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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Proposed Amendment to the
***Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic
Party of the United States***

For consideration at the Democratic National Committee meeting, August 28, 2015.

Synopsis of Amendment

Proposed amendment changes the name of the Vice Chair for Voter Registration and Participation to Vice Chair for Civic Engagement and Voter Participation to more accurately reflect the duties of the office.

Proposed by

Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman
Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida

The following amendment to the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States will be considered by the Rules and Bylaws Committee at its meeting prior to the meeting of the Democratic National Committee, August 28, 2015.

Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida

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New language is in bold and double underlined (“**abc**”).

Deleted language is indicated with a strikeout (“~~abc~~”).

Insert sections and renumber or re-letter accordingly.

CHARTER

ARTICLE THREE

Democratic National Committee

Section 1. The Democratic National Committee shall have general responsibility for the affairs of the Democratic Party between National Conventions, subject to the provisions of this Charter and to the resolutions or other actions of the National Convention. This responsibility shall include:

- (a) issuing the Call to the National Convention;
- (b) conducting the Party’s Presidential campaign;
- (c) filling vacancies in the nominations for the office of President and Vice President;
- (d) formulating and disseminating statements of Party policy;
- (e) providing for the election or appointment of a Chairperson, five Vice Chairpersons, one of whom shall be the President of the Association of State Democratic Chairs and one of whom shall be the Vice Chairperson for ~~Voter Registration and Participation~~ **Civic Engagement and Voter Participation**, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a National Finance Chair and other appropriate officers of the National Committee, who with the exception of the Chairperson and the President of the Association of State Democratic Chairs, shall be as equally divided as practicable according to gender, and for the filling of vacancies, all in accordance with Rules of Procedure adopted by the Democratic National Committee; and
- (f) all other actions necessary or appropriate in order to carry out the provisions of this Charter and the objectives of the Democratic Party.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE TWO

Democratic National Committee

Section 1. *Duties and Powers.* The Democratic National Committee shall have general responsibility for the affairs of the Democratic Party between National Conventions, subject to the provisions of the Charter and to the resolutions or other official actions of the National Convention. This responsibility shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) Issuing the Call to the National Convention;
- (b) Conducting the Party's Presidential Campaign;
- (c) Filling vacancies in the nominations for the office of the President and Vice President;
- (d) Assisting state and local Democratic Party organizations in the election of their candidates and the education of their voters;
- (e) Formulating and disseminating statements of Party policy, promoting programs for the systematic study of public policy issues, through participation of members of the Democratic National Committee and through specific projects administered under the authority of the Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee;
- (f) Providing for the election or appointment of a Chairperson, five Vice Chairpersons, one of whom shall be the President of the Association of State Democratic Chairs and one of whom shall be Vice Chairperson for ~~Voter Registration and Participation~~ **Civic Engagement and Voter Participation**, a Treasurer, a National Finance Chair, a Secretary and other appropriate officers of the National Committee, who, with the exception of the Chairperson and President of the Association of State Democratic Chairs, shall be as equally divided as practicable according to gender, and for the filling of vacancies, all in accordance with Rules of Procedure adopted by the Democratic National Committee;
- (g) Establishing and maintaining National Headquarters of the Party;
- (h) Promoting and encouraging Party activities at every level, including but not limited to the following:
 - (i) promoting and encouraging implementation of all Party mandates;
 - (ii) the fulfillment by the Party of its platform pledge and other commitments;
 - (iii) establishment and support of an adequate system of political research;
 - (iv) the preparation, distribution and communication of Party information to its members and the general public;
 - (v) the development and maintenance of a program of public relations for the Party; and
 - (vi) development of a program for the coordination of Party committees, organizations, groups, public officials and members.
- (i) Devising and executing ways and means of financing activities of the Party;
- (j) Taking such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of the Charter, these Bylaws, the resolutions and other official actions to achieve the objectives of the Party and the Convention; and
- (k) Approval of the budget of the Democratic National Committee.