



Democratic National Committee

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

For consideration at the Democratic National Committee meetings, August 19-20, 2010.

Synopsis of Amendment

Updates language to reflect modifications in the proposed *2012 Delegate Selection Rules* pertaining to Unpledged Add-on Delegates

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The following amendment to the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States will be considered by the DNC Executive Committee at its meeting August 19, 2010, in conjunction with the meetings of the Democratic National Committee, August 19-20, 2010.

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[Proposed amendment updates the Charter to reflect the proposed 2012 Delegate Selection Rules which include a modification in the delegate make-up.]

New language is in bold and underlined (“**abc”**).
Deleted language is indicated with a strikeout (“~~abc~~”).

CHARTER

ARTICLE TWO

National Convention

Section 4. The National Convention shall be composed of delegates equally divided between men and women. The delegates shall be chosen through processes which:

- (h) notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Section:
 - (i) provide for all of the members of the Democratic National Committee to serve as unpledged delegates,
 - ~~(ii) provide for each state, territory or commonwealth to select a number of unpledged delegates equal to one (1) such delegate for every four (4) votes on the Democratic National Committee from that state, territory or commonwealth, pursuant to Article Three, Section 2(a) and 2(b) of the Charter, and~~
 - ~~(iii)~~ **(ii)** permit unpledged delegates consisting of:
 - 1) the President and Vice President of the United States, if Democrats,
 - 2) the Democratic members of the United States Senate and the Democratic members of the House of Representatives,
 - 3) the Democratic Governors,
 - 4) former Democratic Presidents and Vice Presidents of the United States,
 - 5) former Democratic Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate,
 - 6) former Democratic Speakers and Minority Leaders of the United States House of Representatives,
 - 7) former Chairs of the Democratic National Committee,
 - 8) such delegates shall not be permitted to have alternates and such delegates shall constitute an exception to Subsection (b) of this Section 4.