



Report of the Rules and Bylaws Committee, August 26, 2025

Proposed Amendments to the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States

The following amendments to the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States were considered by the Rules and Bylaws Committee at its meeting on August 26, 2025. New language is in green and underlined (“abc”). Deleted language is indicated in red with a strikeout (“~~abc~~”).

Amendment Groups 1 through 7 were approved unanimously for approval by the full DNC.

Amendment Group 8 was withdrawn by the sponsor in lieu of the committee voting to instruct the Rules and Bylaws Committee to include in the 2028 Call for Convention the same language from the last two convention cycles governing voting by the automatic delegates at the National Convention.

Amendment Group 9 was referred to a Rules and Bylaws Committee working group as part of the committee’s required quadrennial review of the Charter and Bylaws.



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Charter and Bylaws Amendment Group 1

Proposed by: Chairman Ken Martin - MN, President Jane KleeB - NE

Charter Article 3 Section 1.e

(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 Committees and one of whom shall be the Vice Chairperson for Civic Engagement and Voter Participation, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a National Finance Chair, who, with the exception of the Chairperson and the President of the Association of State Democratic Committees, shall be as equally divided as practicable according to gender at the quadrennial election, as defined in the Democratic National Committee Charter, Article Nine, Section 156, and for the filling of vacancies ~~that occur outside of the regularly scheduled elections of the President of the Association of State Democratic Committees~~, all in accordance with Rules of Procedure adopted by the Democratic National Committee; and other appropriate officers who shall be as equally divided as practicable according to gender; and

Bylaws Article 3 Section 1.f

(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 Committees and one of whom shall be the Vice Chairperson for Civic Engagement and Voter Participation, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a National Finance Chair, who, with the exception of the Chairperson and the President of the Association of State Democratic Committees, shall be as equally divided as practicable according to gender at the quadrennial election, as defined in the Democratic National Committee Charter, Article Nine, Section 156, and for the filling of vacancies ~~that occur outside of the regularly scheduled elections of the President of the Association of State Democratic Committees~~, all in accordance with Rules of Procedure adopted by the Democratic National Committee; and other appropriate officers who shall be as equally divided as practicable according to gender; and

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Charter and Bylaws Amendment Group 2

Proposed by: Chairman Ken Martin - MN

Charter Article 3 Section 2.v

(v) No more than seventy-five additional at-large members of the Democratic National Committee may be added by the foregoing members. **Twenty-two of these members must be nominated by the Asian American and Pacific Islander Caucus, Black Caucus, Disability Caucus, Hispanic Caucus, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer American Caucus, Native American Caucus, the regional caucuses and the Youth Council through a process promulgated by the Chair of the National Committee and approved by the Rules and Bylaws Committee no less than sixty days in advance of the DNC meeting at which they will be elected.**¹

Bylaws Article 2, Section 2.v

(v) No more than seventy-five additional members of the Democratic National Committee may be added by the foregoing members. **Twenty-two of these members must be nominated by the Asian American and Pacific Islander Caucus, Black Caucus, Disability Caucus, Hispanic Caucus, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer American Caucus, Native American Caucus, the regional caucuses and the Youth Council through a process promulgated by the Chair of the National Committee and approved by the Rules and Bylaws Committee no less than sixty days in advance of the DNC meeting at which they will be elected.**²

¹ Proviso: This sentence will go into effect immediately after the election of the Chairperson in 2029.

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Bylaws Amendment 3

Proposed by: Chairman Ken Martin - MN

Bylaws Article 2 Section 10.g

Except as otherwise provided in the Charter or in these Bylaws, the members of all committees of the National Committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, in consultation with the Executive Committee, subject to ratification by the Democratic National Committee, and shall be appointed to serve for the term of the Chairperson, through the election of the new Chairperson, and until the first meeting of the National Committee following the election of the new Chairperson after the National Convention. **The Chair's appointments to the Credentials, Rules and Bylaws, and Resolutions Committees shall each consist of no more than 30% DNC members who are members by virtue of the Bylaws Article 2 Section 2.v, no less than 25% DNC members who are members by virtue of the Bylaws Article 2 Section 2.a., and no less than 25% DNC members who are members by virtue of the Bylaws Article 2 Section 2.b.³ No DNC member may serve on more than one standing committee at a time.**

Notwithstanding the above provision, notice of such pending appointment must be mailed to the Democratic National Committee membership no less than seven (7) days prior to the vote on ratification.

³ Proviso: This sentence will go into effect immediately after the election of the Chairperson in 2029.

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Charter and Bylaws Amendment Group 4

Proposed by: Chairman Ken Martin - MN

Charter Article 3 Section 2.w

(w) the immediate past Chair of the Democratic National Committee.

Bylaws Article 2 Section 2.w

(w) the immediate past Chair of the Democratic National Committee.

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Bylaws Amendment 5

Proposed by: Chairman Ken Martin - MN

Bylaws Article 3 Section 2.w/x/y/z/aa/ab

(w) The Chairperson of the Democratic State Treasurers Association or their designee from that Association, who must be a member of the Democratic National Committee;

(x) The Chairperson of the Democratic Lieutenant Governors Association or their designee from that Association, who must be a member of the Democratic National Committee;

(y) The Chairperson of the Democratic Association of Secretaries of State or their designee from that Association, who must be a member of the Democratic National Committee;

(z) The Chairperson of the Democratic Attorneys General Association or their designee from that Association, who must be a member of the Democratic National Committee;

(aa) The Chairperson of the High School Democrats of America or their designee from that Association, who must be a member of the Democratic National Committee;

(ab) The immediate past Chair of the DNC;⁴

⁴ Proviso: The amendment adding the Chairs of the Democratic State Treasurers Association, Lieutenant Governors Association, Democratic Association of Secretaries of State, and Democratic Attorneys General Association, or their designees, will not be effective unless and until an amendment to Article 4, Section 2 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States has been adopted to allow for the addition of all four positions to the Executive Committee.

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Bylaws Amendment 6

Proposed by: Chairman Ken Martin - MN, John Verdejo - NC

Bylaws Article 2 Section 14

Section 14. Neutrality

The Officers and staff of the Democratic National Committee shall remain impartial and evenhanded in Democratic primary elections. The National Chairperson shall promulgate a neutrality policy to effectuate this requirement with officers and staff.

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Bylaws Amendment 7

Proposed by: Chairman Ken Martin - MN, Christopher Lowe - NY

Bylaws Article 2 Section 10.a and Bylaws Article 2 Section 10.e

Section 10. Committees

- (a) In addition to the Committees otherwise provided for in the Charter or in these Bylaws, there shall be the following standing committees of the Democratic National Committee:
- (i) Credentials Committee;
 - (ii) Resolutions Committee;
 - (iii) Rules and Bylaws Committee;
 - (iv) Budget ~~and Finance~~ Oversight and Review Committee.
- (e) Budget ~~and Finance~~ Oversight and Review Committee
- (i) The Budget ~~and Finance~~ Oversight and Review Committee shall be composed of the Treasurer, the National Finance Chair and not more than ~~nine~~ thirteen other members of the Democratic National Committee who have training or experience in finance or management, as determined by the Chairperson, in consultation with the Co-Chairs;
 - (ii) the Budget Oversight and Review Committee shall provide oversight of the financial affairs of the DNC. This includes (a) oversight (but not establishment) of the DNC's budget, and (b) regular review of its financial and internal controls, policies, procedures, and compliance systems;
 - (iii) the Budget Oversight and Review Committee shall meet at least four times per year and may appoint working groups or subcommittees;
 - (iv) the Budget ~~and Finance~~ Oversight and Review Committee, shall in full consultation with the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, ~~review the budget of the Democratic National Committee on an on-going basis, make periodic reports including an annual report in writing to the Executive Committee and the full Democratic National Committee on the goals, purposes of expenditures and results of expenditures of the Democratic National Committee and its staff;~~ shall

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Proposed by: Chairman Ken Martin - MN, Christopher Lowe - NY

develop a set of procedures for the oversight of the DNC's budget that shall include:

- (a) a process to comment on a draft budget prepared by the Chairperson of the DNC or their designee; such budget shall show, at a minimum, proposed expenditures by category and by department under different revenue scenarios;**
- (b) a process to report on and recommend the budget to the Executive Committee and the DNC;**
- (c) a process to review detailed quarterly reports on the budget provided by the Chairperson of the DNC or their designee and provide a summary of the same to the Executive Committee and the DNC;**
- (v) the Co-Chairs of the Budget Oversight and Review Committee may request from the Chairperson information and documentation held by the DNC (or its operating entity) to assist the Budget Oversight and Review Committee in carrying out its responsibilities;**
- (viii) the Budget Oversight and Review Committee shall, ~~working with the National Chairperson, Chief Financial Officer and counsel, develop, present to the Executive Committee, and ensure that any operating entity of the~~ ensure that the** Democratic National Committee maintains adequate policies and procedures with respect to:

- (a) contracting and procurement of goods and services by the Democratic National Committee, including affirmative action policies, and specifically requiring all vendors to disclose the composition of their leadership and the diversity of their organization;**
- (b) avoidance of conflicts of interest; and**
- (c) requiring prior approval from the Chairperson of the DNC or their designee for all contracts and expenditures exceeding \$100,000 annually per vendor.**

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(~~iv~~ii) meetings of the Budget ~~and Finance~~ Oversight and Review Committee shall not be subject to the provisions of Article Nine, Section 12 of the Charter and may be held in camera at the request of the Co-Chairs.

(viii) The Budget Oversight and Review Committee shall report at each meeting of the Executive Committee and the DNC and may make specific recommendations to the Executive Committee, the DNC, Officers, or senior members of staff.

~~(v) — the Budget and Finance Committee shall ensure that any operating entity of the Democratic National Committee has adopted policies and procedures requiring prior approval from the Democratic National Committee Chair or the Chair's designee(s) for all contracts and expenditures exceeding \$100,000 annually~~

Bylaws Article 3 Section 2.r

(r) The Chairs of the standing committees on Budget Oversight and Review ~~and Finance~~, Credentials, Resolutions, and Rules and Bylaws.

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