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DEPARTMENT *of* ELECTIONS

Official ELECT Advisory

DATE: November 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Republican Party Notice Pursuant to § 24.2-545

ISSUE: The Republican Party of Virginia (RPV) has formally notified the State Board of Elections that they will select their Delegates to the 2020 Republican National Convention through district and state conventions. The RPV will not hold a primary on March 3, 2020.

HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU: Many localities have been holding absentee ballot applications for a possible Republican primary on March 3, 2020. The Election Administration team at ELECT has now removed the Republican Presidential Primary from VERIS, and localities may begin to process absentee ballot applications accordingly.

ACTION ITEMS: Begin processing any absentee ballot applications you have on file for a Republican Presidential Primary.

Background: Because voters can apply for an absentee ballot up to a year before an election, you may have applications on file for voters who want an absentee ballot for the 2020 Republican Presidential Primary. ELECT staff add the primary as a possible election (so that certain voter data can be associated with it) until the party formally notifies the State Board of Elections that they will not be having a primary. Now that the election has been removed from VERIS, GRs can process and deny those absentee ballot applications from voters who specifically indicated they want to vote in the Republican Presidential Primary. Please see the VERIS Step-by-Steps titled “Absentee” on page 45 for the section on “AB Applications with Out of Jurisdiction Elections” for assistance in processing these applications.

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