

Virginia's Delegate Selection Process

During the week of July 25, 2016, Democrats will convene to nominate the next President of the United States. Virginia's delegation will include approximately 112 delegates and 8 alternates.

Process Summary

The DPVA called for a Presidential Preference Primary to be held on March 1, 2016 to determine the allocation of State and National Convention delegates. Cities and counties will hold caucuses April 16 or 18 2016 to elect delegates (and alternates) to congressional district conventions and the State Convention. These delegates and alternates will attend congressional district conventions in May 2016 and choose 4 - 8 National Convention delegates (some districts will also choose one alternate). The same state delegates/alternates will attend a State Convention in June 2016 to elect National Convention delegates and alternates.

Get Involved!

YOU can participate by registering to vote, volunteering for your local Democratic committee, running for congressional district and State Convention delegate, and even running for a National Convention delegate position. The DPVA is committed to an open and inclusive delegate selection process and we encourage YOUR participation.

Step 1 – Register to Vote If you are a Virginia resident who will be 18 years of age by the fall election, you can register to vote in the primary. Contact your local registrar or the Virginia State Board of Elections (www.sbe.va.us; 804/786-6551; toll free 800-552-9745)

Step 2 – Volunteer Contact the DPVA to get information on how you can make a difference by volunteering for presidential candidates in Virginia. You can also contact your local committee and find out how you can help build our party from the ground up.

Step 3 – Presidential Primary Campaigns must file 5,000 valid signatures of qualified voters (200 from each Congressional District) by December 19, 2015. If only one Democratic candidate files (as in 2012), (s)he is declared the winner of all of Virginia's National Convention delegates/alternates and the Democratic Primary is cancelled.

Step 4 – City or County Caucuses City and county caucuses will elect district/State Convention delegates and alternates. Cities and counties will hold assembled or unassembled caucuses on April 16 or 18, 2016. Localities may also provide for absentee voting on April 14, 2016. Delegate and alternate candidates must prefile by a given deadline to be considered. Caucuses must be publicized and locations must be fully accessible.

Each jurisdiction has been allocated a certain number of delegates and if that number or fewer delegate candidate pre-file, the local party can cancel the caucus and declare those delegates elected. Slate voting is permitted.

To participate in a city or county caucus, you must (1) be a registered voter, (2) reside in the jurisdiction, and (3) sign a Democratic pledge form. You must prefile to run as a district/State Convention delegate. Participation in the delegate selection process is free; however, there is a voluntary administrative fee for each delegate and alternate candidate to cover caucus and convention expenses.

Step 5 – District and State Conventions – National Convention Delegate Elections Congressional District Conventions will be held in May 2016 and the conventions will select 4 delegates (6th, 9th CDs), 5 delegates (1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th CDs), 6 delegates (11th CD), 7 delegates (10th CD), and 8 delegates (3rd, 8th CDs) and seven CDs will choose 1 alternate each. The filing deadlines are 14 days before the convention.

The State Convention will be held in June 2016 and will elect 21 at large delegates, 1 at-large alternate and 12 Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. The filing deadline is 7 days before the convention. Virginia's delegation will also include approximately 17 Automatic PLEO delegates.

Virginia's National Convention Delegation will be equally divided between men and women at the Congressional District and State levels. Presidential candidates have the right to approve or disapprove all National Delegate candidates. Because the delegate allocations are based on the primary results, all delegates and alternates must be committed to a presidential candidate.

Affirmative Action To encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process, the DPVA has adopted an affirmative action program that includes contacting constituency organizations and holding outreach seminars and workshops. All meetings of the DPVA are open and discrimination is prohibited.

The DPVA encourages all Democrats to become involved in the delegate selection process and continue to be involved with the Democratic Party and support its candidates.

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Key dates – 2016

March 1	Democratic Primary
April	Caucus filing deadline
April 16 or 18	City and county caucuses
April or May	National Delegate filing deadline for district conventions
May	District Conventions
May or June	At-Large, PLEO filing deadline
June	State Convention
July 25	Democratic National Convention
October 19	Voter registration deadline
November 8	Election Day

To obtain more detailed information, including the Virginia Delegate Selection Plan and a workshop presentation, contact the Democratic Party of Virginia (DPVA) at 804-644-1966 or www.vademocrats.org.

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For additional information,
see the following websites:

DPVA Delegate Selection
www.vademocrats.org/dnc-delegate-selection-process

Democratic National Committee
www.democrats.org

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