



HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR LOCAL PARTY COMMITTEE



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The smallest unit of the Republican Party in Virginia is the **County Republican Committee**. Members of these committees are called **County Committee Members** and serve **two years' terms**. Some members are elected as representatives of their precinct, some as representatives of their magisterial districts and some as representatives of the county at-large. Regular elections take place in the **spring of even-numbered years**.

The next regular election of county committee members will take place in **spring 2006**. The filing deadline is to be determined by each county committee. In 2004, these deadlines were in **mid March**.

To become a member of this committee through the regular election process:

- 1) You must be:
 - a. At least 18 years of age;
 - b. A registered member of the Democratic Party;
 - c. A resident of the locality in which you are running.
- 2) You must file a declaration of candidacy form, available from your county chair, or in some cases, on the county party website (see below) by the date noted above. In some counties a filing fee of approx. \$75 is also required.
- 3) You must attend the county convention, mass meeting, or primary and receive sufficient votes to be elected. Contact your county chair for details.

It is often possible to join the committee between regular elections:

- Mid-term vacancies are frequent, and openings are filled through election by the County Committee as a whole, after the appropriate District Chair and the County Chair have approved a candidacy. In some counties, nominations for membership are made at one meeting of the Committee and approved at the next. In others, a "Declaration of Candidacy" form is to be filed 10 days before a regular meeting. Contact your County Chair for information specific to your area.
- There are often other opportunities to get involved without yet being a formal member of the committee – volunteer to help, people will come to know you, and you will increase your chances of becoming a member through the next regular election.

For more information, visit the Virginia Republican Party website: www.vagop.com

County Committee Contact Info:

Fairfax: (703) 766-4467 <http://www.fairfaxgop.org>
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