



**Augusta County Republican Committee
Press Release
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The Party Canvass held on April 27, as well as the Mass Meetings held on April 29 and April 30, here in Augusta County are Party run events. These events are financially supported and run by the Republican Party in order to determine, using a democratic system of voting, who the people will choose to be their Republican nominee for a given office. The difference between the State-run Primary and a Party-run primary is that in a party-run primary, whether it be Republican or Democrat, that Party does have a right to set their own rules. Because of this, the party does have a right to ask participants to commit to their intention of supporting the nominees in the general election.

It is standard procedure for any political party to ask those voting in their party-specific elections to support the eventual nominee for that party. There is always a concern of those from another party infiltrating a party-specific election. The purpose of the pledge form is to deter those who do not affiliate with the party, which is running the party-specific event from participating in that event. It certainly is not fail proof and it is not legally binding, however, we are hopeful that voters who are intentional about voting in a Republican primary will be doing so to promote the party and its candidates.

The purpose of the Republican Party is to promote and support Republicans and Republican principles and values. By asking voters to do the same is only to help with our purpose and mission.