
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF VIRGINIA

State Central Committee

March 6, 2015

Resolutions Regarding 2016 Democratic National Convention Delegate Selection Process

No. 1 – 2016 Presidential Primary

Whereas, Virginia law provides that political parties may select delegates to national presidential candidate nominating conventions through a primary, and pending legislation in the Virginia General Assembly would permit a change in the date of the primary to comply with the Rules of the Democratic National Committee and the Republican National Committee and sets forth additional requirements for that primary (Va. Code sections 24.2-515, 24.2-544-45); and

Whereas, in 2008 and in 2012, Virginia held a successful presidential primary to allocate its delegates to the Democratic National Convention; and

Whereas, allowing Virginia Democrats to participate in a presidential primary will provide for the broadest, easiest, and most democratic participation in the delegate selection process; and

Whereas, a presidential primary will increase voter turnout in the pre-nomination process and strengthen the party for the fall campaign; and

Whereas, a primary will bring recognition, attention and revenue to the Commonwealth of Virginia and thereby benefit all Virginians.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Virginia Democratic Party shall use a binding Presidential primary to allocate its delegates to the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

Be it further resolved, that the Virginia Democratic Party shall select the date as passed by the Virginia General Assembly for the primary to select delegates to the national presidential candidate nominating convention and draft appropriate documents including a Delegate Selection Plan and Affirmative Action Plan to implement this resolution.

No. 2 -- 2016 State Democratic Convention

Whereas, even if the Democratic Party of Virginia allocates its National Convention Delegates pursuant to a binding presidential primary, a process must be implemented to fill those delegate positions; and

Whereas, Virginia has traditionally selected its National Convention Delegation at a State Convention; and

Whereas, Virginia must elect its Democratic National Committee members at a State Convention.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Virginia Democratic Party shall hold a State Convention in June of 2016 (June 4, 11, 18, or 25) for purposes including selection of National Convention delegates and alternates.

Be it further resolved that the State Convention shall have 2000 delegates.

No. 3 Delegate Allocations

Whereas, to implement a National Convention Delegate selection plan, the Central Committee must adopt allocation formulae for State and National Convention Delegates, and

Whereas, Party Plan section 15.1 sets out the following four potential formulae for allocation of State Convention Delegates:

- a) A formula giving equal weight to population and to the average of the Democratic vote in the most recent elections for Governor, United States Senator, and United States President;
- b) A formula giving equal weight to population and to the average of the Democratic vote in the most recent elections for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General;
- c) A formula giving equal weight to the Democratic vote in the most recent elections for Governor, United States Senator and United States President;
- d) A formula giving equal weight to the Democratic vote in the most recent elections for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General.

And;

Whereas, in 2008 and in 2012, the State Democratic Party chose Party Plan formula C; and

Whereas, Party Plan formula C provides a simple and fair method for allocation of State Convention delegates; and

Whereas the Democratic National Committee Rules and Regulations for the 2016 Delegate Selection process (Rule 8.A.; Regs. 4.11, 4.12. & Appendix A) set out the following two applicable formulae for allocation of National Convention Delegates:

(1) Equal weight to total population and to the average vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2008 and 2012 presidential elections.

(2) Equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2012 presidential and the most recent gubernatorial election [2013].

And,

Whereas in 2012, the State Democratic Party chose DNC formula 2; and

Whereas, DNC formula 2 provides a simple and fair method for allocation of National Convention delegates.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Virginia Democratic Party adopts State Convention Formula C and National Convention Formula 2 for the allocation of its State and National Convention delegates.