

Please be advised that **Rank Choice Voting will be used on May 8th.**  
(See explanation as follows.)

## **Delegates will rank-choice Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General candidates.**

### **Why rank choice voting?**

The convention requires nominees to get 50% plus 1 to win. So, candidates cannot win on a plurality of votes cast, as with a primary in Virginia.

Because we are not in a large convention hall and are voting at remote locations, we must have people rank their first, 2nd or third choice when candidates who do not meet a certain threshold are eliminated after the first round.

### **HOW TO MARK A BALLOT**

For voters, marking a ranked choice voting ballot is simple. Voters rank their choices in order of preference – 1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice, and so on.

Select a first choice candidate by completely filling in the oval next to the candidate's 1. name in the FIRST CHOICE column.

If you have a second choice candidate, completely fill in the oval next to that candidate's 2. name in the SECOND CHOICE column.

If you have a third choice candidate, completely fill in the oval next to that candidate's 3. name in the THIRD CHOICE column.

Note You do not have to have a 2nd or third choice.

If your ballot allows more than the three rankings in the examples below, you can continue to rank candidates until you run out of allowable rankings, or you run out of candidates.

Here are some important points about correctly marking a ranked choice voting ballot:

- **Make only one choice per column.**
- **Do not skip columns.**
- **You may rank as few candidates as you would like.**
- **You may rank as many candidates as are allowed.**

A ballot will be counted for the first choice candidate as long as that candidate is not eliminated in a round of voting (the candidate with the fewest votes in each round is eliminated). Your second choice will only come into play if your first choice is eliminated. The same is true down the line.

If the first choice candidate is eliminated, the second and third choices cannot be considered, as they are duplication, a ballot will be counted for the first choice candidate as long as that candidate is not eliminated in a round of voting (the candidate with the fewest votes in each round is eliminated). Your second choice will only come into play if your first choice is eliminated. The same is true down the line.

So, say you rank your ballot as follows:

George Washington - 1st Choice  
Thomas Jefferson - 2nd Choice  
Alexander Hamilton - 3rd Choice  
John Adams - 4th Choice

In the first round, the results are

George Washington - 100  
Thomas Jefferson - 25  
Alexander Hamilton - 50  
John Adams - 24

Your ballot was part of George Washington's 100 votes.

For the second round, John Adams, the low vote-getter is eliminated

The second round results are:

George Washington -  $100 + 1 = 101$   
Thomas Jefferson -  $25 + 20 = 45$   
Alexander Hamilton -  $50 + 3 = 53$

(You can see that each candidate picked up some votes because they were the second choice listed on ballots that had ranked John Adams first)

Your ballot was part of George Washington's 101 votes.

For the third round, Thomas Jefferson, the low vote-getter is eliminated

The third round results are:

George Washington 101 + 1 = 102

Alexander Hamilton - 53 + 44 = 97

(You can see that George Washington was the next choice on one Thomas Jefferson ballot and Alexander Hamilton was the next choice on 44 Thomas Jefferson ballots)

George Washington has a majority and wins.

Your ballot was counted for your first choice for every round because George Washington was never eliminated.

Say that instead, your ballot had been

John Adams - 1st Choice

Thomas Jefferson - 2d Choice

Alexander Hamilton - 3d Choice

George Washington - 4th Choice

For this ballot, John Adams would get your vote in the first round. Because he was eliminated in the second round, Thomas Jefferson would get your vote. Because he was eliminated in the third round, Alexander Hamilton would get your vote.

If you had marked your ballot only with John Adams as your first choice, your ballot would not be counted in any subsequent round because Adams was the first to be eliminated.

For further explanation of rank choice voting, please go to:

[Fairvote.org/how\\_rcv\\_works](http://Fairvote.org/how_rcv_works)

which is also accessible at:

<https://sable.godaddy.com/c/303354?id=35525.535.1.85580b6aea99fcb0c04e5351bdef6ffb>

The convention information will also be posted at

<https://www.portsmouthrepublicanparty.com> website.

Thank you for participating as a Delegate!  
Portsmouth Republican Party

If you have been certified as a Delegate to vote in the Virginia Republican unassembled convention on Saturday, May 8, 2021, please read the following important information.

**Convention Information:**

**Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021\***

**Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

\*Delegates who have religious obligations on May 8<sup>th</sup> will be allowed to vote early on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM in Norfolk at 925 W. 21st Street. Portsmouth Delegates with religious obligations who wish to vote on May 7<sup>th</sup> must email Portsmouth Republican Party secretary Joy Dean at [joytotheworlddean@gmail.com](mailto:joytotheworlddean@gmail.com) or call her at (757) 403-3436 **BEFORE MAY 4<sup>th</sup>** so that their names can be submitted to Third District Chair Miki Miller.

**You must provide a picture ID in order to vote. Please wear a mask and practice safe social distancing.**

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW VOTING LOCATION!**

**Voting Site for Portsmouth, Norfolk, and (some) Chesapeake Delegates:**

Lake Drummond Masonic Lodge  
509 George Washington Highway  
Chesapeake, VA



**Directions:**

From I-64, take Exit 296 (North 17/Business South 17 Portsmouth Deep Creek) to the right. Turn right onto Rt. 17 South Business/George Washington Highway North. Go past Forehand Drive and turn left at Margaret Booker Drive into the long, roomy parking lot for Lake Drummond Masonic Lodge (pictured above).