



DEMOCRATS
DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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

For consideration at the Democratic National Committee meeting, August 23, 2012.

Synopsis of Amendment

Proposed amendment addresses the gender balance requirements for DNC Officers.

Proposed by

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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 Rules and Bylaws Committee at their meeting prior to the meeting of the Democratic National Committee, August 22-23, 2012.

Submitted by: James Roosevelt, Jr., At-Large / Massachusetts

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

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

Insert sections and renumber or re-letter accordingly.

CHARTER

ARTICLE THREE

Democratic National Committee

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(e) providing for the election or appointment of a Chairperson, five Vice Chairpersons, ~~three of whom shall be of the opposite sex of the Chairperson~~, one of whom shall be the President of the Association of State Democratic Chairs and one of whom shall be the Vice Chairperson for Voter Registration and Participation, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a National Finance Chair and other appropriate officers of the National Committee, **who, with the exception of the Chairperson and the President of the Association of State Democratic Chairs, shall be as equally divided as practicable according to gender**, and for the filling of vacancies, **all in accordance with Rules of Procedure adopted by the Democratic National Committee**; and

ARTICLE NINE

General Provisions

Section 16. **Except as otherwise provided herein**, ~~¶~~ the membership of the Democratic National Committee, the Executive Committee, Democratic state central committees, and all national official Party Conventions, committees, commissions, and like bodies shall be **as** equally divided **as practicable** ~~between men and women~~ **according to gender**. State Parties shall take provable positive steps to achieve legislative changes to bring the law into compliance with this provision wherever this provision conflicts with state statutes.

BYLAWS

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