



As Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia it is my statutory responsibility to certify candidates for the March 6, 2012 Republican Presidential Primary and the June 12, 2012 Republican U.S. Senate Primary.

Under that responsibility, I intend to certify candidates for the Republican Presidential and Senatorial primaries using the following guidelines:

Under the Code of Virginia, any candidate who wants to have their name placed on the March 6, 2012 Republican Presidential Ballot or the June 12, 2012 U.S. Senate Primary must collect the signatures of 10,000 registered voters statewide, with at least 400 signatures of registered voters from each of Virginia's 11 Congressional Districts.

Any candidate who submits at least 15,000 signatures of registered voters on valid petitions statewide and has at least 600 signatures of registered voters on valid petitions from each of the 11 Congressional Districts shall be deemed to have met the threshold for qualification and will be certified (provided, of course, that other requirements of State law have also been met).

If any candidate submits fewer than 15,000 signatures of registered voters on valid petitions statewide or fewer than 600 signatures of registered voters on valid petitions in one or more of the 11 Congressional Districts, the Republican Party of Virginia will individually verify signatures until the 10,000 signature statewide threshold and/or 400 per Congressional district is met.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Mullins".

Pat Mullins, Chairman
Republican Party of Virginia

