



**Report of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee  
December 11, 2025**

The following proposed amendment to the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States was considered and recommended for adoption by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee at its meeting on December 11, 2025. Additionally the Committee voted to recommend Standing Rules to govern General Sessions of the Democratic National Committee.



## **Proposed Amendment 1**

**Proposed by:** Chairman Ken Martin - MN

### **Charter Article 4 Section 2**

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be elected by and serve at the pleasure of the members of the Democratic National Committee. The size, composition and term of office shall be determined by the Democratic National Committee, provided that, excluding the officers of the DNC, the number of members elected by the regional caucuses of members of the Democratic National Committee shall be no fewer than twenty-~~four~~six less than the number selected by other means.

*Amendment 2 was withdrawn with unanimous consent at the request of the sponsor.*



# Proposed Standing Rules of Procedure for General Sessions

## Democratic National Committee

### I. GENERAL RULES

**A. Open Meetings.** All meetings of the Democratic National Committee, shall be open to the public, and votes shall not be taken by secret ballot or use of the unit rule.

**B. Seating.** The DNC Office of the Secretary and Party Affairs will determine the seating chart.

**C. Decorum.** Each member should be seated and ready to proceed to business by the scheduled call to order.

### II. DEBATE

**A. General Limits.** Each speaker, before speaking, must state their name and state/territory. If the chair so requests, the speaker must also state which side of the pending motion they intend to speak on. Except as these rules provide otherwise, each speaker may speak for up to two minutes per speech. Debate expires on any debatable motion when three speakers on each side have had the opportunity to speak. A motion to extend the limits of debate is in order notwithstanding any limit in these rules and can be adopted by a majority.

**B. Secondary Motions.** For these rules' purposes, a "secondary motion" means a debatable motion that is in order while

another motion is pending. Secondary motions are debatable pursuant to the procedures set forth in Rule II.A.

**C. Previous question.** Neither a motion to limit debate nor a motion for the previous question may take effect until an opponent, if there is one, has spoken against any motion to which it applies. The chair may note when putting the question how many speakers still seek the floor.

### III. VOTING

**A. Majority Voting.** Except as otherwise provided in the Charter, Bylaws or in these Rules, all questions before the Democratic National Committee shall be determined by majority vote of those members present and voting in person or by proxy.

**B. Proxy Voting.** Proxy voting shall be permitted. Proxies may be either general or limited and either instructed or uninstructed. All proxies shall be in writing and transferable if so specified. No DNC member may at any one time hold or exercise proxies for more than one other DNC member.

**C. Counting Votes.** The ordinary method of voting is by voice. If the chair is in doubt, or upon hearing a proper call for a division of the assembly, the vote will be taken by show of hands (or badges). The Chair



retains the discretion to count the vote or require a ballot. A roll call may be requested by a vote of twenty-five percent (25%) of those Democratic National Committee members present and voting.

#### IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. Reports.** The report of each Standing Committee of the DNC will be made in writing and shall contain the full text of action recommended and shall identify recommendations not approved by the Committee for adoption.

#### V. AUTHORITY AND INTERPRETATION

**A. Interpretation.** These Rules shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States and so as to promote the fair and efficient conduct of the business of the Democratic National Committee.

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern in all proceedings of the Democratic National Committee if said Robert's Rules of Order are applicable and not inconsistent with these Rules.

#### VI. RECORD

**A. Record.** The official record of any proceedings under these Rules shall be maintained by the Office of the Secretary at the Democratic National Committee in Washington, D.C. and shall be open and available for public inspection and duplication at reasonable times.

**B. Transcripts.** All meetings of the full Democratic National Committee shall be transcribed.

#### VII. AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION

**A. Amendment or Suspension.** These rules may be amended or suspended at any time by a two thirds majority of those members present in-person or by proxy at a meeting of the DNC.