certified.
- 28 2) The vote of a delegation, or delegate, shall be reported to the nearest hundredth.
- 29 3) No delegation shall vote under a Unit rule at any Convention; however, the Mass
30 Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention electing the delegates may instruct its
31 delegates on candidates or specific issues. Unless otherwise stated in the instruction,
32 an instruction shall be deemed to be limited to the first Convention ballot in respect to
33 the election or issue covered by the instruction.
- 34 4) The delegates present in a delegation shall designate, by plurality vote, which
35 alternate shall vote in the place of an absent delegate, except where the body electing
36 the delegates has determined another method of selection.

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38 **Article XI – Rules and Appeals**

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40 All controversies or contests, not occurring in open meeting of the County Committee or
41 Mass Meeting, shall be submitted to the Rules and Resolutions Committee within seven
42 (7) days of the event. Controversies or contests arising in open meeting must be brought
43 before the Committee at that meeting or they shall be moot. Decisions of the County
44 Committee, or Mass Meeting, are final except as provided in Article X of the State Party
45 Plan.

Article XII – Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those members of the County Committee who are present and voting at a duly called meeting provided that a notice of intent and the general text of the proposed amendment shall have been provided to the membership with the official notice of such meeting. The Secretary shall, as occurring, provide the membership with a copy of passed amendments and the State Party with a correct copy dated and signed, of the amended By-Laws.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 20____

These By-Laws cancel and supersede any and all prior By-Laws, plans, or other Acts, and any amendments thereto, for the government of the Augusta County Republican Committee.

Secretary

Chairman