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The Rules & Bylaws Committee's finalized Delegate Selection Rules for the 2028 Democratic National Convention, and Call for the 2028 Democratic National Convention are recommended for approval by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 15, 2026.

Additionally, pursuant to Rule 12.A of the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2028 Democratic National Convention, the Rules and Bylaws Committee is recommending ratification of waivers for the following State Parties to hold their first determining stage before the window opens on March 7, 2028:

- South Carolina - January 22, 2028
- Nevada - February 1, 2028
- New Hampshire - February 8, 2028
- New Mexico - February 15, 2028
- Michigan - February 22, 2028
- Virginia - February 29, 2028



DELEGATE SELECTION RULES

For the 2028 Democratic National Convention

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DELEGATE SELECTION RULES

For the 2028 Democratic National Convention

Rule 1

Publication and Submission of State Party Rules

- A. State parties shall adopt a Delegate Selection Plan, including an Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program (as defined in Rules 6 and 7) which contain explicit rules and procedures governing all aspects of the delegate selection process. These rules shall include, but are not limited to:
1. Procedures for electing and certifying delegates and alternates at all levels;
 2. Timing of primary/caucuses/conventions;
 3. Procedures providing for equal division in each state's convention delegation;
 4. Particulars concerning the scheduling of delegate selection meetings including methods by which each meeting or event will be publicized;
 5. Affirmative Action Plans and Outreach and Inclusion Programs which include affirmative action and inclusion obligations of presidential candidates;
 7. All filing and petition requirements, including filing fees, if applicable, and corresponding deadlines prescribed by state law for delegate and alternate candidates and for presidential candidates;
 8. All filing and petition requirements, including filing fees, if applicable, and corresponding deadlines prescribed by State Party rules for delegate and alternate candidates and for presidential candidates;
 9. Procedures for ascertaining delegate/alternate preference at all stages;
 10. Procedures for presidential candidate right of approval;
 11. Method of awarding delegates and alternates to presidential candidates;
 12. Methods and timetable for the selection of standing committee members;
 13. Procedures for challenges of the delegate selection, affirmative action, and outreach and inclusion processes;
 14. Methods and timetable for the selection of convention pages;
 15. Methods and timetable for the nomination of Presidential Electors; and
 16. Other appropriate provisions from these Rules, the Call, and the Regulations.
- B. The following items are to be routinely included at an appropriate place in each state Delegate Selection Plan:
1. Eligibility requirements for participation in the delegate selection process in conformance with Rule 2 [Rule 2.A.];
 2. Prohibition of cost and fees [Rule 2.D.];
 3. Prohibition of participation by those participating in another party's process [Rule 2.E.];
 4. One-meeting limitation for first-stage participants [Rule 3.E.];
 5. "Six basic elements" of an open party [Rule 4];
 6. Non-discrimination principles [Rule 5];
 7. Requirement that all steps take place within calendar year of convention [Rule 12.B.];

8. Required identification of preference of candidates for delegate and alternate [Rule 13.A.];
 9. Protection against coerced vote [Rule 13.I.];
 10. Quorum requirements [Rule 16];
 11. Proxy voting rules, if any [Rule 17];
 12. Unit rule prohibition [Rule 18.A.];
 13. Slate making limitations [Rule 18.B.]; and
 14. Succession of alternates to delegate status and filling of vacancies in delegate positions [Rule 19].
- C. Each State Party shall provide for a thirty (30) day¹ period of public comment to solicit opinion on the State's Delegate Selection Plan, Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program prior to adoption. All written public comments submitted to the state Democratic Committee shall be submitted along with the plans to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee ("DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee").
- D. State Delegate Selection Plans, including Affirmative Action Plans and Outreach and Inclusion Programs, shall be submitted to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for approval on or before May 4, 2027.
- E. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall act on the proposed plans as soon as practicable, but in no case later than November 15, 2027, or four months before the respective State's first determining step, whichever is earlier. Its decision shall be final and binding.
- F. Implementation of state Affirmative Action Plans and Outreach and Inclusion Programs shall begin no later than November 15, 2027,

or four months before the respective state's first determining step, whichever is earlier.

- G. State Delegate Selection Plans shall specify the methods and timetable to be followed in selecting members of standing committees of the national convention. These procedures shall be in conformity with the rules to be contained in the Call for the 2028 Convention.
- H. The Democratic National Committee ("DNC") and the state parties shall publish and make available at no cost to the public their rules, the 2028 National Delegate Selection Rules, and a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in their state delegate selection process. The DNC shall prepare and provide at no cost to state parties a clear and concise explanation of the 2028 National Delegate Selection Rules. This shall be done no later than October 4 of the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year of the national convention. The DNC is committed to ensuring that language access should not be a barrier to participation in the delegate selection process. The DNC, Association of State Democratic Committees, and state parties shall take all reasonable efforts to ensure this process is accessible to Democrats in different languages.

Rule 2 **Participation**

- A. Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats.
1. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded.
 2. Implementation of this administrative matter shall be delegated to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
- B. Nothing in these rules shall be interpreted to encourage or permit states with party registration and enrollment, or states that limit participation to Democrats only, to

¹ Unless otherwise explicitly specified, reference in these Rules to "day" or "days" means "calendar days." If the last day of a period falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a federally recognized holiday, the time shall be extended to the next business day.

amend their systems to open participation to members of other parties.

- C. State parties shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated and new voters to register or enroll, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters wishing to register or to change their party enrollment status. All Democrats who comply with Rule 2.A. shall be allowed to participate in the delegate selection process.
- D. At no stage of the delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating in the delegate selection process. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation.
- E. No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for a Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating processes of any other party for the corresponding elections.
- F. In accordance with Article Nine, Section 12 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States, votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or State Chairs and Vice Chairs, who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in a process that is the first determining stage of the delegate election process and in which all individual voters are eligible to participate in accordance with the provisions of this Rule 2.
- G. The casting of ballots over the Internet may be used as a method of voting in a vote only for presidential preference in a State Party-run process constituting the first determining stage in the presidential nominating process, and only if such casting of ballots over the Internet:

- 1. Is used in a system in which voters may cast their ballots in person on the day of such process and/or by mail, and in which casting of ballots over the Internet is an alternate means of voting;
 - 2. Is accompanied by a comprehensive, proactive education and outreach program on the use of Internet voting that is set forth in the state's delegate selection plan and approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee;
 - 3. Is conducted in accordance with a plan approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee that is included in the state's delegate selection plan, and that provides adequate measures to achieve security, reliability, access to eligible voters and transparency, including contractual and other safeguards to secure exclusive ownership and control by the State Party of voting data; and
 - 4. Is accomplished through a system which provides the voter with an opportunity to verify the voter's ballot and correct any error before the voter's vote is cast; which can be permanently maintained by the voter at the voter's option in paper, electronic or other form; and which produces a paper record of the voter's vote that is preserved and maintained by the State Party in the event of a manual audit, until the expiration of the time for filing an implementation challenge under these Rules.
- H. State Delegate Selection Plans shall include a description of actions taken or to be taken by the State Party to seek enactment of legislation, rules, and policies at the state and local level to enhance voter and election security and combat election subversion, that will:
 - 1. Maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible American who registers to vote has their personal information protected and secure;

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2. Implement transparent and accurate voter registration list maintenance procedures that comply with federal requirements and ensure that every eligible voter stays on the rolls;
 3. Promote the acquisition, maintenance, and regular replacement of precinct based optical scan voting systems;
 4. Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record;
 5. Implement risk limiting post-election audits such as manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records;
 6. Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures;
 7. Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately, with votes verifiable by voters;
 8. Provide educational materials to enhance public knowledge and confidence in election administration and counter disinformation;
 9. Actively engaging with state and local officials to implement fair and honest election policies and practices;
 10. Support adequate funding for state and local election administration.
- I. Each State Party shall include in its Delegate Selection Plan a description of steps taken or to be taken to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and delegate selection contests and procedures.
1. Such steps shall include establishment, with DNC assistance, of year-round voter protection programs. As part of such programs, state parties are encouraged to support educational, administrative, legislative, and litigation based efforts to protect and expand the vote and advance election fairness and security. Such efforts may include the goals set forth below.
 - a. Expand access to voting, including by early voting, no excuse absentee, same-day voter registration, drop boxes and voting by mail;
 - b. Ensure that voting locations are accessible, fairly placed, and adequate in number, and have a sufficient number of voting machines;
 - c. Speed up the voting process and minimize long lines;
 - d. Eliminate onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements;
 - e. Count and include in the final total ballots from voters who are eligible to vote but cast their ballot in the wrong precinct, for offices for which they are eligible to vote; and
 - f. Facilitate military and overseas voting.
 2. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, state parties are encouraged to support efforts to make voter registration easier including:
 - a. Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration and automatic and same-day registration;
 - b. Pre-registration of high school students so that they are already registered once they reach voting age;
 - c. Restoration of voting rights to all people who have served the time for their criminal conviction, without requiring the payment of court fees or fines; and

- d. Allow same-day or automatic registration for the Democratic presidential nominating process.
 - J. When employing government-run voting systems, it is imperative for State Parties to oppose attempts at voter suppression, disenfranchisement, and ensure an open and inclusive process. These efforts include revising State Party rules and encouraging administrative rules, legislation, or considering litigation to:
 - 1. Allow same-day party switching for the Democratic presidential nominating process or to achieve state laws that allow voters to switch parties at least as late as the deadline for registering to vote.
 - K. While parties are encouraged to use government-run primaries, in states where the State Party chooses to hold a Party-run process to establish presidential preference, the State Party's Delegate Selection Plan shall prevent attempts at voter suppression, disenfranchisement, and ensure an open and inclusive process. Further, the Rules and Bylaws Committee shall determine whether the State Party's Delegate Selection Plan meets the requirements specified in this section, including:
 - 1. Incorporating mechanisms with reasonable safeguards against error and fraud to vote absentee or vote early;
 - 2. Demonstrating that the State Party has the financial and technical ability to successfully run the process;
 - 3. Implementing same-day voter registration and party-affiliation changes at the voting location;
 - 4. Creating a process for publicly reporting the total statewide and district level results for each candidate based on the first expression of preference by the participants at the first determining step, as determined in the State's Plan;
 - 5. Requiring that the allocation of all national delegates, be locked in at the final expression of preference at the first determining step, as determined by the State's Plan, subject to recount;
 - 6. Ensuring final expressions of preference as part of the presidential nominating process are securely preserved, in a method to be specified in the State's Plan, that ensures the availability of a prompt and accurate recount or recanvass;
 - 7. Providing a standard and procedure by which a presidential candidate may request a recount or recanvass that is paid for by the candidate and carried out in a timely manner;
 - 8. Creating mechanisms that allow voters who are unable to be a part of the process in person to participate. This can include, but is not limited to those serving in the military, those with a disability or illness preventing participation, those who are not able to take time off from work or obtain child care, and other reasons; and
 - 9. Taking appropriate steps to ensure voters in party-run processes, like those in primary states, have a right to participate in the process. These steps could include any required rules changes and the proper education and outreach to ensure accessibility, including specifically for people with disabilities and for people with limited English proficiency in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and Sections 203 and 208 of the Voting Rights Act.
- Rule 3**
**Scheduling of Delegate
Selection Meetings**
- A. All official Party meetings and events related to the national convention delegate selection process, including caucuses, conventions, committee meetings, filing dates, and Party enrollment periods, shall be scheduled for dates, times and publicly accessible places which would be most likely to encourage the participation of all Democrats, and must begin

and end at reasonable hours. It shall be the responsibility of the State Party to select the dates, times and to locate and confirm the availability of publicly accessible facilities for all official party meetings and events related to the national convention delegate selection process. All reasonable efforts shall be made to ensure that the publicly accessible facilities are ADA compliant.

- B. All such meetings or events which are the first meeting or event in the delegate selection process shall be scheduled at times and dates which are uniform throughout the state, except where it is established by the State Party and approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee that such uniform times and dates would significantly reduce participation in the delegate selection process.
- C. The times, dates, places, and rules for the conduct of all caucuses, conventions, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized with reasonable notice, including but not limited to distribution through press lists, digital platforms including websites and social media, email distribution lists, and reasonable outreach to community-based organizations, including multilingual communication, by the Party organization, official, candidate or member calling the same.
- D. Concise statements in advance of all meetings and events concerning the relationship between the business to be conducted and the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the Party organization, official, candidate or member calling the same.
- E. No person shall participate in more than one meeting which is the first determinative step in the delegate selection process.

Rule 4

An Open Party

- A. The Democratic National Committee reaffirms its commitment to the 1964 resolution, and requires the national and state parties to incorporate the Six Basic Elements, as

updated, into their Party rules and to take appropriate steps to secure their implementation.

- B. The 1964 Democratic National Convention adopted a resolution which conditioned the seating of delegates at future conventions on the assurances that discrimination in any State Party affairs on the ground of race, color, creed or national origin did not occur. The 1968 Convention adopted the 1964 Convention resolution for inclusion in the Call for the 1972 Convention. In 1966, the Special Equal Rights Committee, which had been created in 1964, adopted six anti-discrimination standards — designated as the Six Basic Elements. As our Party strives to progress in the fight against discrimination of all kinds, these Six Basic Elements have evolved and grown along with the constant push for more inclusion and empowerment. These working principles, as updated, are as follows:
 - 1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in each state should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”).
 - 2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party in any state should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on “status.”
 - 3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party on all levels should be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons.

4. The Democratic Party, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.”

5. The Democratic Party in each state should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of each State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. Each State Party should develop a strategy to provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation.

6. The Democratic Party in each state should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the state Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in a timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office.

C. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all “status” (as defined in Rule 4.B.1) members to participate in the delegate selection process.

Rule 5 **Non-Discrimination**

- A. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action and inclusion is hereby adopted.
- B. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited.
- C. In order to continue the Democratic Party’s ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability, each State Party shall develop and submit Party outreach programs, including recruitment, education and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups and diversity in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs.

Rule 6 **Affirmative Action**

- A. The promises of a democratically elected government and the right to vote have not always been extended equally to all Americans. Historically, certain groups of Americans have been explicitly denied the right to vote or have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices with the intended effect of denying them voting rights. In recognition of this past history of discriminatory denial of the franchise and in order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the national and state Democratic Parties shall adopt and implement affirmative action programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women.

1. The goal of such affirmative action shall be to achieve participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate.
 2. This goal shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party's imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs.
 3. In the selection of each state's at-large delegation, priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women, if such priority of consideration is needed to fulfill the affirmative action goals outlined in the state's Delegate Selection Plan. Such remedial action is necessary in order to overcome the effects of past discrimination. Use of the at-large delegation to fulfill the plan's affirmative action goals does not obviate the need for the State Party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training. Priority of consideration shall also be given to other groups as described in Rule 5.C, which are under-represented in Democratic Party affairs, in order to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups.
 4. The DNC will work with the State Party to ascertain the demographic make-up of the aforementioned groups of the state's Democratic electorate.
- B. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results.
- C. State Delegate Selection Plans shall provide for equal division between delegate men and delegate women and alternate men and alternate women within the state's entire convention delegation (determined by gender-self-identification). For purposes of this rule, the entire delegation includes all pledged delegates and alternates and automatic delegates (including automatic party leaders and elected official delegates). Gender non-binary delegates shall not be counted as either male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided.
1. State Delegate Selection Plans shall, as far as mathematically practicable, also provide for equal division between district-level delegate men and delegate women and district-level alternate men and alternate women, as described in Rule 6.C.
 2. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have continuing jurisdiction to ensure compliance with this equal division requirement. No at-large delegate or alternate from a state shall be placed on the temporary roll of the 2028 Democratic National Convention unless the Rules and Bylaws Committee has certified to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee that such state's delegation complies with this equal division rule. It shall be the duty of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee to determine such compliance as soon as practicable following the State Party Chair's certification of the state's at-large delegates and alternates.
 3. Notwithstanding sub-paragraph A.2 above, equal division at any level of delegate or committee positions between delegate men and delegate women or committeemen and committeewomen shall not constitute a violation of any provision thereof.
- D. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process under Rule 3, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all caucuses, conventions,

meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized to encourage the participation of minority groups. Parties will make a good faith effort to publicize this information in an accessible manner and multilingually where necessary.

- E. State Democratic Parties shall take steps to ensure that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders or women.
- F. Each state Affirmative Action Plan shall provide for the appointment of a representative state Affirmative Action Committee by March 1, 2027. Before the State Party submits its Plan to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, the Affirmative Action Committee shall review the proposed outreach program required in Rule 5.C.
- G. Each State Affirmative Action Plan shall include outreach provisions to encourage the participation and representation of persons of low and moderate income, and a specific plan to help defray expenses of those delegates otherwise unable to participate in the national convention.
- H. State Parties in their Delegate Selection Plans shall impose reasonable specific Affirmative Action and Inclusion obligations upon presidential candidates consistent with the delegate selection system employed by the state.
 - 1. State Parties shall require presidential candidates to submit statements that specify what steps such candidates will take to encourage full participation in their delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. Provided further that presidential candidates submit such full participation statements to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee at the same time they are submitted to state parties.

- 2. State Parties shall require presidential candidates to submit demographic information with respect to candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them.

- I. Each State Party shall certify to the Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used best efforts to ensure that their respective delegations at each level within a state's delegation shall fulfill the requirements of Rule 6 and Rule 7 established by the state's Delegate Selection Plan and that the respective delegations of each presidential candidate within the state's delegation shall be as equally divided as practicable between men and women (as described in Rule 6.C).

Rule 7

Outreach and Inclusion Programs

The Democratic National Committee recognizes that other groups of Americans in addition to those described in Rule 6 may be under-represented in Party affairs. These groups include members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth. The National and State Parties shall adopt and implement Outreach and Inclusion Programs in order to achieve the full participation of members of these and other groups in the delegate selection process and in all party affairs, as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. The DNC will work with the State Party to ascertain the presence of these groups in the State's Democratic electorate. State Parties should use goals to achieve these ends; however, in no event may such participation be accomplished by the use of quotas.

Rule 8

National Convention Delegate Apportionment

- A. For states with more than one congressional district, apportionment of district-level delegates within the state shall be based on one of the following:

1. A formula giving equal weight to total population and to the average of the vote for the Democratic candidates in the two most recent presidential elections;
2. A formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the most recent presidential and gubernatorial elections;
3. A formula giving equal weight to the average of the vote for the Democratic candidates in the two most recent presidential elections and to Democratic Party registration or enrollment as of January 1, 2028; or
4. A formula giving one-third (1/3) weight to each of the formulas in items (1), (2), and (3).

- B. Apportionment for each body selecting delegates to state, district, and county conventions shall be based upon population and/or some measure of Democratic electoral strength.
- C. The Call for the 2028 Convention shall state the base delegation for each delegation. Seventy-five percent (75%) of each state's base delegation shall be elected at the congressional district level or smaller. Twenty-five percent (25%) of each state's base delegation shall be elected at large. Delegates so elected shall hereafter be termed "district-level" and "at-large" delegates, respectively. Each State Democratic Chair shall certify all delegates in writing to the Secretary of the DNC.
- D. In those states with more than one congressional district, after the election of district-level delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates, each State Democratic Chair shall certify pledged party leader and elected official delegates equal to 15% of the state's base delegation selected pursuant to Rule 10.
- E. The election of district-level and at-large delegates and alternates may take place at the same meeting, provided that district-level delegates are selected first. In all cases,

affirmative action, inclusion and fair reflection guidelines must be met and the Democratic Chair of each such state shall make the certifications required by subsection 8.D.

Rule 9

Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official Delegates

- A. For the purpose of these rules, the term "automatic" used in this Rule corresponds with the term "unpledged," as used in Article Two, Section 4(h) of the Charter. The procedure to be used for certifying automatic party leader and elected official delegates is as follows:

Not later than March 8, 2028, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to each State Democratic Chair the names of the following automatic delegates who legally reside in their respective state and who shall be recognized as part of their state's delegation unless any such member has publicly expressed support for the election of, or has endorsed, a presidential candidate of another political party:

1. The individuals recognized as members of the DNC (as set forth in Article Three, Sections 2 and 3 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States); and,
2. The Democratic President and the Democratic Vice President of the United States, if applicable; and,
3. All Democratic members of the United States House of Representatives and all Democratic members of the United States Senate; and,
4. The Democratic Governor, if applicable; and,
5. All former Democratic Presidents, all former Democratic Vice Presidents, all former Democratic Leaders of the U.S. Senate, all former Democratic Speakers of the U.S. House of Representatives and

Democratic Minority Leaders, as applicable, and all former Chairs of the Democratic National Committee.

- B. Except as provided in 9.A. above, no person shall serve as an automatic delegate at any level of the delegate selection process by virtue of holding a public or party office.

Rule 10

Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Official Delegates

- A. Following the selection of district-level delegates under 8.E., pledged party leader and elected official delegates are to be selected subject to the following procedures:

1. Persons shall be considered for pledged party leader and elected official delegates and alternates according to the following categories: big city mayors, state-wide elected officials, elected officials from the executive branches of federally recognized tribal nations, state and tribal legislative leaders, state and tribal legislators, and other state, tribal, county and local elected officials and party leaders.
2. These slots shall be allocated on the same basis as the state's at-large delegates.

- B. A state's party leader and elected official delegates may be chosen by a state convention or by a committee consisting of a quorum of district-level delegates. They may also be chosen by the State Party Committee, as recognized by the Democratic National Committee, but only if the state's Delegate Selection Plan is in full compliance with these rules, and provided:

1. Membership on the State Party Committee is apportioned on the basis of population and/or some measure of Democratic electoral strength;
2. Members of the State Party Committee have been elected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection;

3. Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of district-level delegates;
4. Members of the State Party Committee exercising such authority shall have been elected no earlier than the calendar year of the previous national convention; and
5. Membership of the State Party Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article Nine, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States.

Rule 11

Selection of At-Large Delegates

- A. The selection of at-large delegates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women and the representation goals established in the State Party's Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Such goals apply to the state's entire delegation considered as a whole. For purposes of this rule, the entire delegation includes all automatic as well as all pledged delegates. Delegates and alternates shall each, as a group, be equally divided and, to the extent possible, each as a group shall reflect the representation goals established in the state's Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.
- B. A state's at-large delegates and alternates shall be selected by one of the bodies, subject to the same conditions specified in Rule 10.B. above, provided, however, the State Party Committee may choose such delegates and alternates only if the state's Delegate Selection Plan is in full compliance with these rules.
- C. At-large delegates and alternates (including pledged party leader and elected official delegates, which shall include those to be allocated to uncommitted status) in primary states shall be allocated according to the state-wide primary vote. In non-primary states, at-large delegates shall be apportioned according to the final expression of preference

at the first determining step. If a presidential candidate entitled to an allocation under this rule is no longer a candidate at the time at-large delegates are selected, their allocation shall be proportionately divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation.

Rule 12

Timing of the Delegate Selection Process

- A. No meetings, caucuses, conventions or primaries which constitute the first determining stage in the presidential nomination process (the date of the primary in primary states, and the date of the first tier caucus in caucus states) may be held prior to the first Tuesday in March or after the second Tuesday in June in the calendar year of the national convention. Provided, however, that the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide waivers to State Parties to hold their first determining stage before the window, within the calendar year. All waivers of this rule as approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee are subject to ratification by the DNC.
- B. All steps in the delegate selection process, except the filing of presidential candidates as allowed by Rule 15.D, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention (except as otherwise provided in these rules or specifically allowed by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee).

Rule 13

Presidential Preference

- A. All candidates for delegate and alternate in caucuses, conventions, committees and on primary ballots shall be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels of a process which determines presidential preference. Candidates may state a preference for only one presidential candidate, including uncommitted, at any time. In no case shall a candidate for delegate or alternate indicate more than one such presidential preference at each level.
- B. All persons wishing to be elected to a district-level or at-large delegate position must file a statement of candidacy designating the presidential or uncommitted preference of the delegate candidate and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) the person favors, if any, with the State Party by a date certain as specified in the state's Delegate Selection Plan.
- C. All candidates considered for district-level alternate positions must meet the same requirements as candidates for district-level delegate positions, except that the state may allow candidates who were not chosen at the delegate level to be considered at the alternate level.
- D. Prior to the selection of national convention delegates and alternates, the State Party shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate positions pledged to that presidential candidate. All such delegate and alternate candidates shall be considered eligible for election as a supporter of the presidential candidate whom they have pledged to support, unless the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Party by a date certain as specified in the state's Delegate Selection Plan.

1. Presidential candidates shall certify in writing to the Democratic State Chair the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by a date certain.
 2. In states where delegates are voted upon on the ballot, the date by which the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), signifies approval or disapproval of the list of delegate and alternate candidates in writing to the State Party as required by Rule 13.D., must allow sufficient time to ensure that names removed from the list do not appear on the ballot.
 3. Presidential candidates or their authorized representatives shall not be required to exercise their right of candidate approval with respect to pledged party leader and elected official (PLEO) delegate candidates until such time after the district-level delegates have been elected.
 4. Presidential candidates or their authorized representatives shall not be required to exercise their right of candidate approval with respect to at-large delegate candidates until such time after the pledged party leader and elected official (PLEO) delegates have been elected.
- E. National convention delegate and alternate candidates removed from the list of supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate.
1. Presidential candidates may not remove any candidate for a district-level delegate or alternate position from the list of eligible supporters unless, at a minimum, three (3) names remain for every such position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. Provided, however, that in states where individual district-level delegates and alternates are voted upon on a primary ballot, the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may approve a number of delegate candidates or alternate candidates equal to or greater than the number of delegates or alternates allocated to the district.
2. Presidential candidates, in consultation with the State Party, may remove any candidate for at-large and pledged party leader and elected official delegate or alternate position from the list of eligible supporters as long as, at a minimum, one (1) name remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled, except that a state may provide in its delegate selection plan, if the plan is approved by the Rules and Bylaws Committee, that presidential candidates may remove any candidate for an at-large and party leader and elected official delegate or alternate position from the list of eligible supporters as long as, at a minimum, two (2) names remain for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled.
- F. State parties shall ensure that state Delegate Selection Plans provide fair and adequate time for persons to file for delegate or alternate positions, and for presidential candidates, or their authorized representative(s), to review the list of persons who have filed, and to remove from that list persons not confirmed by the presidential candidate or their representative(s).
- G. Except in states where individual delegates and alternates are selected on the primary ballot, district-level national convention delegates and alternates pledged to a presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall be selected or nominated by a caucus of persons from the district electing the delegates and alternates who sign statements of support for that presidential candidate. Uncommitted delegates and alternates shall be elected by the uncommitted caucus from the appropriate district.
- H. A district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which they are registered to

vote. For purposes of these rules, all delegates and alternates at any level of the delegate selection process must be bona fide Democrats (which shall include being registered as a Democrat in states that permit Democratic Party registration) who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith.

- I. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rule to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected.
- J. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them.
- K.
 - 1. Based on the right of the Democratic Party to freely assemble and to determine the criteria for its candidates, it is determined that all candidates for the Democratic nomination for President or Vice President shall:
 - a. be registered to vote, and shall have been registered to vote in the last election for the office of President and Vice President; and
 - b. as determined by the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, be a bona fide Democrat whose record of public service, accomplishment, public writings, and/or public statements affirmatively demonstrates that the candidate is faithful to the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribes to the substance, intent, and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith.
- 2. It is further determined that these requirements are in addition to the requirements set forth by the United States Constitution and any law of the United States.

Rule 14 **Fair Reflection of Presidential Preferences**

- A. Delegates shall be allocated in a fashion that fairly reflects the expressed presidential preference or uncommitted status of the primary voters or, if there is no binding primary, the convention and/or caucus participants. No ballot used for purposes of allocation of delegates among presidential preference shall permit voters to express more than one presidential preference. Where state law provides for multiple presidential preferences in a primary, only the first round will be considered for delegate allocation purposes.
- B. States shall allocate district-level delegates and alternates in proportion to the percentage of the primary or caucus vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a fifteen percent (15%) threshold shall not be awarded any delegates. In accordance with section F. of this rule, states shall have a threshold of fifteen percent (15%).
- C. In a state that uses a caucus and/or convention to determine presidential preference of voters, the plan must provide for the timely reporting of the election results to the State Party.
- D. A presidential candidate or their authorized representative(s) should act in good faith to slate delegate and alternate candidates, however, in any event, if a presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has qualified to receive delegates and alternates but has failed to slate a sufficient number of delegate and alternate candidates, then additional delegates and alternates for that preference will be selected in a special

post-primary procedure. The State Party will administer special post-primary procedures according to rules approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee and such procedures should be set forth in the state's delegate selection plan, where applicable.

- E. District-level delegates and alternates shall be allocated according to the following procedures:

Step 1: Tabulate the percentage of the vote that each presidential preference (including uncommitted status) receives in the congressional district to three decimals.

Step 2: Retabulate the percentage of the vote to three decimals, received by each presidential preference excluding the votes of presidential preferences whose percentage in Step 1 falls below 15%.

Step 3: Multiply the number of delegates to be allocated by the percentage received by each presidential preference.

Step 4: Delegates shall be allocated to each presidential preference based on the whole numbers which result from the multiplication in Step 3.

Step 5: Remaining delegates, if any, shall be awarded in order of the highest fractional remainders in Step 3.

- F. At-large and pledged party leader and elected official delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated to presidential preferences by reference to primary or convention votes or to the division of preference among district-level delegates or alternates, as the case may be, as specified in Rule 11.C., except that a preference falling below a threshold of fifteen percent (15%) shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates at this level. Such delegates and alternates in primary states shall be allocated to presidential preference (including uncommitted status) according to the statewide primary vote.

- G. In all situations where no preference reaches the applicable threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received at each level of the delegate selection process by the front-runner.

- H. For the purpose of fairly reflecting the division of preferences, the non-binding advisory presidential preference portion of primaries shall not be considered a step in the delegate selection process and is considered detrimental. State Parties must take steps to educate the public that non-binding presidential preference events, including straw polls, are meaningless, and State Parties and presidential candidates should take all steps possible not to participate.

Rule 15

Petition Requirements and Filing Deadlines

- A. If a state requires the filing of petitions with the signatures of registered/enrolled voters as the sole method to place a presidential candidate's name on the primary ballot in connection with the Democratic presidential nominating process, such number of valid signatures shall not exceed 5,000.
- B. No fee in excess of \$3,500 may be charged (either to a presidential campaign or State Party) as the sole method to place a presidential candidate on the ballot in connection with the Democratic presidential nominating process. If state law requires such a fee in excess of \$3,500, such law was in place prior to 2018, and a State Party has taken provable, positive steps to change such law, then a State Party may seek a waiver of this provision to charge such a fee to presidential campaigns.
- C. If a state requires the filing of a petition with the signatures of registered/enrolled voters in order to have a delegate/alternate candidate gain access to the primary ballot in connection with the Democratic presidential nominating process, the number of valid signatures shall not exceed either one half of one percent (.5%) of the registered/enrolled Democrats in such

district or one half of one percent (.5%) of the total votes in such district for all Democratic presidential candidates (including uncommitted) during the immediately preceding presidential nominating process, whichever is lower, but in no event shall the number of valid signatures required exceed 500.

- D. No deadline for the filing of petitions for participation in the presidential nomination process by a presidential candidate shall be less than 30 days in advance of the primary or caucus nor more than 90 days in advance of the primary or caucus.
- E. No candidate for delegate or alternate shall be required to file a statement of candidacy or a pledge of support as required by Rule 13.B. prior to 30 days before such delegate or alternate candidate is to be selected or elected in a primary, caucus or pre-primary caucus; provided, however, that in states holding a presidential primary where individual district-level delegates or alternates are to be voted upon on the ballot, no candidate for delegate or alternate shall be required to submit or file a statement of candidacy or a pledge of support prior to 90 days before the date on which they are to be voted upon.
- F. No candidate for at-large or pledged party leader and elected official delegate or alternate shall be required to file a statement of candidacy or a pledge of support required by Rule 13.B. prior to 30 days before the date when the delegate or alternate is to be selected or voted upon.
- G. No state's delegate selection rules may require the filing of district-level delegate or alternate candidates pledged to a presidential candidate or uncommitted status as a condition of access by a presidential candidate to the primary ballot for voting upon presidential preference.

Rule 16 **Quorum Requirements**

No less than forty percent (40%) of the members of any Party body above the first level of the

delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of convention delegates.

Rule 17 **Proxy Voting**

To ensure full participation in the delegate selection process, State Party rules may, at their discretion, provide for proxy voting. Such rules shall allow an accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having established credentials, to register the non-transferable proxy with another duly accredited participant in that meeting (except where an accredited alternate is present and eligible to serve as a replacement). Unless otherwise specified, a proxy shall be deemed to be general and uninstructed. No such rule shall allow a person to hold more than one (1) proxy at a time.

Rule 18 **Unit Rule and Slate-Making**

- A. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process.
- B. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process.

Rule 19 **Alternates and Vacancies**

- A. Alternate delegates shall be selected by primary, convention or committee processes subject to the same National Party Rules

applicable to the selection of delegates, except that the provisions of Rule 9.A. shall not apply to the election of alternates. Each State Democratic Chair shall certify all alternates in writing to the Secretary of the DNC.

B. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions in a state but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one at-large alternate position.

C. The proportions of alternates elected at the district level, and at-large, and as pledged party leader and elected official alternates, may be the same as the proportions of delegates elected in those categories.

D. Each state Delegate Selection Plan shall specifically provide how and under what conditions an alternate is to replace or act in lieu of (collectively referred to as “replace” or “replaces”) a delegate.

1. Delegate Selection Plans may specify one or any combination of the following alternatives for permanent and temporary replacements:

a. The delegate chooses the alternate;

b. The delegation chooses the alternate;

c. The alternate who receives the highest number of votes; or

d. Such other process as protects the interests of presidential candidates, delegates and alternates.

2. If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not yet certified to the Secretary of the DNC resigns, dies or is no longer eligible to serve, the delegate-elect or alternate-elect shall be replaced, after consultation with the State Party, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom the delegate or alternate was pledged.

3. A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns, dies or is no longer

eligible to serve prior to or during the National Convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention. Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. They shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and, to the extent possible, the same gender and from the same political jurisdiction within the state as the delegate; except in the case where the presidential candidate has only one alternate, in which case, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.

4. A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate’s place. Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be of the same gender and from the same political jurisdiction within the state as the delegate.

E. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegates in the delegation unless otherwise specified in the State’s Delegate Selection Plan. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), and, to the extent possible, the same gender and from the same political jurisdiction as the alternate being replaced. Each replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair.

Rule 20

DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee

A. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee will assist in the administration and enforce affirmative action, inclusion and delegate selection requirements for the national and state Democratic parties.

Rule 21 **Challenges**

- B. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall implement the Delegate Selection Rules in a manner consistent with these rules.
 - C. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee will provide State Parties with a model Delegate Selection Plan and an Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.
 - D. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall:
 - 1. review Affirmative Action Plans, Outreach and Inclusion Programs and Delegate Selection Plans submitted by State Parties and approve or recommend changes in such plans;
 - 2. conduct periodic evaluations and provide technical assistance to state parties on Affirmative Action Plans, Outreach and Inclusion Programs and delegate selection implementation; and
 - 3. hear and recommend solutions to resolve complaints regarding Delegate Selection Plans, including Affirmative Action Plans and Outreach and Inclusion Programs, unresolved by appropriate state party bodies.
 - E. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall retain jurisdiction over the approval of amendments to state Delegate Selection Plans and state delegation compliance with equal division requirements, even after the Convention Credentials Committee assumes jurisdiction over challenges to the credentials of delegates.
 - F. No later than December 21, 2026, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall send to state parties its regulations adopted pursuant to these rules and a checklist.
 - G. The DNC shall allocate sufficient financial resources and staff to implement this rule.
- A. Jurisdictional Challenges. Any challenges to a State Party organization in respect to its status as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state must be presented to the DNC at any time up to thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. Such a challenge must be brought by at least fifteen (15) Democrats from the state.
 - B. Submission, Non-Implementation and Violation Challenges. Failure to submit or implement an approved Affirmative Action Program and Outreach and Inclusion Program by the deadline specified in these rules shall constitute grounds for a challenge with the burden of proof on the challenged party.
 - 1. At any time up to thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process, any group of not fewer than fifteen (15) Democrats in that state can challenge the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program on the basis of non-implementation of a specific requirement of a state plan, which challenge shall include reasonable documentation of alleged violations. (In such challenges, the challenging party shall have the burden of proof, but the challenged party shall present its case first.)
 - a. In the absence of any such challenge, the implementation of any such program shall be presumptively in compliance.
 - b. If challenged and upheld, the compliance of such implementation programs shall be conclusive but not as to compliance or non-compliance that may occur after the date of the challenge.
 - 2. Challenges regarding alleged violation of an approved Delegate Selection Plan shall first be brought to the appropriate state Democratic Party body for a decision to be rendered within twenty-one (21) days.

After due notice, any aggrieved party shall have the right to appeal to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee within ten (10) days following the decision of the state body according to procedures established by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.

3. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall either certify compliance, certify non-compliance or require corrective action after which compliance or non-compliance shall be certified.

C. 1. Violation of timing:

- a. In the event the Delegate Selection Plan of a State Party provides or permits a meeting, caucus, convention or primary which constitutes the first determining stage in the presidential nominating process to be held prior to or after the dates for the state as provided in Rule 12 of these rules and the State Party does not submit for approval an alternative process for the first determining stage that complies with these rules by May 4, 2027 or the date a State Party has been approved to submit their plan via a waiver; or in the event a state holds such a meeting, caucus, convention or primary prior to or after such dates, the number of pledged delegates elected in each category, alternates, standing committee members, and pages allocated to the state pursuant to the Call for the National Convention shall be reduced by one hundred (100%) percent. In addition, no automatic delegates allocated pursuant to Rule 9.A. from that state shall be seated. A \$270,000 fine shall be due 60 days from the time the state party has violated Rule 21.C.1.a. If the state party does not pay within that time frame, all members from the state are suspended from exercising their membership rights on the Democratic National Committee until the fine has been paid in full.

- b. A presidential candidate who campaigns in a state where the State Party is in violation of the timing provisions of these rules, or where a primary or caucus is set by a state's government on a date that violates the timing provisions of these rules, shall not receive pledged delegates or delegate votes from any state that has been issued a Rule 12 waiver. Candidates may, however, campaign in such a state after the primary or caucus that violates these rules. "Campaigning" for purposes of this section includes, but is not limited to, placing a candidate's name on the ballot or failing to take action to remove it from the ballot; failing to publicly denounce viable/substantial independent efforts to promote a candidate's campaign; purchasing print, internet, or electronic advertising that reaches a significant percentage of the voters in the aforementioned state; hiring campaign workers; opening an office; making public appearances; holding news conferences; coordinating volunteer activities or direct voter contact; sending mail, other than fundraising requests that are also sent to potential donors in other states; using paid or volunteer phoners or automated calls to contact voters; sending emails or establishing a website specific to that state; holding events to which Democratic voters are invited; attending events sponsored by state or local Democratic organizations; or paying for campaign materials to be used in such a state; further, no candidate shall assist state parties, with paying fines, either directly or indirectly, levied against a State Party found in violation of Rule 21.C. The Rules and Bylaws Committee will determine whether candidate activities are covered by this section. Upon a determination of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee that a candidate is in violation of this rule,

- the National Chair shall prohibit participation in DNC sanctioned debates and take any other appropriate action to enforce these rules.
- c. Sanctions applied under this section may not be undone by further action from the DNC, Democratic National Convention or any subcommittee thereof. None of the aforementioned bodies shall have jurisdiction to undo any applied sanctions.
 2. Violation of proportional representation: In the event the Delegate Selection Plan of a State Party provides or permits the pledged delegates or alternates to be allocated to a presidential preference (including uncommitted status) other than as provided under Rule 14 of these rules, or in the event a State Party, in fact, allocates its pledged delegates or alternates to a presidential preference (including uncommitted status) other than as provided under Rule 14 of these rules, the delegation of the state shall be reduced by the same amount and as provided in section C.(1) of this rule.
 3. Violation of the threshold: In the event the Delegate Selection Plan of a State Party provides or permits a threshold other than 15% as set forth in Rule 14 of these rules, or in the event a State Party in fact permits the implementation of a threshold other than 15% as provided in Rule 14 of these rules, the delegation of the state shall be reduced by the same amount and as provided in section C.(1) of this rule.
 4. Upon a determination of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee that a state is in violation as set forth in subsections (1), (2) or (3) of section C. of this rule, the reductions required under those subsections shall become effective automatically and immediately and without further action of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, the Executive Committee of the DNC, the DNC or the Credentials Committee of the Democratic National Convention.
 5. Nothing in the preceding subsections of this rule shall be construed to prevent the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee from imposing additional sanctions, including, without limitation, those specified in subsection (6) of this section C., against a State Party and against the delegation from the state which is subject to the provisions of any of subsections (1) through (3) of this section C., including, without limitation, establishing a committee to propose and implement a process which will result in the selection of a delegation from the affected state which shall (i) be broadly representative, (ii) reflect the state's division of presidential preference and uncommitted status and (iii) involve as broad participation as is practicable under the circumstances.
 6. Nothing in these rules shall prevent the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee from imposing sanctions the Committee deems appropriate with respect to a state which the Committee determines has failed or refused to comply with these rules, where the failure or refusal of the State Party is not subject to subsections (1), (2) or (3) of this section C. Possible sanctions include, but are not limited to: reduction of the state's delegation; pursuant to Rule 22.C., recommending the establishment of a committee to propose and implement a process which will result in the selection of a delegation from the affected state which shall (i) be broadly representative, (ii) reflect the state's division of presidential preference and uncommitted status and (iii) involve as broad participation as is practicable under the circumstances; reducing, in part or in whole, the number of the state's members to the Standing Committees; reducing, in part or in whole, the number of guests, VIP and other passes/tickets to the National Convention and related functions; assignment of location of the state's delegates and alternates in the Convention hall; and assignment of the state's housing and other convention related facilities.

7. In the event a state shall become subject to subsections (1), (2) or (3) of section C. of this rule as a result of state law but the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, after an investigation, including hearings if necessary, determines the State Party and the other relevant Democratic party leaders and elected officials took all provable, positive steps and acted in good faith to achieve legislative changes to bring the state law into compliance with the pertinent provisions of these rules and determines that the State Party and the other relevant Democratic party leaders and elected officials took all provable, positive steps and acted in good faith in attempting to prevent legislative changes which resulted in state law that fails to comply with the pertinent provisions of these rules, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall determine that all or a portion of the state's delegation shall not be reduced. The State Party shall have the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that it and the other relevant Democratic party leaders and elected officials took all provable, positive steps and acted in good faith to achieve legislative changes to bring the state law into compliance with the pertinent provisions of these rules and that it and the other relevant Democratic party leaders and elected officials took all provable, positive steps and acted in good faith in attempting to prevent the legislative changes which resulted in state law that fails to comply with the pertinent provisions of these rules.

8. Except as provided by subsection (7) of this section C., the fact that a State Party took provable, positive steps as provided in Rule 22 of these rules shall not preclude the state's delegation from being subject to the sanctions set forth in subsections (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of this section C.

- D. Unresolved Challenges and Report to the Credentials Committee. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall report its activities, together with all challenges and complaints, to the Credentials Committee of the

Democratic National Convention. In cases involving unresolved challenges which are appealed to the Credentials Committee, the burden of proof shall rest with the party presenting the challenge.

Rule 22

State Legislative Changes

- A. Subject to Rule 21.C. of these Rules, wherever any part of any section contained in these rules conflicts with existing state laws, the State Party shall take provable positive steps to achieve legislative changes to bring the state law into compliance with the provisions of these rules.
- B. Provable positive steps shall be taken in a timely fashion and shall include, but not be limited to: the drafting of corrective legislation; public endorsement by the State Party and the other relevant Democratic party leaders and elected officials of such legislation; efforts to educate the public on the need for such legislation; active support for the legislation by the State Party lobbying state legislators, other public officials, Party officials and Party members; encouraging consideration of the legislation by the appropriate legislative committees and bodies.
- C. A State Party may be required by a vote of the DNC Executive Committee upon a recommendation of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee to adopt and implement an alternative Party-run delegate selection system which does not conflict with these rules, regardless of any provable positive steps the state may have taken.



Democratic National Committee

South Carolina

August 15, 2026

Pursuant to Rule 12(A) of the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2028 Democratic National Convention, and subject to the ratification of the Democratic National Committee, the Rules and Bylaws Committee hereby provides the South Carolina Democratic Party a waiver to the provision in Rule 12(A) prohibiting any state party from holding its first determining stage in its presidential nomination process prior to the first Tuesday in March in order to permit South Carolina to hold its **state-run primary** on **January 22, 2028** and only on that date, contingent upon the South Carolina Democratic Party meeting the following requirements:

1. By September 15, 2026, the Chair of the South Carolina Democratic Party must submit to the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee a signed letter affirming their intention to set the date of the South Carolina 2028 Democratic presidential state-run primary on **January 22, 2028**.
2. The South Carolina Democratic Party shall offer voter file access to all bona fide Democratic presidential candidates, with such access to be administered by the DNC. By September 15, 2026, the South Carolina Democratic Party must enter into a written agreement with the DNC setting the terms of this access. These terms must include an option for all bona fide Democratic presidential candidates to receive voter file access for a fee paid to the South Carolina Democratic Party of no more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and without any other unreasonable requirements. For the avoidance of doubt, the South Carolina Democratic Party may choose to separately offer its own proprietary data, in addition to base voter file access, to Democratic presidential campaigns on other terms or for additional consideration subject to its own determination.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the South Carolina Democratic Party has not met any of the requirements set forth in this contingent waiver, then this waiver is null and void and the South Carolina Democratic Party must hold the first determining stage of its presidential nomination process on or after March 7, 2028 and before June 12, 2028.

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Nevada

August 15, 2026

Pursuant to Rule 12(A) of the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2028 Democratic National Convention, and subject to the ratification of the Democratic National Committee, the Rules and Bylaws Committee hereby provides the Nevada Democratic Party a waiver to the provision in Rule 12(A) prohibiting any state party from holding its first determining stage in its presidential nomination process prior to the first Tuesday in March in order to permit Nevada to hold its **state-run primary on February 1, 2028** and only on that date, contingent upon the Nevada Democratic Party meeting the following requirements:

3. By September 15, 2026, the Nevada Democratic Party must submit to the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee a signed letter from the Secretary of State of Nevada affirming the 2028 Democratic Presidential Primary will be held on **February 1, 2028**.
4. By September 15, 2026, the Nevada Democratic Party must certify to the Co-Chairs of the Rules & Bylaws Committee that they have taken provable positive steps to enact statutory changes to repeal the law setting the date of the Nevada Presidential Primary and replace it with legislation that ensures the approved date or position in the order of states for their first determining step will only be applicable to the 2028 Democratic Presidential Primary.
5. The Nevada Democratic Party shall offer voter file access to all bona fide Democratic presidential candidates, with such access to be administered by the DNC. By September 15, 2026, the Nevada Democratic Party must enter into a written agreement with the DNC setting the terms of this access. These terms must include an option for all bona fide Democratic presidential candidates to receive voter file access for a fee paid to the Nevada Democratic Party of no more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and without any other unreasonable requirements. For the avoidance of doubt, the Nevada Democratic Party may choose to separately offer its own proprietary data, in addition to base voter file access, to Democratic presidential campaigns on other terms or for additional consideration subject to its own determination.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the Nevada Democratic Party has not met any of the requirements set forth in this contingent waiver, then this waiver is null and void and the Nevada Democratic Party must hold the first determining stage of its presidential nomination process on or after March 7, 2028 and before June 12, 2028.

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New Hampshire

August 15, 2026

Pursuant to Rule 12(A) of the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2028 Democratic National Convention, and subject to the ratification of the Democratic National Committee, the Rules and Bylaws Committee hereby provides the New Hampshire Democratic Party a waiver to the provision in Rule 12(A) prohibiting any state party from holding its first determining stage in its presidential nomination process prior to the first Tuesday in March in order to permit New Hampshire to hold its **party-run or state-run first determining step on February 8, 2028** and only on that date, contingent upon the New Hampshire Democratic Party meeting the following requirements:

1. If planning to hold a party-run process, by September 15, 2026, the New Hampshire Democratic Party must submit to the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee a plan detailing the process the State Party will use to determine presidential preference in New Hampshire on **February 8, 2028**. This plan will be subject to review by the Rules & Bylaws Committee Co-Chairs prior to approval by the Rules and Bylaws Committee.
2. If planning to hold a state-run process, by September 15, 2026, submit to the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee a signed letter from the Secretary of State of New Hampshire stating their intention to set the date of the 2028 Democratic Presidential Primary on **February 8, 2028**.
3. By September 15, 2026, the New Hampshire Democratic Party must certify to the Co-Chairs of the Rules & Bylaws Committee that they have taken provable positive steps to enact statutory changes to repeal the law setting the date of the New Hampshire Presidential Primary and replace it with legislation that ensures the approved date or position in the order of states for their first determining step will only be applicable to the 2028 Democratic Presidential Primary.
4. The New Hampshire Democratic Party shall offer voter file access to all bona fide Democratic presidential candidates, with such access to be administered by the DNC. By September 15, 2026, the New Hampshire Democratic Party must enter into a written agreement with the DNC setting the terms of this access. These terms must include an option for all bona fide Democratic presidential candidates to receive voter file access for a fee paid to the New Hampshire Democratic Party of no more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and without any other unreasonable requirements. For the avoidance of doubt, the New Hampshire Democratic Party may choose to separately offer its own proprietary data, in addition to base voter file access, to Democratic presidential campaigns on other terms or for additional consideration subject to its own determination.

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For the avoidance of doubt, if the New Hampshire Democratic Party has not met any of the requirements set forth in this contingent waiver, then this waiver is null and void and the New Hampshire Democratic Party must hold the first determining stage of its presidential nomination process on or after March 7, 2028 and before June 12, 2028.

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New Mexico

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Pursuant to Rule 12(A) of the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2028 Democratic National Convention, and subject to the ratification of the Democratic National Committee, the Rules and Bylaws Committee hereby provides the New Mexico Democratic Party a waiver to the provision in Rule 12(A) prohibiting any state party from holding its first determining stage in its presidential nomination process prior to the first Tuesday in March in order to permit New Mexico to hold its **state-run primary** on **February 15, 2028** and only on that date, contingent upon the New Mexico Democratic Party meeting the following requirements:

6. By September 15, 2026, the New Mexico Democratic Party must submit to the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee signed letter from the Governor of New Mexico, the Majority Leader of the New Mexico Senate, and the Speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives stating their intention to introduce and support the passage of legislation setting the date of the New Mexico 2028 Democratic presidential state-run primary on **February 15, 2028**. The letter should also include a commitment that any statutory changes will only be applicable to the 2028 Democratic Presidential Primary.
7. The New Mexico Democratic Party shall offer voter file access to all bona fide Democratic presidential candidates, with such access to be administered by the DNC. By September 15, 2026, the New Mexico Democratic Party must enter into a written agreement with the DNC setting the terms of this access. These terms must include an option for all bona fide Democratic presidential candidates to receive voter file access for a fee paid to the New Mexico Democratic Party of no more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and without any other unreasonable requirements. For the avoidance of doubt, the New Mexico Democratic Party may choose to separately offer its own proprietary data, in addition to base voter file access, to Democratic presidential campaigns on other terms or for additional consideration subject to its own determination.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the New Mexico Democratic Party has not met any of the requirements set forth in this contingent waiver, then this waiver is null and void and the New Mexico Democratic Party must hold the first determining stage of its presidential nomination process on or after March 7, 2028 and before June 12, 2028.

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Michigan

August 15, 2026

Pursuant to Rule 12(A) of the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2028 Democratic National Convention, and subject to the ratification of the Democratic National Committee, the Rules and Bylaws Committee hereby provides the Michigan Democratic Party a waiver to the provision in Rule 12(A) prohibiting any state party from holding its first determining stage in its presidential nomination process prior to the first Tuesday in March in order to permit Michigan to hold its **state-run primary on February 22, 2028** and only on that date, contingent upon the Michigan Democratic Party meeting the following requirements:

8. By September 15, 2026, the Michigan Democratic Party must submit to the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee a signed letter from the Michigan Secretary of State reaffirming the date of the Michigan 2028 Democratic presidential state-run primary on **February 22, 2028**.
9. By September 15, 2026, the Michigan Democratic Party must certify to the Co-Chairs of the Rules & Bylaws Committee that they have taken provable positive steps to enact statutory changes to repeal the law setting the date of the Michigan Presidential Primary and replace it with legislation that ensures the approved date or position in the order of states for their first determining step will only be applicable to the 2028 Democratic Presidential Primary.
10. The Michigan Democratic Party shall offer voter file access to all bona fide Democratic presidential candidates, with such access to be administered by the DNC. By September 15, 2026, the Michigan Democratic Party must enter into a written agreement with the DNC setting the terms of this access. These terms must include an option for all bona fide Democratic presidential candidates to receive voter file access for a fee paid to the Michigan Democratic Party of no more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and without any other unreasonable requirements. For the avoidance of doubt, the Michigan Democratic Party may choose to separately offer its own proprietary data, in addition to base voter file access, to Democratic presidential campaigns on other terms or for additional consideration subject to its own determination.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the Michigan Democratic Party has not met any of the requirements set forth in this contingent waiver, then this waiver is null and void and the Michigan Democratic Party must hold the first determining stage of its presidential nomination process on or after March 7, 2028 and before June 12, 2028.

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Virginia

August 15, 2026

Pursuant to Rule 12(A) of the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2028 Democratic National Convention, and subject to the ratification of the Democratic National Committee, the Rules and Bylaws Committee hereby provides the Democratic Party of Virginia a waiver to the provision in Rule 12(A) prohibiting any state party from holding its first determining stage in its presidential nomination process prior to the first Tuesday in March in order to permit Virginia to hold its **state-run primary on February 29, 2028** and only on that date, contingent upon the Democratic Party of Virginia meeting the following requirements:

11. By September 15, 2026, the Democratic Party of Virginia must submit to the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee signed letter from the Governor of Virginia, the Majority Leader of the Senate of Virginia, and the Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates stating their intention to introduce and support the passage of legislation setting the date of the Virginia 2028 Democratic presidential state-run primary on **February 29, 2028**. The letter should also include a commitment that any statutory changes will only be applicable to the 2028 Democratic Presidential Primary.
12. The Democratic Party of Virginia shall offer voter file access to all bona fide Democratic presidential candidates, with such access to be administered by the DNC. By September 15, 2026, the Democratic Party of Virginia must enter into a written agreement with the DNC setting the terms of this access. These terms must include an option for all bona fide Democratic presidential candidates to receive voter file access for a fee paid to the Democratic Party of Virginia of no more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and without any other unreasonable requirements. For the avoidance of doubt, the Democratic Party of Virginia may choose to separately offer its own proprietary data, in addition to base voter file access, to Democratic presidential campaigns on other terms or for additional consideration subject to its own determination.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the Democratic Party of Virginia has not met any of the requirements set forth in this contingent waiver, then this waiver is null and void and the Democratic Party of Virginia must hold the first determining stage of its presidential nomination process on or after March 7, 2028 and before June 12, 2028.

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For the 2028 Democratic National Convention

Issued by the Democratic Party of the United States

Ken Martin, Chair

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CALL

For the 2028 Democratic National Convention

To Whom It May Concern:

By authority of the Democratic National Committee, the National Convention of the Democratic Party is hereby scheduled to convene on August 7, 2028 at an hour to be announced, to select nominees for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States of America, to adopt and promulgate a platform and to take such other actions with respect to such other matters as the Convention may deem advisable.

I. Distribution of Delegate Votes

The distribution of votes, delegates and alternates to the 2028 Democratic National Convention shall be in accordance with the following:

- A. The number of Convention votes for delegates to the Convention shall be as set forth in the compilation included in this resolution and determined as provided in paragraphs B, C, D, E, F, G, and H¹.
- B. A base of 3,200 delegate votes is distributed among the 50 states and the District of Columbia according to a formula giving equal weight to the sum of the vote for the Democratic candidates in the three (3) most recent presidential elections and to population by electoral vote. The formula is expressed mathematically as follows:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{SDV_{2016} + SDV_{2020} + SDV_{2024}}{TDV_{2016} + TDV_{2020} + TDV_{2024}} \right) + \frac{SEV}{538}$$

A = Allocation Factor
SDV = State Democratic Vote
SEV = State Electoral Vote
TDV = Total Democratic Vote

To determine the base delegation for each state and the District of Columbia, the allocation factors as determined by the above formula are multiplied by 3,200.

Fractions of .5 and above are rounded up to the next highest integer.

- C. 1. For purposes of this paragraph C, the period of time in which the first determining step of the presidential nomination process takes place during 2028 shall be divided into Stages as follows:
- Stage I: The earliest date specified in Rule 12 of the Delegate Selection Rules through March 31, 2028, inclusive.
- Stage II: April 1 through April 30, 2028, inclusive.
- Stage III: May 1 through June 22, 2028, inclusive.
2. A percentage of the base delegate votes determined pursuant to paragraphs B and E shall be added to the number of base pledged delegates otherwise determined pursuant to those paragraphs, for the purpose of increasing the size of the base pledged delegation, as follows:
- a. for any state in which the meeting, caucus, convention or primary which constitutes the first determining step in the presidential nomination process in that state occurs in 2028 on a date in Stage II, the percentage shall be 10%; and in which the meeting, caucus, convention or primary which constitutes the first determining step in the presidential nomination process in that state occurs in 2028 on a date in Stage III, the percentage shall be 20%.

¹ See **Appendix B** for the allocation of delegates and alternates.

- b. for any state in which the meeting, caucus, convention or primary which constitutes the first determining step in the presidential nomination process in that state is held in a regional cluster, that percentage shall be an additional 15% added onto the base delegate vote without accounting for any adjustments made pursuant to Article I.C.2.a. States deemed to qualify as a regional cluster shall have contests that are:
 - i. held in conjunction with at least two other neighboring states holding similar contests; and
 - ii. on or after the fourth Tuesday in March.
- D. Fifteen percent (15%) of the base delegate votes determined pursuant to paragraphs B and E shall be added to the number of votes allocated for the purpose of representing pledged Party and Elected Official delegates. For purposes of this paragraph, the number of base delegate votes determined pursuant to paragraph B shall be the number determined thereunder after rounding. Fractions of .5 and above resulting from the multiplication required by this paragraph are rounded up to the next highest integer.
- E. American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and the Virgin Islands will each receive six (6) at-large delegate votes. Democrats Abroad will receive twelve (12) at-large and one (1) pledged Party and Elected Official delegate votes. Puerto Rico will receive forty-four (44) base delegate votes.
- F. Automatic² votes shall be allocated to each delegation to accommodate the members of the Democratic National Committee from that state or territory in which they legally reside. The size of such a member's vote (i.e., whole or fractional) shall be the same size as that which they are allowed to cast at meetings of the Democratic National Committee. Additional automatic delegate votes shall be allocated for other officers serving in positions created by the Democratic National Committee in accordance with Article 3, Section 1.e. of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States.
- G. Automatic votes shall be allocated to provide for the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, and all former Democratic Presidents, all former Democratic Vice Presidents, all former Democratic Leaders of the United States Senate, all former Democratic Speakers of the United States House of Representatives and Democratic Minority Leaders, as applicable, and all former Chairpersons of the Democratic National Committee.³ Such delegates shall be seated with the state delegations from the state in which they have their voting residences.
- H. Additional automatic votes shall be added if needed to provide for the Democratic Governor⁴ (if any) from that state or territory and for the Democratic Members of the United States House of Representatives and Democratic United States Senators from that state or territory (if any).⁵
- I. Each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico may select a number of alternates equivalent to one (1) alternate for every twelve (12) Convention votes received by it pursuant to paragraphs B, C, D, and E, provided, however, that each such delegation shall have at least two (2) alternates. American Samoa, Democrats

² For the purpose of the Call for the Convention, the term "automatic" used in reference to the delegates described in Delegate Selection Rule 9.A. corresponds with the term "unpledged" as used in Article Two, Section 4(h) of the Charter.

³ Former Chairpersons of the Democratic National Committee shall include National Chairs and General Chairs.

⁴ The Mayor of the District of Columbia, if a Democrat, shall be treated as a Democratic Governor.

⁵ The District of Columbia's Statehood Senators, if Democrats, shall be treated as Democratic United States Senators.

Abroad, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and the Virgin Islands shall each have one (1) alternate. Fractions of .5 and above are rounded up to the next highest integer. It is further provided that each state shall have the additional number of at-large alternates necessary to provide at least one alternate for each presidential candidate who is entitled to delegates from that state, if the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee determines that the number of alternates allocated to the state is not sufficient for each presidential candidate to have at least one alternate.

- J. Members of the Democratic National Committee and delegates selected pursuant to paragraphs G and H ("Automatic delegates") may run and be elected as Pledged delegates. If an Automatic delegate is elected and certified as a Pledged delegate, that individual shall not serve as an Automatic delegate at the 2028 National Convention. No delegate may hold more than one (1) vote. Democratic Governors, Democratic Members of the United States House of Representatives, Democratic United States Senators, and former Chairpersons of the DNC who are members of the Democratic National Committee shall serve as delegates by virtue of their membership on the National Committee.

II. Qualifications of State Delegations

- A. Notice is hereby given that delegates, alternates and standing committee members to the Democratic National Convention shall be elected in accordance with the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2028 Democratic National Convention, the Call for the 2028 Democratic National Convention, and the Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have the final authority to regulate the delegate selection process, subject to the authority of the Convention Credentials Committee and the Democratic

National Convention. It shall be the duty of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee to administer the delegate selection process and ensure compliance with the rules, including equal division, and report to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee those states which are in non-compliance. Only delegates and alternates selected under a delegate selection procedure approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall be placed on the Temporary Roll of the 2028 Democratic National Convention. Only standing committee members and convention pages chosen pursuant to a state delegate selection procedure approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall be qualified to serve in their respective capacities.

- B. It is understood that a State Democratic Party, in electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention, thereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the state a full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action and outreach and inclusion plans toward that end; that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2028 Democratic National Convention adopted by the Democratic National Committee; and that the delegates it certified have affirmed that they will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention. Furthermore, voters in the state will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by said Convention.
- C. It is presumed that the delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention, when certified pursuant to the Call, are bona fide Democrats who are faithful to the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribe to the substance, intent, and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of

the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith and shall not express support for any candidate who is opposed to the Democratic nominee. Therefore, no additional assurances shall be required of delegates to the Democratic National Convention in the absence of a credentials contest or challenge.

III. Delegate Selection Deadline

All state parties are required to take all steps necessary and appropriate to complete the process of selecting delegates to the 2028 Democratic National Convention no later than June 24, 2028.

IV. Certification Requirements

A. Pledged Delegates and Alternates: Each state's Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of their state's delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. For the purposes of this Call, the Chair of a committee constituted pursuant to Rule 21.C. of the Delegate Selection Rules, shall be recognized to act in place of the state's Democratic Chair.

B. Automatic Delegates:

1. Pursuant to Rule 9.A. of the Delegate Selection Rules, official confirmation by the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee to each State Democratic Chair shall constitute verification of the following automatic delegates: members of the Democratic National Committee; the Democratic President, Vice President and Democratic Governor, if applicable; all Democratic members of the United States House of Representatives and all Democratic members of the United States Senate; and all former Democratic Presidents, Vice Presidents, Democratic Leaders of the United States Senate, Speakers and Democratic Minority Leaders of the United States House of

Representatives, and Chairs of the Democratic National Committee.

C. Presidential Preference:

Within ten (10) days after the completion of the state's delegate selection process, each state's Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's delegates.

D. Replacements:

1. Pledged Delegates and Alternates:

Replacement of a delegate (due to resignation or death) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the State's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (pursuant to Rule 19 of the Delegate Selection Rules) within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. Certification of replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene.

2. Automatic Delegates:

- a. Members of Congress and Democratic Governors shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of any changes or vacancies in a state's Democratic congressional delegation following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the United States House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the United States Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in a state's office of Governor following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National

Convention, the Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association.

- b. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In cases where a state's DNC membership changes following the Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2028 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the certification of the new DNC member shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of automatic delegates.
- c. Delegates allocated pursuant to Articles I.F., I.G. and I.H. of this Call shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement.

E. Delegation Chair: The State Party Chair shall automatically serve as the Delegation Chair, unless a two-thirds majority of the pledged and automatic delegates request an election for Delegation Chair. The State Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair. Such certification shall be in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the position is filled, which shall be no later than the date by which the state certifies its standing committee members.

F. Convention Pages:

- 1. All reasonable efforts will be made by State Parties and the DNC Chair to ensure that Convention Pages will be Democrats aged 35 and younger. Further, State Parties will take all reasonable efforts to ensure that their Convention Pages reflect their states' Affirmative Action, Diversity, and

Inclusion goals. Similarly, the DNC Chair will take all reasonable efforts to ensure that their Convention Pages reflect the full diversity of our Democratic Party.

- 2. Convention Pages shall be allocated among the 57 delegations as follows:⁶
 - a. Each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico shall have a minimum of four (4) pages.
 - b. One (1) additional page will be allocated to any state with 75 or more delegates for every fifty (50) delegate votes.
 - c. American Samoa, Democrats Abroad, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands shall each be allocated two (2) pages.
- 2. The National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee may select not more than thirty-five (35) pages to assist them and the Democratic National Convention Committee in carrying out the work of the Convention.
- 3. The State Chair shall certify the person(s) to serve as the Delegation's Convention Page(s), as allocated to the delegation by this section. Such certification shall be in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee and shall be made no later than the time the state certifies its standing committee members pursuant to Article VII.B.3. of this Call. The National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee shall certify the person(s) to serve as the Chair's Convention Page(s), as allocated to the National Chairperson by this section. Such certification shall be in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee and shall be made within three (3) days after these positions are

⁶ See **Appendix C** for the allocation of Convention Pages.

filled, but in any event, no later than June 24, 2028.

- G. Certification Requirements: Each certification required herein will include full name, address and other information as required by the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.

V. Management of the 2028 Democratic National Convention Operations

- A. The Democratic National Committee has the authority to plan, arrange, manage and conduct the Democratic National Convention.
- B. In its sole discretion, the Democratic National Committee may establish and organize a 2028 Democratic National Convention Committee (“DNCC”) to exercise the authority on behalf of the Democratic National Committee and the Democratic National Convention, to enter into contracts relating to business and financial matters connected with the conduct of the 2028 Democratic National Convention, in compliance with the parameters for convention operations set forth herein.
- C. The DNC shall make every effort to exercise its authority in accordance with the following guidelines, subject to Rule 21.C. of the Delegate Selection Rules:
1. Contractors: The DNC shall as a policy seek to engage the services of unionized firms, including those owned by minorities, women, LGBTQ+ persons, veterans, young people, and people with disabilities. Contractors shall be engaged according to DNC policy.
 2. Housing: The DNC shall design and implement a fair and equitable system by which hotel facilities shall be allocated to eligible state delegations and to presidential candidates.
 3. Delegate and Alternate Seating in Convention Hall: The DNC shall design and implement a fair and equitable system by which the location of each eligible state delegation’s seating in the Convention Hall shall be determined. Alternates shall be afforded preferential seating, as close to delegate seating as arrangements will permit. Members of Democratic National Convention Standing Committees who are not already delegates or alternates shall be afforded guest seating for each session of the Convention proceedings. Those with disabilities shall be afforded seating within the delegations, or as close to the delegation seating as arrangements will permit.
 4. Delegates’ and Alternates’ Credentials: The state’s delegate, alternate, and standing committee credentials shall be distributed to the Chair of the state delegation from the credentials office.
 5. Floor Access: Floor access shall be given to delegates, alternates replacing delegates, the highest ranking Democratic elected official in each state, who is not otherwise a delegate, that does not have a Democratic Governor, each State Democratic Party’s Executive Director, Convention Pages, such number of representatives of the presidential candidates as may be deemed necessary by the DNC, and such press personnel and other personnel as may be determined by the DNC to be necessary for the proper functioning of the Convention and which does not compromise security and safety requirements. Additionally, any person who is certified by Convention Operations, with notice to their State Party Chair, as necessary to accompany an individual with Floor access who requires an accommodation shall receive Floor access.
 6. Visitor’s Seating: Seats for members-elect of the Democratic National Committee as certified by the state’s Democratic Chair, guests and

other observers shall be allocated for and shall be fairly apportioned to the states according to each state's relative delegate strength. The Delegation Chair and the State Democratic Chair shall each be given one half of the credentials for guest seats apportioned to the state pursuant to this paragraph. Presidential preference shall be taken into account in the distribution of these guest credentials.

7. Communications:

- a. Microphones: Each state shall be provided one (1) floor microphone which shall be located at the position of the Chair of the state delegation. Each delegate shall have access to the microphone.
- b. Telephones: Adequate provisions shall be made for communication between the floor and the Chair of the Convention so as to advise the Chair of the identity of any delegate seeking recognition to speak and the purpose for which recognition is sought. One (1) such telephone shall be provided for each state delegation.
- c. General: The DNC may, in its discretion, promulgate guidelines or restrictions regarding the use of communications equipment on the floor of the Convention.

8. Facilities for Presidential Candidates: The National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee and representatives of the presidential candidates shall design and implement a fair and equitable system whereby facilities in the Convention Hall and its immediate environs shall be fairly apportioned to presidential campaigns so as not to afford an undue advantage to any presidential candidate. The cost of such facilities shall be paid by the presidential campaigns.

9. Facilities for News Media and Press Seating: There shall be made available adequate facilities, as close to the Convention floor as conditions permit, for the print press, radio, on-line, and television, including a limited number of camera positions commanding a full view of the proceedings. The cost of such facilities shall not be borne by the DNC.
10. Security: Coordination for security within the Convention Hall, premises and surrounding area shall be under the authority of the DNC.
11. Financial Reports: All financial reports relating to convention financing required by the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and applicable Federal Elections Commission regulations shall be filed by the DNC or its authorized committees.

VI. Presidential Candidates

The term "presidential candidate" herein shall mean any person who, as determined by the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, plans to seek the nomination, has established substantial support for their nomination as the Democratic candidate for the Office of the President of the United States, is a bona fide Democrat whose record of public service, accomplishment, public writings and/or public statements affirmatively demonstrates that the candidate is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, and will participate in the Convention in good faith. At the time a presidential candidate announces their candidacy publicly, they must publicly affirm that they are a Democrat. Each candidate pursuing the Democratic nomination shall affirm, in writing, to the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee that they:

- A. are a member of the Democratic Party;
- B. will accept the Democratic nomination; and

- C. will run and serve as a member of the Democratic Party.

delegates to the Democratic National Convention.⁸

This requirement of written affirmation shall not supplant any necessary qualifications a candidate must satisfy at the state level, but is in addition to such affirmations required by individual states and territories. The written affirmation shall be done via an approved format by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee appended to this Call⁷.

VII. Standing Committees on Platform, Rules and Credentials of the 2028 Democratic National Convention

The Democratic National Committee, acting under its authority to issue the Call and establish the standing committees of the National Convention, hereby creates and organizes the Standing Committees on Platform, Rules, and Credentials of the 2028 Democratic National Convention. The jurisdiction and rules of procedure of each standing committee are set forth in this Call to the 2028 Democratic National Convention. Each standing committee may, by a majority of the members voting, adopt additional rules of procedure for the conduct of its business not inconsistent with this Call. The Democratic National Committee shall publish and make available all relevant requirements and deadlines for submitting proposals for consideration by the standing committees. Such information shall be distributed to the standing committee members and made available to the public as early as practicable before the committees meet.

- A. Membership: Subject to Rule 21.C. of the Delegate Selection Rules, each standing committee shall be composed of:

1. Base: A base of 162 members, casting 158.25 votes, allocated to the states and territories in accordance with the same distribution formula used to allocate

2. PLEOs: 25 members, each casting one (1) vote who shall be Party Leaders and Elected Officials.
3. Delegate Status: Members of the standing committees need not be delegates or alternates to the Democratic National Convention.
4. Qualifications: Members of the Convention Standing Committees must be bona fide Democrats who are faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith.
5. Quorum: A majority of the total votes allocated to a standing committee shall constitute a quorum thereof for the purpose of transacting business. Such votes shall be present and represented by the standing committee members. Upon a point of order of no quorum, the Chair shall ascertain the presence or absence of a quorum by visual estimation and shall not proceed until a quorum is present, provided, however, that a roll call shall be had to determine whether a quorum exists if the Chair is in doubt or upon demand of any member of the standing committee supported by:

- a. twenty percent (20%) of the members of the committee as evidenced by a petition submitted to the Chair indicating support of the demand by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the members present, or

⁷ See Appendix E for the Presidential candidate written affirmation.

⁸ See Appendix D for the allocation of standing committee members.

- b. by the rising in support of the demand by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the members present, except that a motion to adjourn or to recess may be offered and voted upon without a quorum present.

- 6. Proxies: As the standing committees are deliberative bodies of the National Convention, proxy voting by standing committee members shall not be permitted.
- 7. Subcommittees: Any subcommittee of the standing committees of the National Convention shall be composed only of members of standing committees, except that these subcommittees may be chaired by persons other than members of the committee.

B. Election:

- 1. The members of the standing committees allocated to the states and territories shall be elected by each state's National Convention delegates present at a meeting of which adequate notice of time and place shall be given and at which a quorum of the state's delegates shall be present. Such meeting shall be held in accordance with procedures approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee and consistent with this Call. Such meeting shall take place within 14 days after the final selection of a state's delegation, but no such meeting shall be held after July 1, 2028.
- 2. The members of the standing committees allocated as Party Leaders and Elected Officials shall be elected by the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee during the calendar year of the National Convention upon nomination received from the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, after consultation with the State Chairs from those states from which members are contemplated to be nominated. Said members must be elected at a meeting

of the Executive Committee or by mail ballot no later than 30 days prior to the date of the standing committee meeting.

- 3. Each state's Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee their state's standing committee members within three (3) days after their selection. The National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the Party Leader and Elected Official standing committee members within three (3) days after their election. Certification of each person will include full name, address and other information as required by the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
- 4. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of vacancy. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the election procedures specified in Article VII.B., C., D. and E., and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee, in accordance with procedures specified in Article VII.B.3. Substitutions of standing committee members are encouraged to be made up to forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time the standing committee meets, except in the case of death.
- 5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of this Call. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention.

C. Presidential Preference:

- 1. The members of the standing committees allocated to the states and territories shall proportionately

represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in that state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 14.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules, provided, however, that members of the standing committees from primary states shall be allocated to presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) based on the statewide popular vote.

2. The presidential preference percentage of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to that state or territorial delegation. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference in question is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc.
3. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position.
4. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of

standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions.

D. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval:

1. Each presidential candidate or that candidate's representative authorized pursuant to Rule 13.D.1. of the 2028 Delegate Selection Rules shall be given adequate notice of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to select standing committee members.
2. The delegation shall select the standing committee members from among names submitted by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status), and presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. Provided further, that presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that the name or names of standing committee members submitted help achieve the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion goals established by the state's Delegate Selection Plan.

E. Division Between Men and Women:

1. In the case of gender non-binary committee members, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women).
2. The membership of each of the standing committees from a state or territory shall be as equally divided among men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation; the variance between men and women in any committee or among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have continuing jurisdiction to ensure

compliance with this equal division requirement. No standing committee members from a state shall be officially recognized unless the Rules and Bylaws Committee has certified to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee that such state's standing committee delegation complies with this equal division rule. It is the duty of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee to determine such compliance as soon as practicable following the certification of the state's standing committee members.

3. The Party Leader and Elected Official membership of the standing committees elected by the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee shall be divided among men and women so that the variance between men and women in any committee or among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one.

F. Chairs of Standing Committees:

1. The Chair(s) of each Standing Committee shall be elected by the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee upon nomination of the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee. Co-Chair(s) and Vice Chair(s) may also be elected in this manner.
2. Individuals who are not otherwise members of the standing committees who are elected Chair(s), Co-Chair(s) or Vice Chair(s) thereof shall not have any voting privileges on the standing committees, except that the Chair(s), may vote in the case of a tie.
3. The Chair(s) of each standing committee shall call and preside over each committee meeting, prepare an agenda to provide for orderly conduct of the committee's business, and supervise preparation of such research studies and briefing materials as are required to accomplish the committee's work.

G. Temporary Standing Committee Members:

1. In the event that a standing committee meeting is held prior to the election of a state's standing committee members, a state may select temporary members for those standing committee member positions.
2. The selection must take place at an open well publicized meeting of the State Party's governing body, provided it meets the qualifications of Delegate Selection Rule 10.B as if it were a state party committee. The procedures for selection must be approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee as part of the state's Delegate Selection Plan.
3. Members selected as temporary standing committee members under this provision serve only in the event that a standing committee is called to meet prior to completion of the state's delegate selection process. Temporary members selected after the first determining step has occurred in a state shall reflect the Presidential preferences so established. No such temporary member may continue to serve after the permanent standing committee members are selected unless they are elected as a permanent member pursuant to the provisions in Section B of this Article.
4. Substitutions in a state's list of temporary standing committee members may only be made up to 10 days prior to the time the standing committee meets.

H. Platform Committee:

1. The Platform Committee shall be responsible for drafting and recommending the Platform of the Democratic Party to the Democratic National Convention.
2. The Chair(s) of the Platform Committee, in consultation with the National Chairperson of the Democratic National

- Committee, shall determine the number, place and time for conducting hearing(s) and/or forum(s) and name the presiding panel, who need not be members of the Platform Committee, for each hearing and/or forum. Any person may submit a written statement concerning the Platform to the Platform Committee at any time prior to the Platform Committee meeting, and may request permission to testify at a public hearing and/or forum.
3. No later than thirty (30) days before the first meeting of the Platform Committee, written notice of the date, time, place, and the tentative agenda of such meeting shall be sent to all members of the Platform Committee. A special or emergency meeting of the Platform Committee may be held upon call of the Chair(s) of the Platform Committee with reasonable notice to the members.
 4. Prior to the first meeting of the Platform Committee, the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee shall distribute to the members of the Platform Committee a document outlining the issues to be considered by the committee.
 5. The National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, in consultation with the Chair(s) of the Platform Committee, shall appoint fifteen (15) persons to serve on a Platform Drafting Subcommittee and the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee shall appoint the Chair(s) thereof. In addition, one (1) non-voting representative may be appointed by each presidential candidate to serve on the Drafting Subcommittee. The Platform Drafting Subcommittee is considered a subcommittee of the Platform Committee as defined in Article VII.A.7 provided, however, that members of the Platform Drafting Subcommittee need not be members of the Platform Committee. The Drafting Subcommittee shall be responsible for the drafting of the report of the Platform Committee under the direction and with the approval of the full Platform Committee.
 6. Upon the request of members representing twenty-five percent (25%) of the total votes of the Platform Committee, a minority report shall be prepared for distribution to the Convention delegates and alternates as part of the committee's report. The committee staff shall assist in the preparation of such report.
 7. The report of the Platform Committee and any minority reports shall be distributed to all delegates and alternates, and to the public as soon as practicable after their adoption.
- I. Rules Committee:
 1. The Rules Committee shall issue a report to the Democratic National Convention recommending the Permanent Rules of the Convention, the Convention agenda, the permanent officers of the Democratic National Convention, amendments to the Charter or Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and resolutions providing for the consideration of any other matter not provided for in the Permanent Rules of the Convention and not contained in the reports of other standing committees. The foregoing notwithstanding, no amendment to the Charter or Bylaws of the Democratic Party shall be effective unless and until it is subsequently ratified by a vote of the majority of the entire membership of the Democratic National Committee.
 2. No later than thirty (30) days before the first meeting of the Rules Committee, written notice of the date, time, place, and the tentative agenda of such meeting shall be sent to all members of the Rules Committee. A special or emergency meeting of the Rules Committee may be held upon call of the

Chair(s) of the Rules Committee with reasonable notice to the members.

3. Upon the request of members representing twenty-five percent (25%) of the total votes of the Rules Committee, a minority report shall be prepared for distribution to the Convention delegates and alternates as part of the committee's report. The committee staff shall assist in the preparation of such report.
4. The report of the Rules Committee and any minority reports shall be distributed to all delegates, alternates, and to the public as soon as practicable after their adoption.

J. Credentials Committee and Procedures for Challenging Delegates or State Delegations:

1. The Credentials Committee shall determine and resolve questions concerning the seating of delegates and alternates to the Convention pursuant to the resolution entitled the "Relationship Between the 2028 Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee and the 2028 Delegate Selection Rules," which includes the "Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2028 Democratic National Convention" hereby approved and adopted by the Democratic National Committee, and set forth in full in the Appendix to this Call. The committee shall report to the Convention for final determination and resolution of all such questions. This committee does not have authority over the allocation and distribution of convention credentials, including passes for delegates, alternates, guests or press.
2. Challenges to the seating of any delegate or alternate shall be in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee. Any challenge to the seating of a delegate or alternate that is not made in conformity with these rules shall be deemed waived.

3. Upon the request of members representing twenty-five percent (25%) of the total votes of the Credentials Committee, a minority report shall be prepared for distribution to the Convention delegates and alternates as part of the committee's report; provided, however, that no member elected to the committee by a state delegation may join in such request as to a proposed minority report relating to a credentials challenge to any delegate or alternate from their state. The committee staff shall assist in the preparation of such report.
4. The report of the Credentials Committee and any minority reports shall be distributed to all delegates, alternates, and the public as soon as practicable after their adoption.

VIII. Elector Qualifications

Each State Democratic Party shall take adequate steps, as set forth in its Delegate Selection Plan, to assure that presidential electors will vote for the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees including, having each candidate for presidential elector sign a certification to so vote.

IX. Procedural Rules of the 2028 Democratic National Convention

The following Procedural Rules shall serve as the Temporary Rules of Procedure for the 2028 Democratic National Convention and are recommended to the Rules Committee and to the Convention as the Permanent Rules of Procedure for the conduct of the 2028 Democratic National Convention.

A. Temporary Officers:

1. The National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee shall call the Convention to order and shall preside until the Permanent Chair of the

Convention shall be chosen in accordance with these rules.

2. The National Committee Secretary shall serve as Temporary Secretary. The Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee shall appoint such other temporary officers as may be required to assist in the conduct of the business of the Convention. These officers shall be divided equally. In the case of gender non-binary temporary officers, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the officers shall be equally divided.

B. Temporary Roll:

1. The Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall determine a Temporary Roll of delegates to the Convention which shall consist only of those persons selected and certified as delegates in accordance with the Rules and pursuant to this Call, unless a credentials contest shall have arisen with respect to any such person(s), in which case the Secretary shall include on the Temporary Roll the name of the credentials contestant recommended for inclusion by the Credentials Committee in its report.
2. Persons whose names are included on the Temporary Roll of delegates shall be permitted to vote on all matters before the Convention until after the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee; provided that no person shall be permitted to vote on their credentials contest.

- C. Order of Business: The order of business for the Democratic National Convention shall be as provided in these rules and in any special order of business adopted under Section D. of these rules. The Chair of the Convention may, at appropriate times, interrupt the order of business provided for in these rules for introductions, announcements, addresses, presentations, resolutions of tribute and appreciation, or

remarks appropriate to the business of the Convention.

1. Report of the Committee on Credentials: The Report of the Credentials Committee shall be acted upon before the consideration of other business.
 - a. The Temporary Chair shall recognize the Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee for up to thirty (30) minutes to present the committee's report unless a longer period of time shall be provided in a special order of business agreed upon by the Convention. The Chair(s) of the committee may present committee amendments, yield part of their time to others and may yield for the presentation and disposition of minority reports without losing the right to the floor.
 - b. The Temporary Chair shall arrange for the orderly presentation of amendments and of minority reports offered at the direction of the committee. Twenty (20) minutes shall be allowed for the presentation of each committee amendment or minority report unless a longer period for any committee amendment or minority report is provided in special orders of business agreed to by the Convention. Time shall be allotted equally to proponents and opponents of each committee amendment or minority report. The questions shall be put on each committee amendment or minority report immediately following its presentation without intervening motion.
 - c. Upon conclusion of the consideration and disposition of committee amendments and minority reports, the Temporary Chair shall put the question on the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee with amendments previously adopted, if

- any, without intervening motion. A majority vote of the Convention delegates eligible to vote shall constitute adoption of the report.
- d. In the event that the committee's report shall not be adopted when the question is put, the committee shall immediately reconvene to reconsider its report and shall present a new report to the Convention as soon as possible.
2. Report of Rules Committee: The Temporary Chair(s) may then recognize the Chair(s) of the Rules Committee to present the committee's report for the Rules of the Convention and minority reports, if any, in the same manner as that provided for the presentation of the Report of the Credentials Committee. However, the Temporary Chair may, in the interest of conducting an orderly proceeding, opt to place before the Convention the election of the Permanent Chair, the Co-Chairs and the Secretary, prior to the presentation of the Rules Committee report.
3. Convention Chair: The Convention shall proceed to elect the Permanent Convention Chair in the following manner:
- a. In accordance with the requirements of the 1984 Democratic National Convention Resolution, the Permanent Chair of the 2028 Democratic National Convention shall be a different gender than the previous Chair.
- b. The Chair(s) of the Rules Committee shall be recognized to offer a nomination for Convention Chair as recommended by the Committee on Rules. Nominations from the floor shall then be received.
- c. When there are no further nominations or upon adoption of a motion to close nominations, the Temporary Chair of the Convention shall conduct a vote for Permanent Convention Chair.
- d. A majority vote of the delegates present and voting shall be required to elect the Convention Chair. Balloting shall continue until a Chair is elected. The Permanent Chair shall then take the gavel.
4. Convention Co-Chairs: The Convention shall proceed to elect Co-Chairs and a Secretary in the same manner in which it elected the Chair. The Co-Chairs shall be equally divided as defined in Section 16 of the Charter.
5. Committee on Platform: The Permanent Chair shall recognize the Chair(s) of the Platform Committee to present the committee's report and minority reports, if any, in the same manner as that provided for the presentations of the reports of the Credentials and Rules Committees.
6. Nomination of the Democratic Candidate for President: The Permanent Chair shall receive nominations from the floor for the Democratic candidate for the Office of President of the United States in the following manner:
- a. Requests to nominate a presidential candidate shall be in writing and shall have affixed thereto the written approval of the proposed nominee and the name of the individuals who shall be recognized to make the nominating and seconding speeches on behalf of a presidential candidate and shall be delivered to the Convention Secretary at a location as specified by the Secretary no later than 6:00 p.m. of the day preceding the day designated for the commencement of presidential nominations.
- b. Each such request must be accompanied by a petition indicating support for the proposed nominee signed by delegates

representing not less than 300 or more than 600 delegate votes, not more than 50 of which may come from one (1) delegation. A delegate may not sign more than one (1) nominating petition for president and for vice president. Pledged and automatic delegates may sign the petition.

- c. The order for nominating presidential candidates shall be determined by the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, the Permanent Chair of the Convention and each presidential candidate, or their authorized representative, who qualifies to be nominated pursuant to this section.
 - d. Each presidential candidate shall be allowed a total of twenty (20) minutes for the presentation of their name in nomination by nominating and seconding speeches, the time to run without interruption from the recognition of the nominator.
 - e. Delegates and alternates shall maintain order during and following nominations for the Office of President and demonstrations shall not be permitted.
7. Roll Call for Presidential Candidate:
- a. After nominations for presidential candidates have closed, the Convention shall proceed to a roll call vote by states on the selection of the presidential candidate. The roll call voting shall follow the alphabetical order of the states with the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico and the territories treated as states for the purpose of the alphabetical roll call.
 - b. On the first ballot of the presidential roll call, only pledged delegates will be permitted to vote unless a presidential candidate has been

certified by the DNC Secretary to have obtained a number of pledged delegates equal to a majority of all pledged and automatic delegates to the Convention⁹, at which point automatic delegates will also be permitted to vote on the first ballot.

- c. In the event that a nominating contest moves beyond the first ballot of the presidential roll call, all pledged and automatic delegates will be permitted to vote for a presidential candidate on all subsequent ballots until a nominee is chosen.
- d. A majority vote of all Convention delegates eligible to vote on the ballot in question shall be required to nominate the presidential candidate.
- e. Eligible delegates may vote for the candidate of their choice whether or not the name of such candidate was placed in nomination. Any vote cast other than a vote for a presidential candidate meeting the requirements of Article VI of this Call and Rule 13.K. of the 2028 Delegate Selection Rules shall be considered a vote for "Present."
- f. Balloting will continue until a nominee is selected. Upon selection, balloting may be temporarily suspended, provided that the balloting shall continue at a time certain determined by the Convention Chair, until all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto

⁹ The determination that a presidential candidate has secured the requisite number of pledged delegates shall be made by the DNC Secretary upon certification of pledged delegates at the conclusion of the delegate selection process (the Secretary's calculation shall not take into account any alternates). The DNC Secretary shall publicly announce their determination as soon as practicable after receiving every delegation's certification of pledged delegates. Subsequent events after the Secretary's announcement shall not change the determination.

- Rico and the territories shall publicly deliver their vote prior to the nominee's acceptance speech. The nominee shall become the candidate of the Democratic Party of the United States for the Office of President upon the conclusion of their acceptance speech.
8. Acceptance Speech by Presidential Candidate: Immediately after the selection of the Democratic nominee for President, the Permanent Chair shall invite the nominee to deliver an acceptance speech to the Convention.
 9. Nomination for the Democratic Candidate for Vice President: The selection of a nominee for the Office of Vice President of the United States shall be conducted in the same manner as that heretofore provided for the selection of the nominee for President of the United States except that (i) a request to nominate must be delivered to the Convention Secretary at a location as specified by the Secretary not later than 9:00 a.m. of the day designated for the commencement of Vice Presidential nominations, and (ii) automatic delegates shall be permitted to vote on all ballots for the nomination of the Democratic candidate for Vice President.
 10. Roll Call Ballot for Vice Presidential Candidate:
 - a. After nominations for Vice Presidential candidates have closed, the Convention shall proceed to a roll call vote by states on the selection of the Vice Presidential candidate. The roll call voting procedure shall be conducted in the same manner as that heretofore provided for the selection of the nominee for President of the United States except that automatic delegates shall be permitted to vote on all ballots for the nomination of the Vice President.
 - b. A majority vote of the Convention's delegates shall be required to select the Vice Presidential candidate. Delegates may vote for the candidate of their choice whether or not the name of such candidate was placed in nomination. Balloting will continue until a nominee is selected.
 11. Acceptance Speech by Vice Presidential Candidate: Immediately after the selection of the Democratic nominee for Vice President, the Permanent Chair shall invite the nominee to deliver an acceptance speech to the Convention. The nominee shall become the candidate of the Democratic Party of the United States for the office of Vice President upon completion of their acceptance speech to the Convention.
- D. Special Orders of Business: It shall be in order at any time for the Rules Committee at the request of the Chair of the Convention, or pursuant to its rules, to report a resolution providing a special order of business for debate of any resolution, motion, committee report or minority report or for the consideration of any matter.
- E. Powers and Duties of the Chair:
1. It shall be the responsibility of the Chair to conduct and expedite the business of the Convention and to preserve order and decorum in its proceedings.
 2. The Chair is authorized to appoint such Convention officers as may be required to assist in the conduct of the business of the Convention, such officers to be divided equally (in the case of gender non-binary convention officers, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided); to appoint any delegate temporarily to perform the duties of the Chair; and to take such lawful action as may be necessary and appropriate to preserve order throughout the Convention Hall; and to take any other actions consistent with the Charter and the Bylaws of the

Democratic Party of the United States
and this Call.

F. Voting:

1. Secret Ballot: No secret ballots shall be permitted at any stage of the Convention or its committee proceedings.
2. Proxy Voting: Neither delegate nor alternate delegate votes may be cast by proxy.
3. Roll Call Votes:
 - a. On all votes, except the first ballot of the presidential roll call as described in Article IX.C.7, automatic delegates retain their ability to vote according to their own preferences.
 - b. Voting shall be by voice vote or, when prescribed by these rules, by roll call vote. The roll call voting shall follow the order as specified in Article XI.C.7.a. A roll call vote shall also be had if the Chair is in doubt or upon demand of any delegate supported by twenty-five percent (25%) of the Convention's delegates as evidenced by one of the following methods:
 - (1) A petition submitted to the Chair indicating support of the demand by not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the Convention's delegates.
 - (2) By the rising in support of the demand by not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the delegates present.
 - c. When a roll call vote is ordered, the roll call shall be called by states, and the Chair of each delegation or their designee shall report the vote of their delegation and shall send to the Convention Secretary a tally showing the vote

of each member of their delegation indicating whether such vote was cast in person or by an alternate. Such roll call votes may be conducted by having the Chair for each delegation report by telephone, or electronic voting mechanism, the vote of their delegation to the rostrum, provided that the telephone poll shall not be used in the balloting for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees. Business shall be permitted to proceed during the telephone roll call and votes may be conducted by electronic mechanism. After each official vote, the Delegation Chair shall record and tally votes of the delegation on official roll call tally sheets provided by the Convention Secretary. All official roll call tally sheets shall be turned in to the Convention Secretary at a specified location not more than thirty (30) minutes after the close of each voting period.

- d. All delegates to the National Convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them.
- e. In the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a vote is taken, an alternate may be designated according to the rules to cast the vote. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for a delegate allocated under I.F., I.G., or I.H. of this Call.
- f. On a roll call vote by states, the vote cast on behalf of a delegation may be challenged by communication to the Convention Secretary by telephone or other means by any voting member of that state's delegation within ten (10) minutes after the Convention

Secretary's announcement of the state's vote. The votes of that delegation shall then be recorded as polled without regard to any state law, party rule, resolution or instruction binding the delegation or any member thereof to vote for or against any candidate or proposition. The Convention Chair may send a parliamentarian to the delegation to conduct the poll. At the discretion of the Convention Chair, the roll call may continue instead of waiting for the result of the polling.

- g. On a roll call vote conducted by telephone or other electronic voting mechanism, the vote of a delegation as shown on the video projection system may be challenged by communication to the Convention Secretary by telephone or other means by any voting member of the delegation within ten (10) minutes after the delegation's vote is shown on the screen.

- h. A demand to poll a delegation may be withdrawn at any time before the actual polling has begun.

- 4. Interruption of Vote: When the question has been put, the vote thereon may not be interrupted for any purpose other than a demand for a roll call vote or a point of order directed to the conduct of the vote.
- 5. Determination of Question: Except as otherwise provided in these rules, all questions shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates to the Convention.

- G. Filling a Vacancy on the National Ticket: In the event of death, resignation or disability of a nominee of the Party for President or Vice President after the adjournment of the National Convention, the National Chairperson of the Democratic National

Committee shall confer with the Democratic leadership of the United States Congress and the Democratic Governors Association and shall report to the Democratic National Committee, which is authorized to fill the vacancy or vacancies.

- H. Interpretation of the Rules: In interpreting the rules, the Chair may have recourse to the ruling of Chairs of previous Democratic Conventions, to the precedents of the United States House of Representatives and to general parliamentary law.

- I. Appeals:

- 1. The Chair shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal by any delegate which may be debated for not more than ten (10) minutes, the time to be equally divided between the delegate appealing the ruling and a delegate in favor of sustaining the ruling of the Chair; provided that an appeal shall not be in order while another appeal is pending or from decisions on recognition or from decisions on dilatoriness of motions or during a roll call vote or on a question on which an appeal has just been decided or, when in the opinion of the Chair, such appeal is clearly dilatory.
- 2. Before the question is put on any appeal, the Chair shall be entitled to state briefly the reasons for the ruling being appealed.

- J. Motion to Suspend the Rules: The Chair shall entertain a motion to suspend the rules, which shall be decided without debate and which shall require a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the delegates voting, a quorum being present.

- K. Motion:

- 1. No question of privilege or any motion other than those provided under these rules shall be entertained, except the motion to recess (to a time certain or at the call of the Chair), which shall be

privileged, and the motion to adjourn, which shall be the highest privilege.

2. Motions to adjourn or to recess shall be in order at any time except when the question has been put or a vote is in progress and shall be decided without debate. The Chair shall not entertain a motion to adjourn or recess when such motion closely follows another such motion if in the opinion of the Chair such motion is dilatory.
- L. Amendments: No amendments to resolutions or motions before the Convention shall be permitted, except amendments to standing committee reports or resolutions offered at the direction of the standing committee or in a minority report of that standing committee; provided that no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted in the form of such an amendment.
- M. Minority Reports: Minority reports of committees shall not be considered unless adopted in writing by members representing at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total votes of a committee. A minority report may be withdrawn at any time prior to or during the Convention. A minority report shall be deemed to be withdrawn when support for the report falls below the number of members representing twenty-five percent (25%) of the total votes of the standing committee as evidenced by the written withdrawal of support by proponents of the report. A committee member may withdraw their support for a minority report by written notice to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
- N. Responsibility: By participating in the Democratic National Convention, each delegate assumes the responsibility for doing all within their power to assure that voters of their state will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by the Convention or, should a vacancy arise, pursuant to Article VIII.G. of these rules, and expressly agrees that they will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention, or, should a vacancy arise, the nominee(s) selected pursuant to Article VIII.G.
- O. Debate: Unless otherwise provided in these rules or in a resolution providing for a special order of business, debate on any question shall be limited to a total of twenty (20) minutes and shall be equally divided between proponents and opponents unless they and the Chair agree upon an additional or lesser amount of time.
- P. Quorum: A majority of the delegates to the Convention shall constitute a quorum thereof for the purpose of transacting business. Upon a point of order of no quorum being made, the Chair shall ascertain the presence or absence of a quorum by visual estimation and shall not proceed until a quorum is present; provided that a motion to adjourn may be offered and voted upon without a quorum present.
- Q. References to the "Chair": All references to the authority and responsibilities of the "Chair" shall pertain to the Temporary Chair, the Permanent Chair, the Co-Chair(s) and any other person assuming the duties of the Chair as appropriate during the Convention.
- R. Equal Division: The Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States provides that the National Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternates equally divided between men and women (as determined by self-identification). This Call, in compliance with the Charter, and pursuant to Rule 6.C. of the 2028 *Delegate Selection Rules*, mandates that delegates and alternates from each state and jurisdiction shall be equally divided between men and women with a variance of no more than one (1). In the case of gender non-binary delegates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between male gender and female gender.

- S. Non-Discrimination: Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status or disability in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited.
- T. Territories: The term “territories” shall refer to American Samoa, Democrats Abroad, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands in this Call.
- U. Proceedings:
 - 1. A record of all actions taken each day by the Convention shall be made available to all delegates and alternates.
 - 2. The Secretary of the Democratic National Committee will provide a journal of the full proceedings of the Convention, which shall be made available within the year following the Convention.

Appendix A

Relationship Between the 2028 Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee and the 2028 Delegate Selection Rules

Under Rule 21.B. of the *2028 Delegate Selection Rules*, the Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection Plans, Affirmative Action Plans, and Outreach and Inclusion Programs. The following “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2028 Democratic National Convention” describes the procedure for considering challenges once the Credentials Committee assumes responsibility for the challenge process as otherwise described in Rule 21.B.

All delegates and alternates to the 2028 Democratic National Convention shall be selected in accordance with the *2028 Delegate Selection Rules* and the *2028 Call*. Only delegates and alternates selected under a delegate selection system approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee pursuant to the *2028 Delegate Selection Rules* shall be placed on the Temporary Roll of the 2028 Democratic National Convention.

All challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2028 Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2028 Democratic National Convention.”

Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2028 Democratic National Convention

1. Jurisdiction of the Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee shall have jurisdiction to hear and decide:

- A. Any challenge brought before the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee and not resolved before the 56th calendar day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention; and,
- B. Any challenge alleging:
 - 1. Failure to implement a final order of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee; or
 - 2. Failure to implement a plan approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, if such challenge is initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention, except with regard to Rule 14.H, Rule 20.E, and Rule 21.C.1 of the Delegate Selection Rules.

2. Parties

- A. Challenging Parties: A challenge to the credentials of any delegate or alternate to the 2028 Democratic National Convention shall be brought by at least fifteen (15) Democrats who are residents of the state and level at which delegates to the National Convention are elected in which the challenge arises, and who fulfill (1), or if there is no Democratic Party enrollment or registration in the state, then either (2) or (3) below:
 - 1. Registration or enrollment as Democrats in those states which

employ such procedures. Persons not registered to vote or persons registered as unaffiliated voters or enrolled as members of other parties or as independents shall not have standing to bring a challenge.

2. Participation in Democratic Party affairs. Persons who have participated in the affairs of another political party during the preceding 12-month period shall not have standing to bring a challenge. Participation in a party's affairs shall include, but not be limited to, voting in the immediately preceding primary of that political party.
3. Any person who lacks standing under paragraphs (1) and (2) and who demonstrates that they attempted to participate in the affairs of the Democratic Party in good faith shall have standing to challenge.
4. Each challenge shall include a statement indicating that each challenger subscribes to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States. Each challenger must have been personally injured with respect to their participation in the delegate selection process by any violation complained of or shall be so situated that they clearly will be personally injured by such violation.

B. Challenged Parties:

1. Where delegates or alternates to the Convention have been selected from the level at which delegates to the National Convention are elected in which the challenge arises, the challenged party or parties shall be a delegate or alternate or a group of delegates or alternates or the entire delegation from that level.
2. Where delegates or alternates to the Convention have not yet been

selected from the level at which delegates to the National Convention are elected in which the challenge arises, the challenged party shall be the Democratic Party organization responsible for that level; provided that where any state law or state party rule, regulation, decision or other state party action or omission is challenged, the State Democratic Party shall also be named as a challenged party. If during the tendency of the challenge, any delegate(s) or alternate(s) to the Convention are selected from the level involved, such delegate(s) or alternate(s) shall be joined as challenged parties if any relief with respect to their credentials at the Convention is sought.

3. The State Democratic Party shall be joined as a challenged party if a challenged party so requests.

C. Intervening Parties:

1. A State Democratic Party may intervene as of right in any challenge proceeding for the purpose of protecting any interest it may have with respect to that proceeding.
2. A presidential candidate may intervene as of right in any challenge proceeding for the purpose of protecting any interest they may have with respect to that proceeding.
3. For good cause shown, any other person having standing under Section 2.A. may be permitted to be heard as an amicus curiae or, in appropriate circumstances, to intervene, for all or limited purposes, by leave of the Chair of the Credentials Committee or the Hearing Officer.

3. Filing, Service of Documents and Computation of Time
 - A. Filing: Any challenge, answer and accompanying documents to be considered in the processing of any challenge shall be filed by hand delivery (receipt to be retained), certified mail (return receipt requested), or by an overnight delivery service (signature required) to: Chair, 2028 Convention Credentials Committee, c/o Democratic National Committee, 430 South Capitol Street, S.E., Washington, DC 20003 with a copy to the Chair of the Democratic Party of the state in which the challenge arises. The original and a copy of each document shall be filed. Filing shall be deemed complete upon receipt, or in the case of hand delivery, upon delivery.
 - B. Service: Any document filed in any proceeding pursuant to these rules shall be served at the same time by the filing party upon all other parties to the proceeding, with a copy to the Chair of the Democratic Party of the state in which the challenge arises. Service shall be made by hand delivery (receipt to be obtained), certified mail (return receipt requested), or an overnight delivery service (signature required) to each party or their attorney, if any. Any document filed pursuant to these rules shall be accompanied by a certificate of service signed by the filing party or by their attorney, if any. Service shall be deemed complete, in the case of hand-delivery, on the date of receipt by the served party or, in the case of service by certified mail or an overnight delivery service, on the first business day on which delivery is attempted.
 - C. Time:
 1. In computing any period of time prescribed by these rules, the day of the act or event from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. Weekends and holidays shall be included.
2. The Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee shall have authority for good cause, on application or sua sponte, to enlarge or shorten any period of time prescribed by these rules. An extension of time shall be granted only when compelling need is shown.
4. Challenges
 - A. A credentials challenge shall be commenced by the filing of a written challenge not later than:
 1. Fifteen (15) calendar days after the violation occurred, or
 2. Fifteen (15) calendar days after the selection of any delegate or alternate whose credentials to the Democratic National Convention are to be put in issue, whichever occurs first. The challenging parties shall, within the period provided by the State Democratic Party in its Delegate Selection Plan, invoke, and shall thereafter exhaust, the remedies provided by State Democratic Party procedures for the violations alleged.
 - B. The challenge shall be verified by the notarized signature of each challenging party, and shall include the following:
 1. The name, address and telephone number of each challenging party and allegations of fact fulfilling the requirements of Section 2.A.; and the name, address and telephone number of each challenging party's attorney or other representative authorized to receive documents on behalf of the challenger.
 2. The name, address and telephone number of each delegate or alternate whose credentials are challenged, or a statement that such information is unavailable to the challenging parties; or, where delegates or alternates have not yet been selected,

the name, address and telephone number of each challenged party.

3. An identification of the state and level at which delegates to the National Convention are elected in which the challenge arises.
4. A plain, concise and specific statement of each violation of a state delegate selection plan approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, or of a final order of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee; or a statement that the state does not have an approved delegate selection plan.
5. A plain, concise and specific statement of how each challenging party has been injured with respect to their participation in the delegate selection process by each alleged violation.
6. A plain, concise and specific statement of the remedies each challenging party has invoked with respect to each alleged violation before filing a credentials challenge with the Credentials Committee, and a statement of the expected length of time for exhaustion of the state party procedures.
7. A plain, concise and specific statement of the relief requested and the reason therefore. If a challenging party proposes that they be seated in the state's delegation, the challenge shall include a plain, concise and specific statement of the reasons why that party has a right to be seated, superior to that of the delegate or alternate whose seat they seek; and a plain, concise and specific statement of how the challenging party has complied with all applicable laws, rules and regulations and has participated in the delegate selection process.

C. The challenge shall be accompanied by the following documents:

1. A plain, concise and specific statement that contains, by separately numbered paragraphs, each violation alleged and each form of relief sought.
2. A list of the name, address and telephone number of each witness who is likely to be called to testify in support of the challenge.
3. A list of the documents likely to be offered in support of the challenge, together with copies of those documents.

5. Answer

A. Within ten (10) calendar days after service of a challenge, each challenged party shall file a written answer, verified by the notarized signature of each challenged party, including the following:

1. The name, address and telephone number of each challenged party and the name, address and telephone number of their attorney or other representative authorized to receive documents on behalf of the challenged party.
2. A statement as to whether the standing under Section 2.A. of the challenging parties is in dispute.
3. A response to the challenge, separately admitting or denying each statement therein, or stating that the challenged party is without sufficient information to admit or deny. A response to a statement shall fairly meet its substance, admitting those parts that are true and denying those parts that are false.
4. A plain, concise and specific statement of each and every

affirmative defense to the alleged violations.

5. A plain, concise and specific statement of any other reasons why the challenged party should prevail.

B. The answer shall be accompanied by the following documents:

1. A plain, concise and specific statement that contains, by reference to each numbered paragraph of the challenging statement required by Section 4.C.1., a response to each alleged violation or request for relief. A response to a proposition shall fairly meet its substance, admitting those parts that are true and denying those parts that are false. Wherever a proposition is denied in whole or in part, the proposition supported by the challenged party on that point shall be stated.
2. A list of the name, address and telephone number of each witness who is likely to be called in opposition to the challenge.
3. A list of the documents likely to be offered in opposition to the challenge, together with copies of those documents.

C. Challenged parties may consolidate their answers.

6. Dismissal and Decision on the Pleadings

A. Dismissal:

1. The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall dismiss any challenge, or part of a challenge, which does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Credentials Committee.
2. If a state party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action and outreach and inclusion program, the Chair shall

dismiss any challenge, or part of a challenge, which is based solely on composition of the Convention delegation, except in the case of a challenge based upon the failure to achieve equal division.

3. The Chair shall have authority to dismiss any challenge which is brought by persons lacking standing under Section 2.A., or which otherwise fails to comply substantially with these rules, or which is otherwise manifestly insufficient.

4. Any dismissal shall be accompanied by a written opinion by the Chair.

B. Decision on the Pleadings: The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall have authority to make a decision on the pleadings where it is plain from the challenge and the answer, together with the documents accompanying those pleadings, that there is no genuine issue of material fact between the parties. Any decision on the pleadings shall be accompanied by a written opinion by the Chair.

C. Review of Dismissal or Decision on the Pleadings: Within five (5) calendar days after service of a notice of the entry of a dismissal under Section 6.A. or under Section 1.B., an aggrieved party may file a Petition for Review by the Credentials Committee stating the objections to the Chair's action, and may file a brief. Within five (5) calendar days after service of the petition, any other party may file a brief. Consideration of the challenge by the Credentials Committee shall proceed as in other cases, except that the challenge shall be given precedence on the committee's docket.

7. Decision of State Party Body

- A. The Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee may defer, for such period as is appropriate, proceedings on a challenge in order to give time for the

consideration of any challenge or other related matter under State Democratic Party procedures. The deferral period shall not be so long as to interfere with the processing and consideration of the challenge by the Credentials Committee if that should prove necessary.

- B. The State Democratic Party body may take such action with respect to the challenge or other related matter as it is authorized to take under state law and state party rules.
- C. After a decision by a state party body on a challenge or other related matter, any party to the challenge pending before the Credentials Committee may request the Committee to process the challenge and the Committee shall do so. The party making the request shall file any written decision or order made with respect to the challenge by the state party body. The decision of the state party body shall be given such weight as the Credentials Committee finds warranted in the circumstances.
- D. Records of proceedings conducted by the state party body with respect to the challenge or other related matter, and other papers relating to the state party proceedings, shall be admissible in Credentials Committee proceedings on the challenge.

8. Hearing

- A. With respect to any challenge or part of a challenge not dismissed or decided on the pleadings under Section 6., an open and public hearing shall be held on the specific factual and legal matters in dispute. An electronic or stenographic recording or clerical notes shall be made of the proceedings at any such hearing.
- B. The hearing shall be held in Washington, D.C. unless the Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee determines that in the interest of justice it should be held elsewhere.

- C. The hearing shall be conducted by a Hearing Officer appointed by the Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee. The Hearing Officer shall be a Democrat, neutral in the context of the challenge, experienced in the law, known by reputation to be fair and shall not be involved in or identified with any presidential campaign or any group promoting or opposing credentials challenges. The Chair(s) shall make a reasonable effort to secure the agreement of the parties to the Hearing Officer.
- D. The Hearing Officer shall have all power necessary to conduct the hearing in such manner, consistent with these rules, as to secure the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of the challenge, including the right to require the parties to participate in a pre-hearing conference.
- E. Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Hearing Officer shall announce a ruling identifying, on the basis of the papers filed in the challenge and any pre-hearing conference, the specific issues in dispute. The Hearing Officer shall have power to rule that on certain issues only documentary evidence shall be received. Any party objecting to a ruling under this paragraph may make a proffer of the evidence that would have been presented but for the ruling.
- F. The Hearing Officer shall hear the evidence, dispose of procedural requests and similar matters and, to the extent possible, obtain stipulations of the parties as to the facts of the challenge.
- G. A challenging party shall have the burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence on all factual issues necessary to the challenge, except that the burden of proof shall rest with the challenged party in the case of:
 - 1. any unresolved challenges to a state's affirmative action program filed thirty (30) days or more prior to the initiation of the state's delegate

- selection process other than a challenge made on the basis of non-implementation of a specific requirement of a state plan; and,
2. any challenge for failure to submit and implement an approved affirmative action program by the deadline specified in the Delegate Selection Rules.
- H. The Hearing Officer shall have authority to receive all competent evidence relevant to the specific matters in issue and to assign to it appropriate weight.
- I. The Hearing Officer shall have authority to order for good cause, on application or sua sponte, that a party produce at the hearing designated evidence in the interest of justice. Where a party fails to produce such evidence, the Hearing Officer may make findings of fact adverse to the party on all issues to which the evidence would have been material.
- J. Subject to any ruling under Section 8.E., each party shall have the right to present competent oral and documentary evidence relevant to the specific matters in issue and to conduct cross-examination.
- K. The Hearing Officer may require parties to consolidate their challenges or defenses for purposes of the hearing.
- L. The Hearing Officer shall make and file a written report to the Credentials Committee, which shall include findings of fact, conclusions of law and a recommendation for disposition of the challenge. The reports shall be served on all parties to the challenge.
- M. Any transcript or other papers in the record from any proceedings before the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall be part of the record.
9. Consideration by the Credentials Committee
- A. The Credentials Committee shall begin meeting at the call of the Chair(s) in Washington, D.C., or elsewhere at the call of the Chair(s), to hear challenges. No later than thirty (30) days before the first meeting of the Credentials Committee, written notice of the date, time, place, and the tentative agenda of such meeting shall be sent to all members of the Credentials Committee. A special or emergency meeting of the Credentials Committee may be held upon call of the Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee with reasonable notice to the members.
- B. All meetings of the Credentials Committee shall be open to the public; provided that the Chair(s) of the Committee shall exclude from the specific area where the committee is conducting its business all persons whose presence in that area is not required for the proper conduct of the business.
- C. Request for hearing by Full Committee: Within two (2) days after service of the Hearing Officer's report, an aggrieved party may file a written Petition for Review by the Credentials Committee. The petition shall contain a plain, concise and specific statement of the reasons for appeal and the procedural and/or substantive errors claimed by the petitioner.
- D. Briefs:
1. Within three (3) calendar days after filing the Petition for Review, the petitioner for review may file a brief.
 2. Within three (3) calendar days after service of the petitioner's brief, a respondent may file a brief.
 3. Any party filing a brief shall file as many copies as there are members of the committee, plus ten (10) copies for the Chair(s) and staff of the committee.

E. Argument:

1. Each side of a challenge shall be entitled to present oral argument before the Committee for a period determined by the Chair(s) of the committee, generally not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes.
2. The Chair(s) of the committee may require parties to consolidate or separate their challenges or defense for purposes of oral argument.
3. The Chair(s) of the committee shall notify the parties of the time and place of oral argument.

F. Resolutions:

1. All proposed resolutions relating to the disposition of a credentials challenge shall be in writing and signed by the proponent and at least one (1) second. Proposed resolutions relating to the seating or unseating of delegates or alternates shall be seconded in writing by at least seven (7) members, no more than two (2) of whom may be members elected by the delegation from the same state as the proponent of the resolution.
2. All proposed resolutions relating to the disposition of a credentials challenge shall be framed so as to be dispositive of the entire challenge and, to that end, shall be specific in stating the action recommended to be taken by the Convention.
3. Following the submission of all proposed resolutions to the Chair(s), the resolution having the largest number of signed seconds shall become the pending order of business. Twenty (20) minutes of debate shall be allotted to each proposed resolution, equally divided between the proponents and the opponents. At the conclusion of the debate, the resolution shall be put to

a vote. In the event the resolution is not adopted, the proposed resolution having the next largest number of signed seconds shall become the pending order of business, and so on until the challenge is disposed.

4. No amendment to any proposed resolution shall be permitted, except with the consent of the proponent, and no resolution or propositions on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted in the form of such an amendment.

G. Presidential Preference of Delegation: Except where the issue is the expressed presidential preference of the level at which delegates to the National Convention are elected represented by the challenged delegates, any remedy for a violation shall fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference of that level.

H. Voting: A member of the Credentials Committee elected by a state delegation shall not vote on a challenge arising in that state. All matters shall be determined by a majority vote of those present and voting, a quorum of the full Committee being present. A quorum shall consist of members present in person representing a majority of the total number of committee votes entitled to be counted in the matter.

I. Proxies: Proxy voting shall be prohibited.

10. Committee Report

The Report of the Credentials Committee shall be distributed to all delegates, alternates and the public as soon as practicable after its adoption.

11. Minority Reports

Upon the request of members representing at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total votes of the Credentials Committee, a minority report shall be prepared for distribution to all Convention delegates,

alternates and the public as part of the Committee's report. This minority report shall be distributed at the same time the Credentials Committee Report is distributed. No member elected to the committee by a state delegation may join in such request as to a proposed minority report relating to a credentials challenge to any delegate from their state. The committee staff shall assist in the preparation of such report.

2. The answer and accompanying papers shall be filed not later than three (3) days after service of the challenge.

12. Record

- A. The official record of any proceedings under these rules shall be maintained in the office at the Democratic National Committee in Washington, D.C. and shall be open and available for public inspection and duplication at reasonable times.
- B. All meetings of the full Credentials Committee shall be transcribed.

13. Interpretation and Waiver of Rules and Provision for Special Rules

- A. These rules shall be interpreted and applied in the interests of justice and fairness to all parties, speed and economy. To serve these interests, and for good cause, on application or sua sponte, the Chair(s) of the committee shall have the authority to waive any provision of these rules other than Section 1.
- B. In the case of any challenge filed on or after the 56th calendar day before the convention begins, the Chair(s) may shorten the time periods specified in these rules for processing the challenge, including the time to file documents and conduct hearings, as the interests of justice and the orderly disposition of challenges dictate; provided, however, that in any event:
 1. The challenge and accompanying papers shall be filed not later than three (3) days after the occurrence of the violation alleged.

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		Allocated Base Delegates			Party Ldrs & Elected Officials (15% add on)		Dem. Nat'l Comm. Members (a)	Dem. Members of Congress (b)	Dem. Governors (c)	Distin-guished Party Leaders (d)					
		Total Base Delegates	District Level (75% of Base)	At-Large (25% of Base)											
AL	0.01366	44	33	11	7	51	3	2			5	56	56	4	60
AK	0.00371	12	9	3	2	14	4				4	18	18	2	20
American Samoa	0.00000	6	0	6	0	6	4				4	10	10	2 †	12
AZ	0.02016	65	49	16	10	75	8	5	1		14	89	89	6	95
AR	0.00828	27	20	7	4	31	5				5	36	36	3	39
CA	0.11577	370	278	92	56	426	25	43	1	1	70	496	496	36	532
CO	0.02026	65	49	16	10	75	8	6	1	1	16	91	91	6	97
CT	0.01319	42	32	10	6	48	7	7	1	1	16	64	64	4	68
DE	0.00464	15	11	4	2	17	8	2	1	1	12	29	29	2	31
Dems. Abroad	0.00000	12	0	12	1	13	4				4	17	21	1	22
DC	0.00480	15	11	4	2	17	18	1	1		20	37	37	2	39
FL	0.06048	194	146	48	29	223	18	7		3	28	251	251	19	270
GA	0.03040	97	73	24	15	112	9	5			14	126	126	9	135
Guam	0.00000	6	0	6 +1	0	7 †	4		1		5	12 †	12	1	13 †
HI	0.00585	19	14	5	3	22	5	4	1		10	32	32	2	34
ID	0.00541	17	13	4	3	20	4				4	24	24	2	26
IL	0.03932	126	95	31	19	145	16	14	1	1	32	177	177	12	189
IN	0.01796	57	43	14	9	66	5	2			7	73	73	7 †	80

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		Allocated Base Delegates			Party Ldrs & Elected Officials (15% add on)		Dem. Nat'l Comm. Members (a)	Dem. Members of Congress (b)	Dem. Governors (c)	Distin-guished Party Leaders (d)					
		Total Base Delegates	District Level (75% of Base)	At-Large (25% of Base)											
IA	0.01035	33	25	8	5	38	4				4	42	42	3	45
KS	0.00905	29	22	7	4	33	5	1			6	39	39	3	42
KY	0.01217	39	29	10	6	45	6	1			7	52	52	4	56
LA	0.01284	41	31	10	6	47	4	2			6	53	53	4	57
ME	0.00648	20	15	5	3	23	4	3	1	1	9	32	32	2	34
MD	0.02182	70	53	17	11	81	12	9	1	1	23	104	104	7	111
MA	0.02486	80	60	20	12	92	10	11	1	3	25	117	117	9 †	126
MI	0.03152	101	76	25	15	116	14	7			21	137	137	11 †	148
MN	0.01997	64	48	16	10	74	11	6	1		18	92	92	6	98
MS	0.00893	29	22	7	4	33	5	1			6	39	39	3	42
MO	0.01723	55	41	14	8	63	6	2			8	71	71	5	76
MT	0.00519	17	13	4	3	20	4				4	24	24	2	26
NE	0.00696	22	17	5	3	25	5	2			7	32	32	2	34
NV	0.00996	32	24	8	5	37	7	3			10	47	47	3	50
NH	0.00640	20	15	5	3	23	5	4			9	32	32	2	34
NJ	0.02871	92	69	23	14	106	10	11	1		22	128	128	9	137
NM	0.00772	25	19	6	4	29	5	5	1		11	40	40	2	42
NY	0.05848	187	140	47	28	215	22	20	1	1	44	259	259	18	277

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		Total Base Delegates	District Level <i>(75% of Base)</i>	At-Large <i>(25% of Base)</i>											
NC	0.03195	102	77	25	15	117	12	4	1		17	134	134	10	144
ND	0.00351	11	8	3	2	13	4				4	17	17	2	19
N. Mar. Is.	0.00000	6	0	6	0	6	4				4	10	10	1	11
OH	0.03292	105	79	26	16	121	10	4			14	135	135	10	145
OK	0.00971	31	23	8	5	36	5				5	41	41	3	44
OR	0.01550	50	38	12	8	58	7	7	1		15	73	73	5	78
PA	0.03974	127	95	32	19	146	15	8	1	1	25	171	171	12	183
PR	0.00000	44	33	11	7	51	4	1			5	56	56	5	61
RI	0.00562	18	14	4	3	21	4	4	1		9	30	30	2	32
SC	0.01506	48	36	12	7	55	8	1		1	10	65	65	5	70
SD	0.00372	12	9	3	2	14	4				4	18	18	2	20
TN	0.01713	55	41	14	8	63	5	1		2	8	71	71	5	76
TX	0.06862	220	165	55	33	253	20	13			33	286	286	21	307
UT	0.00880	28	21	7	4	32	5				5	37	37	3	40
VT	0.00427	14	11	3	2	16	4	3		1	8	24	24	2	26
Virgin Islands	0.00000	6	0	6 +1	0	7 †	4	1	1		6	13 †	13	1	14 †
VA	0.02723	87	65	22	13	100	10	7	1	2	20	120	120	8	128
WA	0.02546	81	61	20	12	93	11	8	1		20	113	113	8	121

Appendix B

2028 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

DELEGATE / ALTERNATE ALLOCATION

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State	Allocation Factor (AF = 3,200 = # of Base Delegates)	Pledged Delegate Votes				Total Pledged Dels	Automatic Delegate Votes				Total Automatic Delegate Votes	Total Delegate Votes	Total # of Delegates	Total # of Alternates	Total Delegates & Alternates
		Allocated Base Delegates			Party Ldrs & Elected Officials (15% add on)		Dem. Nat'l Comm. Members (a)	Dem. Members of Congress (b)	Dem. Governors (c)	Distinguished Party Leaders (d)					
		Total Base Delegates	District Level (75% of Base)	At-Large (25% of Base)											
WV	0.00516	17	13	4	3	20	4				4	24	24	2	26
WI	0.01983	63	47	16	9	72	8	3	1		12	84	84	6	90
WY	0.00324	10	8	2	2	12	4				4	16	16	2	18
TOTAL		3,280	2,439	841 + 2	492	3,774 †	445	251	24	21	741	4,515	4,519	330 †	4,849 †

Footnotes:

- (a) Each member of the Democratic National Committee, as duly certified to the Party Secretary, is a delegate from the state or territory in which he or she legally resides at the time of the 2028 Democratic National Convention. This allocation reflects the current legal residence of all such members, including the officers and those who, pursuant to the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States, are members by virtue of their status as Party leaders in the U.S. Congress or by virtue of their status as representatives or designees of such Party leaders or of other associations and organizations specified in the Charter. Because such members are subject to change, delegate distribution at the Convention may differ from that set forth above. In addition, the DNC member allocation set forth above reflects the number of votes (not the number of delegates) added to the delegation from each state or territory to take into account such members. Because of fractional votes in Democrats Abroad, the number of such delegates will differ from the number of delegate votes allocated. See also ‡ below.
- (b) Members of Congress include all Democratic members of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, except those Democratic members who are reflected as delegates in other categories pursuant to the rules. Democratic Members of Congress are allocated to the states based upon the residence of those members. The exact number of those delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections between now and the time of the 2028 Democratic National Convention, and possible changes in the membership of the Democratic National Committee.
- (c) The allocation for Democratic Governors does not include those Democratic Governors who are members of the Democratic National Committee and serve as delegates in that capacity. This allocation for Democratic Governors is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections between now and the time of the 2028 Democratic National Convention, and possible changes in the membership of the Democratic National Committee. Except as otherwise provided herein, Democratic Governors are those individuals as recognized by the Democratic Governors Association.
- (d) Pursuant to Article I.G. of the Call for the 2028 Democratic National Convention, this category includes the Democratic U.S. President and Vice President, former Democratic U.S. Presidents and Vice Presidents, former Democratic Leaders of the U.S. Senate, former Democratic Speakers of the U.S. House of Representatives and Democratic Minority Leaders, as applicable, and former Chairs of the Democratic National Committee. This allocation for Distinguished Party Leaders is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections between now and the time of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.
- † Bonus delegates are awarded pursuant to Article I.C. of the Call for the 2028 Democratic National Convention and will be indicated next to (and in addition to) a state's allocation for District Level and At-Large delegates and included in the Total Pledged Delegates Votes for the state and the Grand Total. Bonus alternates will be indicated and included in the Delegation Size for the state and Grand Total. Alternates added pursuant to Rule 19.B. are reflected as bonus alternates.

Appendix C

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2028 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION ALLOCATION OF CONVENTION PAGES TO STATES & TERRITORIES

(As prepared for the Democratic National Committee meeting on August 15, 2026)

State/Territory	Pages	State/Territory	Pages
ALABAMA	4	NEW HAMPSHIRE	4
ALASKA	4	NEW JERSEY	5
AMERICAN SAMOA	2	NEW MEXICO	4
ARIZONA	4	NEW YORK	8
ARKANSAS	4	NORTH CAROLINA	5
CALIFORNIA	12	NORTH DAKOTA	4
COLORADO	4	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	2
CONNECTICUT	4	OHIO	5
DELAWARE	4	OKLAHOMA	4
DEMOCRATS ABROAD	2	OREGON	4
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	4	PENNSYLVANIA	6
FLORIDA	8	PUERTO RICO	4
GEORGIA	5	RHODE ISLAND	4
GUAM	2	SOUTH CAROLINA	4
HAWAII	4	SOUTH DAKOTA	4
IDAHO	4	TENNESSEE	4
ILLINOIS	6	TEXAS	8
INDIANA	4	UTAH	4
IOWA	4	VERMONT	4
KANSAS	4	VIRGIN ISLANDS	2
KENTUCKY	4	VIRGINIA	5
LOUISIANA	4	WASHINGTON	5
MAINE	4	WEST VIRGINIA	4
MARYLAND	5	WISCONSIN	4
MASSACHUSETTS	5	WYOMING	4
MICHIGAN	5	TOTAL	251
MINNESOTA	4		
MISSISSIPPI	4		
MISSOURI	4		
MONTANA	4		
NEBRASKA	4		
NEVADA	4		

2028 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION ALLOCATION OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(As prepared for the Democratic National Committee meeting on August 15, 2026)

State/Territory	Members	Votes
ALABAMA	2	2
ALASKA	1	1
AMERICAN SAMOA	1	0.25
ARIZONA	3	3
ARKANSAS	1	1
CALIFORNIA	18	18
COLORADO	3	3
CONNECTICUT	2	2
DELAWARE	1	1
DEMOCRATS ABROAD	1	0.25
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	1	1
FLORIDA	10	10
GEORGIA	5	4
GUAM	1	0.25
HAWAII	1	1
IDAHO	1	1
ILLINOIS	6	6
INDIANA	3	3
IOWA	1	2
KANSAS	1	1
KENTUCKY	2	2
LOUISIANA	2	2
MAINE	1	1
MARYLAND	3	3
MASSACHUSETTS	4	4
MICHIGAN	5	5
MINNESOTA	3	3
MISSISSIPPI	1	1
MISSOURI	3	3
MONTANA	1	1
NEBRASKA	1	1
NEVADA	1	1
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1	1

State/Territory	Members	Votes
NEW JERSEY	4	4
NEW MEXICO	1	1
NEW YORK	9	9
NORTH CAROLINA	5	5
NORTH DAKOTA	1	1
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	1	0.25
OHIO	5	5
OKLAHOMA	1	1
OREGON	2	2
PENNSYLVANIA	6	6
PUERTO RICO	2	2
RHODE ISLAND	1	1
SOUTH CAROLINA	2	2
SOUTH DAKOTA	1	1
TENNESSEE	3	3
TEXAS	11	11
UTAH	1	1
VERMONT	1	1
VIRGIN ISLANDS	1	0.25
VIRGINIA	4	4
WASHINGTON	4	4
WEST VIRGINIA	1	1
WISCONSIN	3	3
WYOMING	1	1
TOTAL	162	158.25



Appendix E

Presidential Candidate Written Affirmation

Pursuant to Article IV of the Call for the 2028 Democratic National Convention, I hereby affirm that, upon publicly announcing my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States in the 2028 election, I am a member of the Democratic Party. I will run as a Democrat, accept the nomination of my Party, and I will serve as a Democrat if elected. I understand that signing this form does not supplant any legal or Party requirement by any state or territory to qualify for ballot placement in that jurisdiction.

Further, I acknowledge that in submitting this form to the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, I am subject to the provisions of Rule 13.K of the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2028 Democratic National Convention* and Article VI of the *Call for the 2028 Democratic National Convention* that authorize the National Chairperson to determine whether a presidential candidate has established substantial support for their nomination as the Democratic candidate for the Office of the President of the United States, is a bona fide Democrat whose record of public service, accomplishments, public writings and/or public statements affirmatively demonstrate that the candidate is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, and will participate in the Convention in good faith.

Finally, I acknowledge that I have reviewed and agree to abide by the 2028 Delegate Selection Rules with the full understanding that if I or my campaign violate the Rules, I and my campaign will be subject to the sanctions as outlined in Rule 21.

Print or Type Candidate's name

Candidate's signature

Date

Campaign Point of Contact:

Name

Phone

Email

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NOTARY AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on this ____ day of _____, 20____, personally appeared before me _____, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and swore and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purpose and in the capacity therein expressed, and that the statements contained therein are true and correct.

Notary Public, State of _____

Name, Typed or Printed: _____

My Commission Expires: _____