



Democratic National Committee

# CALL

For the 2012 Democratic National  
Convention

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**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 September 3, 2012, in Location TBA, 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 2012 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 H<sup>1</sup>.
- B. A base of 3,700 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:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{SDV\ 2000 + SDV\ 2004 + SDV\ 2008}{TDV\ 2000 + TDV\ 2004 + TDV\ 2008} + \frac{SEV}{538} \right)$$

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 3,700. 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 stage of the presidential nomination process takes place during 2012 shall be divided into Stages as follows:

Stage I: The earliest date specified in Rule 11 of the Delegate Selection Rules through March 31, 2012, inclusive.

Stage II: April 1 through April 30, 2012, inclusive.

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix B for the allocation of delegates and alternates.

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- 1 Stage III: May 1 through June 10, 2012,  
2 inclusive.
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- 4 2. A percentage of the base delegate votes  
5 determined pursuant to paragraphs B  
6 and E shall be added to the number of  
7 base pledged delegates otherwise  
8 determined pursuant to those  
9 paragraphs, for the purpose of  
10 increasing the size of the base pledged  
11 delegation, as follows:
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- 13 a. for any state in which the meeting,  
14 caucus, convention or primary  
15 which constitutes the first  
16 determining stage in the  
17 presidential nomination process in  
18 that state occurs in 2012 on a date in  
19 Stage II, the percentage shall be 10  
20 percent; and in which the meeting,  
21 caucus, convention or primary  
22 which constitutes the first  
23 determining stage in the  
24 presidential nomination process in  
25 that state occurs in 2012 on a date in  
26 Stage III, the percentage shall be 20  
27 percent.
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- 29 b. for any state in which the meeting,  
30 caucus, convention or primary  
31 which constitutes the first  
32 determining stage in the  
33 presidential nomination process in  
34 that state is held in a regional  
35 cluster, that percentage shall be an  
36 additional 15 percent added onto  
37 the base delegate vote without  
38 accounting for any adjustments  
39 made pursuant to Article I.C.2.a.  
40 States deemed to qualify as a  
41 regional cluster shall have contests  
42 that are:
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- 44 i. held in conjunction with  
45 at least two other  
46 neighboring states  
47 holding similar contests;  
48 and  
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- 50 ii. on or after the third  
51 Tuesday in March.
- 52 D. Fifteen percent (15%) of the base delegate  
53 votes determined pursuant to paragraphs B  
54 and E shall be added to the number of votes  
55 allocated for the purpose of representing  
56 pledged Party and Elected Official  
57 delegates. For purposes of this paragraph,  
58 the number of base delegate votes  
59 determined pursuant to paragraph B shall  
60 be the number determined thereunder after  
61 rounding. Fractions of .5 and above  
62 resulting from the multiplication required  
63 by this paragraph are rounded up to the  
64 next highest integer.
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- 66 E. American Samoa, Guam and the Virgin  
67 Islands will each receive six (6) at-large  
68 delegate votes. Democrats Abroad will  
69 receive twelve (12) at-large and one (1)  
70 pledged Party and Elected Official delegate  
71 votes. Puerto Rico will receive forty-four  
72 (44) base delegate votes.
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- 74 F. Unpledged votes shall be allocated to each  
75 delegation to accommodate the members of  
76 the Democratic National Committee from  
77 that state or territory in which they legally  
78 reside. The size of such a member's vote  
79 (i.e., whole or fractional) shall be the same  
80 size as that which he or she is allowed to  
81 cast at meetings of the Democratic National  
82 Committee. Additional unpledged  
83 delegates shall be allocated for other officers  
84 serving in three (3) positions created by the  
85 Democratic National Committee in  
86 accordance with Article 3, Section 1.e. of the  
87 Charter of the Democratic Party of the  
88 United States.
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- 90 G. Unpledged votes shall be allocated to  
91 provide for the Democratic President, the  
92 Democratic Vice President, and all former  
93 Democratic Presidents, all former  
94 Democratic Vice Presidents, all former  
95 Democratic Leaders of the United States  
96 Senate, all former Democratic Speakers of  
97 the United States House of Representatives  
98 and Democratic Minority Leaders, as  
99 applicable, and all former Chairpersons of

1 the Democratic National Committee.<sup>2</sup> Such  
2 delegates shall be seated with the state  
3 delegations from the state in which they  
4 have their voting residences.

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6 H. Additional unpledged votes shall be added  
7 if needed to provide for the Democratic  
8 Governor<sup>3</sup> (if any) from that state or  
9 territory and for the Democratic Members of  
10 the United States House of Representatives  
11 and Democratic United States Senators from  
12 that state or territory (if any).<sup>4</sup>

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14 I. Each state, the District of Columbia and  
15 Puerto Rico may select a number of  
16 alternates equivalent to one (1) alternate for  
17 every twelve (12) Convention votes received  
18 by it pursuant to paragraphs B, C, D, and E,  
19 provided, however, that each such  
20 delegation shall have at least two (2)  
21 alternates. American Samoa, Democrats  
22 Abroad, Guam and the Virgin Islands shall  
23 each have one (1) alternate. Fractions of .5  
24 and above are rounded up to the next  
25 highest integer. It is further provided that  
26 each state shall have the number of  
27 additional at-large alternates necessary to  
28 provide at least one alternate for each  
29 presidential candidate who is entitled to  
30 delegates from that state, if the DNC Rules  
31 and Bylaws Committee determines that the  
32 number of alternates allocated to the state is  
33 not sufficient for each presidential candidate  
34 to have at least one alternate.

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36 J. Members of the Democratic National  
37 Committee and delegates selected pursuant  
38 to paragraphs G, and H will be ineligible to  
39 serve as delegates under any other category  
40 and may hold no more than one (1) vote.  
41 Democratic Governors, Democratic  
42 Members of the United States House of  
43 Representatives and Democratic United

44 States Senators who are members of the  
45 Democratic National Committee shall serve  
46 as delegates by virtue of their membership  
47 on the National Committee.

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49 **II. Qualifications of State**  
50 **Delegations**

51  
52 A. Notice is hereby given that delegates,  
53 alternates and standing committee members  
54 to the Democratic National Convention  
55 shall be elected in accordance with the  
56 Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party  
57 of the United States, the Delegate Selection  
58 Rules for the 2012 Democratic National  
59 Convention, the Call for the 2012  
60 Democratic National Convention, and the  
61 Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws  
62 Committee. The DNC Rules and Bylaws  
63 Committee shall have the final authority to  
64 regulate the delegate selection process,  
65 subject to the authority of the Convention  
66 Credentials Committee and the Democratic  
67 National Convention. It shall be the duty of  
68 the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee to  
69 administer the delegate selection process  
70 and ensure compliance with the rules,  
71 including equal division, and report to the  
72 Secretary of the Democratic National  
73 Committee those states which are in non-  
74 compliance. Only delegates and alternates  
75 selected under a delegate selection  
76 procedure approved by the DNC Rules and  
77 Bylaws Committee and in accordance with  
78 the rules shall be placed on the Temporary  
79 Roll of the 2012 Democratic National  
80 Convention. Only standing committee  
81 members and convention pages chosen  
82 pursuant to a state delegate selection plan  
83 found in compliance with the rules by the  
84 DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall be  
85 qualified to serve in their respective  
86 capacities.

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88 B. It is understood that a State Democratic  
89 Party, in electing and certifying delegates  
90 and alternates to the Democratic National  
91 Convention, thereby undertakes to assure  
92 all Democratic voters in the state full, timely

<sup>2</sup> Former Chairpersons of the Democratic National Committee shall include National Chairs and General Chairs.

<sup>3</sup> The Mayor of the District of Columbia, if a Democrat, shall be treated as a Democratic Governor.

<sup>4</sup> The District of Columbia's Statehood Senators, if Democrats, shall be treated as Democratic United States Senators.

1 and equal opportunity to participate in the  
2 delegate selection process and in all Party  
3 affairs and to implement affirmative action  
4 plans and inclusion programs toward that  
5 end, and that the delegates and alternates to  
6 the Convention shall be selected in  
7 accordance with the Delegate Selection  
8 Rules for the 2012 Democratic National  
9 Convention adopted by the Democratic  
10 National Committee on ~~August 19, 2006~~  
11 **Date TBA**. Furthermore, voters in the state  
12 will have the opportunity to cast their  
13 election ballots for the Presidential and Vice  
14 Presidential nominees selected by said  
15 Convention, and for electors pledged  
16 formally and in good conscience to the  
17 election of these Presidential and Vice  
18 Presidential nominees, under the label and  
19 designation of the Democratic Party of the  
20 United States, and that the delegates it  
21 certified will not publicly support or  
22 campaign for any candidate for President or  
23 Vice President other than the nominees of  
24 the Democratic National Convention.

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26 C. It is presumed that the delegates to the  
27 Democratic National Convention, when  
28 certified pursuant to the Call, are bona fide  
29 Democrats who are faithful to the interests,  
30 welfare and success of the Democratic Party  
31 of the United States, who subscribe to the  
32 substance, intent and principles of the  
33 Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic  
34 Party of the United States, and who will  
35 participate in the Convention in good faith.  
36 Therefore, no additional assurances shall be  
37 required of delegates to the Democratic  
38 National Convention in the absence of a  
39 credentials contest or challenge.  
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41 **III. Delegate Selection**  
42 **Deadline**

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44 All state parties are required to take all steps  
45 necessary and appropriate to complete the  
46 process of selecting delegates to the 2012  
47 Democratic National Convention no later than  
48 June 23, 2012.  
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50 **IV. Certification Requirements**

51  
52 A. Pledged Delegates and Alternates: Each  
53 state's Democratic Chair shall certify in  
54 writing to the Secretary of the Democratic  
55 National Committee the election of his or  
56 her state's delegates and alternates to the  
57 Democratic National Convention ten (10)  
58 days after their election. For the purposes  
59 of this Call, the Chair of a committee  
60 constituted pursuant to Rule 20.C. of the  
61 Delegate Selection Rules, shall be  
62 recognized to act in place of the state's  
63 Democratic Chair.

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65 B. Unpledged Delegates:

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67 1. Pursuant to Rule 9.A. of the Delegate  
68 Selection Rules, official confirmation by  
69 the Secretary of the Democratic National  
70 Committee to each State Democratic  
71 Chair shall constitute verification of the  
72 following unpledged delegates:  
73 members of the Democratic National  
74 Committee; the Democratic President,  
75 Vice President and Democratic  
76 Governor, if applicable; all Democratic  
77 members of the United States House of  
78 Representatives and all Democratic  
79 members of the United States Senate;  
80 and all former Democratic Presidents,  
81 Vice Presidents, Democratic Leaders of  
82 the United States Senate, Speakers and  
83 Democratic Minority Leaders of the  
84 United States House of Representatives,  
85 and Chairs of the Democratic National  
86 Committee.

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88 C. Presidential Preference:

89  
90 Ten (10) days after the completion of the  
91 state's delegate selection process, each  
92 state's Democratic Chair shall certify in  
93 writing to the Secretary of the Democratic  
94 National Committee the presidential  
95 preference (including uncommitted) of the  
96 state's delegates.  
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- 1 D. Replacements: 51 death of such delegates. In cases  
2 52 where a state's DNC membership  
3 1. Pledged Delegates and Alternates: 53 changes following the Secretary's  
4 54 official confirmation, but prior to the  
5 Replacement of a delegate (due to 55 commencement of the 2012  
6 resignation or death) by an alternate 56 Democratic National Convention,  
7 and replacement of a vacant alternate 57 acknowledgment by the Secretary of  
8 position shall be certified in writing by 58 the certification of the new DNC  
9 the State's Democratic Chair to the 59 member shall constitute verification  
10 Secretary of the Democratic National 60 of the corresponding change of  
11 Committee (pursuant to Rule 18 of the 61 unpledged delegates.  
12 Delegate Selection Rules) within three 62  
13 (3) days after the replacement is 63 c. Delegates allocated pursuant to  
14 selected. Certification of replacements 64 Articles I.F., I.G. and I.H. of this Call  
15 will be accepted by the Secretary up to 65 shall not be entitled to name a  
16 48 hours before the first official session 66 replacement, nor shall the state be  
17 of the Convention is scheduled to 67 entitled to a replacement.  
18 convene. 68  
19 69 E. Delegation Chair: Each delegation shall  
20 2. Unpledged Delegates: 70 select one (1) person to serve as Delegation  
21 71 Chair. The State Chair shall certify the  
22 a. Members of Congress and 72 Delegation Chair. Such certification shall be  
23 Democratic Governors shall not be 73 in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic  
24 entitled to name a replacement. In 74 National Committee within three (3) days  
25 the event of any changes or 75 after the position is filled, which shall be no  
26 vacancies in a state's Democratic 76 later than the date by which the state  
27 congressional delegation following 77 certifies its standing committee members.  
28 the official confirmation and prior to 78  
29 the commencement of the National 79 F. Convention Pages:  
30 Convention, the Secretary shall 80  
31 recognize only such changes as have 81 1. A base of 150 Convention Pages shall be  
32 been officially recognized by the 82 allocated among the 56 delegations as  
33 Democratic Caucus of the United 83 follows:<sup>5</sup>  
34 States House of Representatives or 84  
35 the Democratic Conference of the 85 a. Each of the 50 States, the District of  
36 United States Senate. In the event of 86 Columbia and Puerto Rico shall  
37 a change or vacancy in a state's 87 have a minimum of two (2) pages.  
38 office of Governor following the 88  
39 official confirmation and prior to the 89 b. One (1) additional page will be  
40 commencement of the National 90 allocated to a state for every fifty  
41 Convention, the Secretary shall 91 (50) additional delegate votes.  
42 recognize only such changes as have 92 Fractions of .5 and above are  
43 been officially recognized by the 93 rounded up to the next highest  
44 Democratic Governors' Association. 94 integer.  
45 95  
46 b. Members of the Democratic 96 c. American Samoa, Democrats  
47 National Committee shall not be 97 Abroad, Guam and the Virgin  
48 entitled to a replacement, nor shall 98 Islands shall each be allocated one  
49 the state be entitled to a 99 (1) page.  
50 replacement, except in the case of

<sup>5</sup> See Appendix C for the allocation of Convention Pages.

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- 1 2. The National Chairperson of the  
2 Democratic National Committee may  
3 select not more than twenty-five (25)  
4 pages to assist him/her and the  
5 Democratic National Convention  
6 Committee in carrying out the work of  
7 the Convention.  
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- 9 3. The State Chair shall certify the  
10 person(s) to serve as the Delegation's  
11 Convention Page(s), as allocated to the  
12 delegation by this section. Such  
13 certification shall be in writing to the  
14 Secretary of the Democratic National  
15 Committee and shall be made no later  
16 than the time the state certifies its  
17 standing committee members pursuant  
18 to Article VIII.B.3. of this Call. The  
19 National Chairperson of the Democratic  
20 National Committee shall certify the  
21 person(s) to serve as the Chair's  
22 Convention Page(s), as allocated to the  
23 National Chairperson by this section.  
24 Such certification shall be in writing to  
25 the Secretary of the Democratic National  
26 Committee and shall be made within  
27 three (3) days after these positions are  
28 filled, but in any event, no later than  
29 June 23, 2012.  
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- 31 G. Certification Requirements: Each  
32 certification required herein will include full  
33 name, address and other information as  
34 required by the Secretary of the Democratic  
35 National Committee.  
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- 37 **V. The 2012 Democratic**  
38 **National Convention**  
39 **Committee, Inc.**  
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- 41 A. The Democratic National Committee, acting  
42 under its authority to plan, arrange, manage  
43 and conduct the Democratic National  
44 Convention, hereby ratifies the  
45 establishment and organization of the 2012  
46 Democratic National Convention  
47 Committee, Inc. (the "DNCC") for the 2012  
48 Democratic National Convention.  
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- 50 B. The DNCC shall exercise the authority of  
51 the Democratic National Committee and the  
52 Democratic National Convention in  
53 entering into contracts relating to all  
54 business and financial matters connected  
55 with the conduct of the 2012 Democratic  
56 National Convention.  
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- 58 C. The DNCC shall make every effort to  
59 exercise its authority in accordance with the  
60 following guidelines, subject to Rule 20.C. of  
61 the Delegate Selection Rules:  
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- 63 1. Contractors: The DNCC shall as a policy  
64 seek to engage the services of unionized  
65 firms, including those owned by  
66 minorities, women and people with  
67 disabilities.  
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  - 69 2. Housing: The DNCC shall design and  
70 implement a fair and equitable system  
71 by which hotel facilities shall be  
72 allocated to eligible state delegations  
73 and to presidential candidates.  
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  - 75 3. Delegate and Alternate Seating in  
76 Convention Hall: The DNCC shall  
77 design and implement a fair and  
78 equitable system by which the location  
79 of each eligible state delegation's seating  
80 in the Convention Hall shall be  
81 determined. Alternates shall be  
82 afforded preferential seating, as close to  
83 delegate seating as arrangements will  
84 permit. Members of Democratic  
85 National Convention Standing  
86 Committees who are not already  
87 delegates or alternates shall be afforded  
88 guest seating for each session of the  
89 Convention proceedings.  
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  - 91 4. Delegates' and Alternates' Credentials:  
92 The state's delegate and alternate  
93 credentials shall be distributed to the  
94 Chair of the state delegation from the  
95 DNCC's credentials office.  
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  - 97 5. Floor Access: Floor access shall be given  
98 to delegates, alternates replacing  
99 delegates, the highest ranking

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- 1 Democratic official in each state that 52 authorized by these guidelines or by  
2 does not have a Democratic Governor, 53 the DNCC shall be permitted on the  
3 each State Democratic Party’s Executive 54 floor of the Convention.  
4 Director, such number of 55  
5 representatives of the presidential 56  
6 candidates as may be deemed necessary 57  
7 by the DNCC, and such press personnel 58  
8 and other personnel as may be 59  
9 determined by the DNCC to be 60  
10 necessary for the proper functioning of 61  
11 the Convention and which does not 62  
12 compromise security and safety 63  
13 requirements. 64  
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15 6. Visitor’s Seating: Seats for members- 65  
16 elect of the Democratic National 66  
17 Committee as certified by the state’s 67  
18 Democratic Chair, guests and other 68  
19 observers shall be allocated for and shall 69  
20 be fairly apportioned to the states 70  
21 according to each state’s relative 71  
22 delegate strength. The Delegation Chair 72  
23 and the State Democratic Chair shall 73  
24 each be given one half of the credentials 74  
25 for guest seats apportioned to the state 75  
26 pursuant to this paragraph. Presidential 76  
27 preference shall be taken into account in 77  
28 the distribution of guest credentials. 78  
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30 7. Communications: 80  
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32 a. Microphones: Each state shall be 81  
33 provided one (1) floor microphone 82  
34 which shall be located at the 83  
35 position of the Chair of the state 84  
36 delegation. Each delegate shall have 85  
37 access to the microphone. 86  
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39 b. Telephones: Adequate provisions 87  
40 shall be made for communication 88  
41 between the floor and the Chair of 89  
42 the Convention so as to advise the 90  
43 Chair of the identity of any delegate 91  
44 seeking recognition to speak and the 92  
45 purpose for which recognition is 93  
46 sought. One (1) such telephone 94  
47 shall be provided for each state 95  
48 delegation. 96  
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50 c. General: No communication 97  
51 equipment other than that 98  
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8. Facilities for Presidential Candidates:  
The National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer of the DNCC 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 pencil press, radio, internet, 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 DNCC.
10. Security: Coordination for security within the Convention Hall, premises and surrounding area shall be under the authority of the DNCC.
11. Financial Reports: The DNCC shall file with the Federal Election Commission (“FEC”) all financial reports required by the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and applicable FEC regulations.

## VI. Presidential Candidates

The term “presidential candidate” herein shall mean any person who, as determined by the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, has accrued delegates in the nominating process and plans to seek the

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1 nomination, has established substantial support  
2 for his or her nomination as the Democratic  
3 candidate for the Office of the President of the  
4 United States, is a bona fide Democrat whose  
5 record of public service, accomplishment, public  
6 writings and/or public statements affirmatively  
7 demonstrates that he or she is faithful to the  
8 interests, welfare and success of the Democratic  
9 Party of the United States, and will participate  
10 in the Convention in good faith.

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### 12 **VII. Standing Committees on** 13 **Platform, Rules, and** 14 **Credentials of the 2012** 15 **Democratic National** 16 **Convention**

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18 The Democratic National Committee, acting  
19 under its authority to issue the Call and  
20 establish the standing committees of the  
21 National Convention, hereby creates and  
22 organizes the Standing Committees on  
23 Platform, Rules, and Credentials of the 2012  
24 Democratic National Convention. The  
25 jurisdiction and rules of procedure of each  
26 standing committee are set forth in this Call to  
27 the 2012 Democratic National Convention.  
28 Each standing committee may, by a majority of  
29 the members voting, adopt additional rules of  
30 procedure for the conduct of its business not  
31 inconsistent with this Call. The Democratic  
32 National Committee shall publish and make  
33 available all relevant requirements and  
34 deadlines for submitting proposals for  
35 consideration by the standing committees. Such  
36 information shall be distributed to the standing  
37 committee members and made available to the  
38 public as early as practicable before the  
39 committees meet.

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41 A. Membership: Subject to Rule 20.C. of the  
42 Delegate Selection Rules, each standing  
43 committee shall be composed of:

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45 1. Base: A base of 161 members, casting  
46 158 votes, allocated to the states and  
47 territories in accordance with the same  
48 distribution formula used to allocate

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delegates to the Democratic National  
Convention.<sup>6</sup>

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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. 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

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.

5. Proxies: As the standing committees are  
deliberative bodies of the National  
Convention, proxy voting by standing

<sup>6</sup> See **Appendix D** for the allocation of standing committee members.

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- 1 committee members shall not be  
2 permitted.  
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- 4 6. Subcommittees: Any subcommittee of  
5 the standing committees of the National  
6 Convention shall be composed only of  
7 members of standing committees,  
8 except that these subcommittees may be  
9 chaired by persons other than members  
10 of the committee.  
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- 12 B. Election:  
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- 14 1. The members of the standing  
15 committees allocated to the states and  
16 territories shall be elected by each state's  
17 National Convention delegates present  
18 at a meeting of which adequate notice of  
19 time and place shall be given and at  
20 which a quorum of the state's delegates  
21 shall be present. Such meeting shall be  
22 held in accordance with procedures  
23 approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws  
24 Committee and consistent with this Call.  
25 Such meeting shall take place within 14  
26 days after the final selection of a state's  
27 delegation, but no such meeting shall be  
28 held after June 23, 2012.  
29
- 30 2. The members of the standing  
31 committees allocated as Party Leaders  
32 and Elected Officials shall be elected by  
33 the Executive Committee of the  
34 Democratic National Committee during  
35 the calendar year of the National  
36 Convention upon nomination received  
37 from the National Chairperson of the  
38 Democratic National Committee, after  
39 consultation with the State Chairs from  
40 those states from which members are  
41 contemplated to be nominated. Said  
42 members must be elected at a meeting  
43 of the Executive Committee or by mail  
44 ballot no later than 30 days prior to the  
45 date of the standing committee meeting.  
46
- 47 3. Each state's Democratic Chair shall  
48 certify in writing to the Secretary of the  
49 Democratic National Committee his or  
50 her state's standing committee members
- 51 within three (3) days after their  
52 selection. The National Chairperson of  
53 the Democratic National Committee  
54 shall certify in writing to the Secretary  
55 of the Democratic National Committee  
56 the Party Leader and Elected Official  
57 standing committee members within  
58 three (3) days after their election.  
59 Certification of each person will include  
60 full name, address and other  
61 information as required by the Secretary  
62 of the Democratic National Committee.  
63
- 64 4. No substitutions will be permitted in the  
65 case of standing committee members,  
66 except in the case of resignation or  
67 death. Substitutions must be made in  
68 accordance with the election procedures  
69 specified in Article VII.B., C., D. and E.,  
70 and must be certified in writing to the  
71 Secretary of the Democratic National  
72 Committee, in accordance with  
73 procedures specified in Article VII.B.3.  
74 Substitutions of standing committee  
75 members are encouraged to be made up  
76 to forty-eight (48) hours prior to the  
77 time the standing committee meets,  
78 except in the case of death.  
79
- 80 5. Any challenge to the credentials of a  
81 standing committee member shall be  
82 considered and resolved by the affected  
83 standing committee in accordance with  
84 Appendix A of this Call. The DNC  
85 Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have  
86 jurisdiction over challenges brought  
87 before the 56th day preceding the date  
88 of commencement of the Democratic  
89 National Convention.  
90
- 91 C. Presidential Preference:  
92
- 93 1. The members of the standing  
94 committees allocated to the states and  
95 territories shall proportionately  
96 represent the presidential preference of  
97 all candidates (including uncommitted  
98 status) receiving the threshold  
99 percentage used in that state's  
100 delegation to calculate the at-large

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- 1 apportionment pursuant to Rule 13.E. of 51 conducted to distribute the additional  
2 the Delegate Selection Rules, provided, 52 positions.  
3 however, that members of the standing 53  
4 committees from primary states shall be 54 D. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval:  
5 allocated to presidential candidates 55  
6 (including uncommitted status) based 56 1. Each presidential candidate or that  
7 on the statewide popular vote. 57 candidate's representative authorized  
8 58 pursuant to Rule 12.D.1. of the 2012  
9 2. The presidential preference percentage 59 Delegate Selection Rules shall be given  
10 of each candidate receiving the 60 adequate notice of the meeting of the  
11 applicable percentage or more within 61 state's delegation authorized to select  
12 the delegation shall be multiplied by the 62 standing committee members.  
13 total number of standing committee 63  
14 positions allocated to that state or 64 2. The delegation shall select the standing  
15 territorial delegation. If the result of 65 committee members submitted by the  
16 such multiplication does not equal 0.455 66 presidential candidates (including  
17 or above, the presidential preference in 67 uncommitted status), and presidential  
18 question is not entitled to representation 68 candidates shall not be required to  
19 on the standing committee. If the result 69 submit the name of more than one  
20 of such multiplication is 0.455 but less 70 person for each slot awarded to such  
21 than 1.455, the presidential preference in 71 candidate for members of standing  
22 question is entitled to one (1) position. 72 committees. Provided further, that  
23 Those preferences securing more than 73 presidential candidates (including  
24 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to 74 uncommitted status) shall use their best  
25 two (2) positions, etc. 75 efforts to ensure that the name or names  
26 76 of standing committee members  
27 3. Where the application of this formula 77 submitted help achieve the affirmative  
28 results in the total allocation exceeding 78 action goals established by the state's  
29 the total number of committee positions, 79 Delegate Selection Plan.  
30 the presidential candidate whose 80  
31 original figure of representation is 81 E. Division Between Men and Women:  
32 farthest from its eventual rounded-off 82  
33 total shall be denied that one (1) 83  
34 additional position. Where the 84  
35 application of this formula results in the 85  
36 total allocation falling short of the total 86  
37 number of committee positions, the 87  
38 presidential candidate whose original 88  
39 figure of representation is closest to the 89  
40 next rounding level shall be allotted an 90  
41 additional committee position. 91  
42 92  
43 4. Standing committee positions allocated 93  
44 to a presidential candidate shall be 94  
45 proportionately allocated, to the extent 95  
46 practicable, to each of the three standing 96  
47 committees. When such allocation 97  
48 results in an unequal distribution of 98  
49 standing committee positions by 99  
50 candidate preference, a drawing shall be 100

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1 Committee has certified to the Secretary  
2 of the Democratic National Committee  
3 that such state's standing committee  
4 delegation complies with this equal  
5 division rule. It is the duty of the DNC  
6 Rules and Bylaws Committee to  
7 determine such compliance as soon as  
8 practicable following the certification of  
9 the state's standing committee  
10 members.

11  
12 2. The Party Leader and Elected Official  
13 membership of the standing committees  
14 elected by the Executive Committee of  
15 the Democratic National Committee  
16 shall be divided among men and  
17 women so that the variance between  
18 men and women does not exceed one  
19 (1), and the advantaged gender must  
20 not remain constant for the three  
21 standing committees.

### 22 23 F. Chairs of Standing Committees:

24  
25 1. The Chair(s) of each Standing  
26 Committee shall be elected by the  
27 Executive Committee of the Democratic  
28 National Committee upon nomination  
29 of the National Chairperson of the  
30 Democratic National Committee. Co-  
31 Chairs and Vice Chairs may also be  
32 elected in this manner.

33  
34 2. Individuals who are not otherwise  
35 members of the standing committees  
36 who are elected Chair(s), Co-Chair(s) or  
37 Vice Chair(s) thereof shall not have any  
38 voting privileges on the standing  
39 committees, except that the Chair(s),  
40 may vote in the case of a tie.

41  
42 3. The Chair(s) of each standing committee  
43 shall call and preside over each  
44 committee meeting, prepare an agenda  
45 to provide for orderly conduct of the  
46 committee's business, and supervise  
47 preparation of such research studies and  
48 briefing materials as are required to  
49 accomplish the committee's work.

50

### 51 G. Platform Committee:

- 52  
53 1. The Platform Committee shall be  
54 responsible for drafting and  
55 recommending the Platform of the  
56 Democratic Party to the Democratic  
57 National Convention.  
58  
59 2. The Chair(s) of the Platform Committee,  
60 in consultation with the National  
61 Chairperson of the Democratic National  
62 Committee, shall determine the number,  
63 place and time for conducting hearing(s)  
64 and/or forum(s) and name the  
65 presiding panel, who need not be  
66 members of the Platform Committee, for  
67 each hearing and/or forum. Any  
68 person may submit a written statement  
69 concerning the Platform to the Platform  
70 Committee at any time prior to the  
71 Platform Committee meeting, and may  
72 request permission to testify at a public  
73 hearing and/or forum.  
74  
75 3. No later than thirty (30) days before the  
76 first meeting of the Platform Committee,  
77 written notice of the date, time, place,  
78 and the tentative agenda of such  
79 meeting shall be sent to all members of  
80 the Platform Committee. A special or  
81 emergency meeting of the Platform  
82 Committee may be held upon call of the  
83 Chair(s) of the Platform Committee with  
84 reasonable notice to the members.  
85  
86 4. Prior to the first meeting of the Platform  
87 Committee, the National Chairperson of  
88 the Democratic National Committee  
89 shall distribute to the members of the  
90 Platform Committee a document  
91 outlining the issues to be considered by  
92 the committee.  
93  
94 5. The National Chairperson of the  
95 Democratic National Committee, in  
96 consultation with the Chair(s) of the  
97 Platform Committee, shall appoint  
98 fifteen (15) persons to serve on a  
99 Platform Drafting Subcommittee and  
100 the National Chairperson of the  
101 Democratic National Committee shall

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- 1 appoint the Chair(s) thereof. In 51  
2 addition, one (1) non-voting member 52  
3 may be appointed by each presidential 53  
4 candidate to serve on the Drafting 54  
5 Subcommittee. The Platform Drafting 55  
6 Subcommittee is considered a 56  
7 subcommittee of the Platform 57  
8 Committee as defined in Article I.A.6 58  
9 provided, however, that members of the 59  
10 Platform Drafting Subcommittee need 60  
11 not be members of the Platform 61  
12 Committee. The Drafting Subcommittee 62  
13 shall be responsible for the drafting of 63  
14 the report of the Platform Committee 64  
15 under the direction and with the 65  
16 approval of the full Platform 66  
17 Committee. 67  
18 68  
19 6. Upon the request of members 69  
20 representing twenty-five percent (25%) 70  
21 of the total votes of the Platform 71  
22 Committee, a minority report shall be 72  
23 prepared for distribution to the 73  
24 Convention delegates and alternates as 74  
25 part of the committee's report. The 75  
26 committee staff shall assist in the 76  
27 preparation of such report. 77  
28 78  
29 7. The report of the Platform Committee 79  
30 and any minority reports shall be 80  
31 distributed to all delegates and 81  
32 alternates, and to the public as soon as 82  
33 practicable after their adoption. 83  
34 84
- 35 H. Rules Committee: 85  
36 86  
37 1. The Rules Committee shall issue a 87  
38 report to the Democratic National 88  
39 Convention recommending the 89  
40 Permanent Rules of the Convention, the 90  
41 Convention agenda, the permanent 91  
42 officers of the Democratic National 92  
43 Convention, amendments to the Charter 93  
44 of the Democratic Party of the United 94  
45 States, and resolutions providing for the 95  
46 consideration of any other matter not 96  
47 provided for in the Permanent Rules of 97  
48 the Convention and not contained in the 98  
49 reports of other standing committees. 99  
50 The foregoing notwithstanding, no 100
- 51 amendment to the Charter of the  
52 Democratic Party shall be effective  
53 unless and until it is subsequently  
54 ratified by a vote of the majority of the  
55 entire membership of the Democratic  
56 National Committee.
- 57  
58 2. No later than thirty (30) days before the  
59 first meeting of the Rules Committee,  
60 written notice of the date, time, place,  
61 and the tentative agenda of such  
62 meeting shall be sent to all members of  
63 the Rules Committee. A special or  
64 emergency meeting of the Rules  
65 Committee may be held upon call of the  
66 Chair(s) of the Rules Committee with  
67 reasonable notice to the members.  
68  
69 3. Upon the request of members  
70 representing twenty-five percent (25%)  
71 of the total votes of the Rules  
72 Committee, a minority report shall be  
73 prepared for distribution to the  
74 Convention delegates and alternates as  
75 part of the committee's report. The  
76 committee staff shall assist in the  
77 preparation of such report.  
78  
79 4. The report of the Rules Committee and  
80 any minority reports shall be distributed  
81 to all delegates, alternates, and to the  
82 public as soon as practicable after their  
83 adoption.  
84
- 85 I. Credentials Committee and Procedures for  
86 Challenging Delegates or State Delegations:  
87  
88 1. The Credentials Committee shall  
89 determine and resolve questions  
90 concerning the seating of delegates and  
91 alternates to the Convention pursuant to  
92 the resolution entitled the "Relationship  
93 Between the 2012 Rules of Procedure of  
94 the Credentials Committee and the 2012  
95 Delegate Selection Rules," which  
96 includes the "Rules of Procedure of the  
97 Credentials Committee of the 2012  
98 Democratic National Convention"  
99 hereby approved and adopted by the  
100 Democratic National Committee, and



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1 set forth in full in the Appendix to this  
2 Call. The committee shall report to the  
3 Convention for final determination and  
4 resolution of all such questions. This  
5 committee does not have authority over  
6 the allocation and distribution of  
7 convention credentials, including passes  
8 for delegates, alternates, guests or press.

- 10 2. Challenges to the seating of any  
11 delegate or alternate shall be in  
12 accordance with the Rules of Procedure  
13 of the Credentials Committee. Any  
14 challenge to the seating of a delegate or  
15 alternate that is not made in conformity  
16 with these rules shall be deemed  
17 waived.
- 19 3. Upon the request of members  
20 representing twenty-five percent (25%)  
21 of the total votes of the Credentials  
22 Committee, a minority report shall be  
23 prepared for distribution to the  
24 Convention delegates and alternates as  
25 part of the committee's report;  
26 provided, however, that no member  
27 elected to the committee by a state  
28 delegation may join in such request as to  
29 a proposed minority report relating to a  
30 credentials challenge to any delegate or  
31 alternate from his or her state. The  
32 committee staff shall assist in the  
33 preparation of such report.
- 35 4. The report of the Credentials Committee  
36 and any minority reports shall be  
37 distributed to all delegates, alternates,  
38 and the public as soon as practicable  
39 after their adoption.

### 41 VIII. Procedural Rules of the 42 2012 Democratic National 43 Convention 44

45 The following Procedural Rules shall serve as  
46 the Temporary Rules of Procedure for the 2012  
47 Democratic National Convention and are  
48 recommended to the Rules Committee and to  
49 the Convention as the Permanent Rules of

50 Procedure for the conduct of the 2012  
51 Democratic National Convention.

#### 52 53 A. Temporary Chair:

- 54  
55 1. The National Chairperson of the  
56 Democratic National Committee shall  
57 call the Convention to order and shall  
58 preside until the Permanent Chair of the  
59 Convention shall be chosen in  
60 accordance with these rules.
- 62 2. The National Chairperson of the  
63 Democratic National Committee shall  
64 appoint a Temporary Secretary and  
65 such other temporary officers as may be  
66 required to assist in the conduct of the  
67 business of the Convention. These  
68 officers shall be composed equally of  
69 men and women.

#### 70 71 B. Temporary Roll:

- 72  
73 1. The Secretary of the Democratic  
74 National Committee shall determine a  
75 Temporary Roll of delegates to the  
76 Convention which shall consist only of  
77 those persons selected and certified as  
78 delegates in accordance with the Rules  
79 and pursuant to this Call, unless a  
80 credentials contest shall have arisen  
81 with respect to any such person(s), in  
82 which case the Secretary shall include  
83 on the Temporary Roll the name of the  
84 credentials contestant recommended for  
85 inclusion by the Credentials Committee  
86 in its report.
- 88 2. Persons whose names are included on  
89 the Temporary Roll of delegates shall be  
90 permitted to vote on all matters before  
91 the Convention until after the adoption  
92 of the report of the Credentials  
93 Committee; provided that no person  
94 shall be permitted to vote on his or her  
95 credentials contest.

96  
97 C. Order of Business: The order of business for  
98 the Democratic National Convention shall  
99 be as provided in these rules and in any

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- 1 special order of business adopted under 52  
2 Section D. of these rules. The Chair of the 53  
3 Convention may, at appropriate times, 54  
4 interrupt the order of business provided for 55  
5 in these rules for introductions, 56  
6 announcements, addresses, presentations, 57  
7 resolutions of tribute and appreciation, or 58  
8 remarks appropriate to the business of the 59  
9 Convention. 60  
10  
11 1. Report of the Committee on Credentials: 61  
12 The Report of the Credentials 62  
13 Committee shall be acted upon before 63  
14 the consideration of other business. 64  
15  
16 a. The Temporary Chair shall 65  
17 recognize the Chair(s) of the 66  
18 Credentials Committee for up to 67  
19 thirty (30) minutes to present the 68  
20 committee's report unless a longer 69  
21 period of time shall be provided in a 70  
22 special order of business agreed 71  
23 upon by the Convention. The 72  
24 Chair(s) of the committee may 73  
25 present committee amendments, 74  
26 yield part of his or her time to others 75  
27 and may yield for the presentation 76  
28 and disposition of minority reports 77  
29 without losing the right to the floor. 78  
30  
31 b. The Temporary Chair shall arrange 79  
32 for the orderly presentation of 80  
33 amendments and of minority 81  
34 reports offered at the direction of 82  
35 the committee. Twenty (20) minutes 83  
36 shall be allowed for the presentation 84  
37 of each committee amendment or 85  
38 minority report unless a longer 86  
39 period for any committee 87  
40 amendment or minority report is 88  
41 provided in special orders of 89  
42 business agreed to by the 90  
43 Convention. Time shall be allotted 91  
44 equally to proponents and 92  
45 opponents of each committee 93  
46 amendment or minority report. The 94  
47 questions shall be put on each 95  
48 committee amendment or minority 96  
49 report immediately following its 97  
50 presentation without intervening 98  
51 motion. 99  
100  
101
- 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  
favorable 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 which calls  
for alternating the Convention Chair  
by gender, the Permanent Chair of  
the 2012 Democratic National  
Convention shall be a male.

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| 1  | b. The Chair(s) of the Rules Committee    | 51 | nominating and seconding speeches       |
| 2  | shall be recognized to offer a            | 52 | on behalf of a presidential candidate   |
| 3  | nomination for Convention Chair as        | 53 | and shall be delivered to the           |
| 4  | recommended by the Committee on           | 54 | Convention Secretary at a location      |
| 5  | Rules. Nominations from the floor         | 55 | as specified by the Secretary no later  |
| 6  | shall then be received.                   | 56 | than 6:00 p.m. of the day preceding     |
| 7  |   | 57 | the day designated for the              |
| 8  | c. When there are no further              | 58 | commencement of presidential            |
| 9  | nominations or upon adoption of a         | 59 | nominations.                            |
| 10 | motion to close nominations, the          | 60 |   |
| 11 | Temporary Chair of the Convention         | 61 | b. Each such request must be            |
| 12 | shall conduct a vote for Permanent        | 62 | accompanied by a petition               |
| 13 | Convention Chair.                         | 63 | indicating support for the proposed     |
| 14 |   | 64 | nominee signed by delegates             |
| 15 | d. A majority vote of the delegates       | 65 | representing not less than 300 or       |
| 16 | present and voting shall be required      | 66 | more than 600 delegate votes, not       |
| 17 | to elect the Convention Chair.            | 67 | more than 50 of which may come          |
| 18 | Balloting shall continue until a Chair    | 68 | from one (1) delegation. A delegate     |
| 19 | is elected. The Permanent Chair           | 69 | may not sign more than one (1)          |
| 20 | shall then take the gavel.                | 70 | nominating petition for president       |
| 21 |   | 71 | and for vice president.                 |
| 22 | 4. Convention Co-Chairs: The Convention   | 72 |   |
| 23 | shall proceed to elect Co-Chairs and a    | 73 | c. The order for nominating             |
| 24 | Secretary in the same manner in which     | 74 | presidential candidates shall be        |
| 25 | it elected the Chair. The Co-Chairs shall | 75 | determined by the National              |
| 26 | be divided equally between men and        | 76 | Chairperson of the Democratic           |
| 27 | women.                                    | 77 | National Committee, the Permanent       |
| 28 |   | 78 | Chair of the Convention and each        |
| 29 | 5. Committee on Platform: The Permanent   | 79 | presidential candidate, or his or her   |
| 30 | Chair shall recognize the Chair(s) of the | 80 | authorized representative, who          |
| 31 | Platform Committee to present the         | 81 | qualifies to be nominated pursuant      |
| 32 | committee's report and minority           | 82 | to this section.                        |
| 33 | reports, if any, in the same manner as    | 83 |   |
| 34 | that provided for the presentations of    | 84 | d. Each presidential candidate shall be |
| 35 | the reports of the Credentials and Rules  | 85 | allowed a total of twenty (20)          |
| 36 | Committees.                               | 86 | minutes for the presentation of his     |
| 37 |   | 87 | or her name in nomination by            |
| 38 | 6. Nomination of the Democratic           | 88 | nominating and seconding speeches,      |
| 39 | Candidate for President: The Permanent    | 89 | the time to run without interruption    |
| 40 | Chair shall receive nominations from      | 90 | from the recognition of the             |
| 41 | the floor for the Democratic candidate    | 91 | nominator.                              |
| 42 | for the Office of President of the United | 92 |   |
| 43 | States in the following manner:           | 93 | e. Delegates and alternates shall       |
| 44 |   | 94 | maintain order during and               |
| 45 | a. Requests to nominate a presidential    | 95 | following nominations for the Office    |
| 46 | candidate shall be in writing and         | 96 | of President and demonstrations         |
| 47 | shall have affixed thereto the written    | 97 | shall not be permitted.                 |
| 48 | approval of the proposed nominee          | 98 |   |
| 49 | and the name of the individuals           |    |   |
| 50 | who shall be recognized to make the       |    |   |

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- 1 7. Roll Call for Presidential Candidate: 51 invite the nominee to deliver an  
2 52 acceptance speech to the Convention.  
3 a. After nominations for presidential 53  
4 candidates have closed, the 54 9. Nomination for the Democratic  
5 Convention shall proceed to a roll 55 Candidate for Vice President: The  
6 call vote by states on the selection of 56 selection of a nominee for the Office of  
7 the presidential candidate. The roll 57 Vice President of the United States shall  
8 call voting shall follow the 58 be conducted in the same manner as  
9 alphabetical order of the states with 59 that heretofore provided for the  
10 the District of Columbia and Puerto 60 selection of the nominee for President of  
11 Rico and the territories treated as 61 the United States except that a request  
12 states for the purpose of the 62 to nominate must be delivered to the  
13 alphabetical roll call. 63 Convention Secretary at a location as  
14 64 specified by the Secretary not later than  
15 b. A majority vote of the Convention’s 65 9:00 a.m. of the day designated for the  
16 delegates shall be required to 66 commencement of Vice Presidential  
17 nominate the presidential candidate. 67 nominations.  
18 68  
19 c. Delegates may vote for the 69 10. Roll Call Ballot for Vice Presidential  
20 candidate of their choice whether or 70 Candidate:  
21 not the name of such candidate was 71  
22 placed in nomination. Any vote cast 72 a. After nominations for Vice  
23 other than a vote for a presidential 73 Presidential candidates have closed,  
24 candidate meeting the requirements 74 the Convention shall proceed to a  
25 of Article VI of this Call and Rule 75 roll call vote by states on the  
26 12.K. of the 2012 Delegate Selection 76 selection of the Vice Presidential  
27 Rules shall be considered a vote for 77 candidate. The roll call voting  
28 “Present.” 78 procedure shall be conducted in the  
29 79 same manner as that heretofore  
30 d. Balloting will continue until a 80 provided for the selection of the  
31 nominee is selected. Upon selection, 81 nominee for President of the United  
32 balloting may be temporarily 82 States.  
33 suspended, provided that the 83  
34 balloting shall continue at a time 84 b. A majority vote of the Convention’s  
35 certain determined by the 85 delegates shall be required to select  
36 Convention Chair, until all states, 86 the Vice Presidential candidate.  
37 the District of Columbia, Puerto 87 Delegates may vote for the  
38 Rico and the territories shall 88 candidate of their choice whether or  
39 publically deliver their vote prior to 89 not the name of such candidate was  
40 the nominee’s acceptance speech. 90 placed in nomination. Balloting will  
41 The nominee shall become the 91 continue until after a nominee is  
42 candidate of the Democratic Party of 92 selected.  
43 the United States for the Office of 93  
44 President upon the conclusion of his 94 11. Acceptance Speech by Vice Presidential  
45 or her acceptance speech. 95 Candidate: Immediately after the  
46 96 selection of the Democratic nominee for  
47 8. Acceptance Speech by Presidential 97 Vice President, the Permanent Chair  
48 Candidate: Immediately after the 98 shall invite the nominee to deliver an  
49 selection of the Democratic nominee for 99 acceptance speech to the Convention.  
50 President, the Permanent Chair shall 100 The nominee shall become the candidate

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1	of the Democratic Party of the United	48	3. Roll Call Votes:
2	States for the office of Vice President	49	
3	upon completion of his or her	50	a. Voting shall be by voice vote or,
4	acceptance speech to the Convention.	51	when prescribed by these rules, by
5		52	roll call vote. The roll call voting
6	D. Special Orders of Business: It shall be in	53	shall follow the order as specified in
7	order at any time for the Rules Committee	54	Article VIII.C.7.a. A roll call vote
8	at the request of the Chair of the	55	shall also be had if the Chair is in
9	Convention, or pursuant to its rules, to	56	doubt or upon demand of any
10	report a resolution providing a special order	57	delegate supported by twenty
11	of business for debate of any resolution,	58	percent (20%) of the Convention's
12	motion, committee report or minority report	59	delegates as evidenced by one of the
13	or for the consideration of any matter.	60	following methods:
14		61	
15	E. Powers and Duties of the Chair:	62	(1) A petition submitted to the
16		63	Chair indicating support of the
17	1. It shall be the responsibility of the Chair	64	demand by delegations which
18	to conduct and expedite the business of	65	comprise not less than twenty
19	the Convention and to preserve order	66	percent (20%) of the
20	and decorum in its proceedings.	67	Convention's delegates. In the
21		68	case of the petition in support of
22	2. The Chair is authorized to appoint such	69	a demand for a roll call vote, a
23	Convention officers as may be required	70	delegation shall be taken to
24	to assist in the conduct of the business	71	support the demand if a
25	of the Convention, such officers to be	72	majority of its delegates have
26	composed equally of men and women;	73	signed a petition to do so.
27	to appoint any delegate temporarily to	74	
28	perform the duties of the Chair; and to	75	(2) By the rising in support of the
29	take such lawful action as may be	76	demand by not less than twenty
30	necessary and appropriate to preserve	77	percent (20%) of the delegates
31	order throughout the Convention Hall;	78	present.
32	and to take any other actions consistent	79	
33	with the Charter and the Bylaws of the	80	b. When a roll call vote is ordered, the
34	Democratic Party of the United States	81	roll call shall be called by states, and
35	and this Call.	82	the Chair of each delegation or his
36		83	or her designee shall report the vote
37	F. Voting:	84	of his or her delegation and shall
38		85	send to the Convention Secretary a
39	1. Secret Ballot: No secret ballots shall be	86	tally showing the vote of each
40	permitted at any stage of the	87	member of his or her delegation
41	Convention or its committee	88	indicating whether such vote was
42	proceedings.	89	cast in person or by an alternate.
43		90	Such roll call votes may be
44	2. Proxy Voting: Neither delegate nor	91	conducted by having the Chair for
45	alternate delegate votes may be cast by	92	each delegation report by telephone,
46	proxy.	93	or electronic voting mechanism, the
47		94	vote of his or her delegation to the
		95	rostrum, provided that the
		96	telephone poll shall not be used in
		97	the balloting for the Presidential and

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- 1 Vice Presidential nominees. 51  
2 Business shall be permitted to 52  
3 proceed during the telephone roll 53  
4 call and votes may be conducted by 54  
5 electronic mechanism. After each 55  
6 official vote, the Delegation Chair 56  
7 shall record and tally votes of the 57  
8 delegation on official roll call tally 58  
9 sheets provided by the Convention 59  
10 Secretary. All official roll call tally 60  
11 sheets shall be turned in to the 61  
12 Convention Secretary at a specified 62  
13 location not more than thirty (30) 63  
14 minutes after the close of each 64  
15 voting period. 65  
16 66  
17 c. All delegates to the National 67  
18 Convention pledged to a 68  
19 presidential candidate shall in all 69  
20 good conscience reflect the 70  
21 sentiments of those who elected 71  
22 them. 72  
23 73  
24 d. In the case where a pledged delegate 74  
25 is not on the floor of the Convention 75  
26 Hall at the time a vote is taken, an 76  
27 alternate may be designated 77  
28 according to the rules to cast the 78  
29 vote. In no case may an alternate 79  
30 cast a vote for a delegate allocated 80  
31 under I.F., I.G., I.H. or I.I. of this 81  
32 Call. 82  
33 83  
34 e. On a roll call vote by states, the vote 84  
35 cast on behalf of a delegation may 85  
36 be challenged by communication to 86  
37 the Convention Secretary by 87  
38 telephone or other means by any 88  
39 voting member of that state's 89  
40 delegation within ten (10) minutes 90  
41 after the Convention Secretary's 91  
42 announcement of the state's vote. 92  
43 The votes of that delegation shall 93  
44 then be recorded as polled without 94  
45 regard to any state law, party rule, 95  
46 resolution or instruction binding the 96  
47 delegation or any member thereof to 97  
48 vote for or against any candidate or 98  
49 proposition. The Convention Chair 99  
50 may send a parliamentarian to the 100
- 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.
- f. 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.
- g. 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, including the question of nominations of candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, 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.

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- 1 H. Interpretation of the Rules: In interpreting 51  
2 the rules, the Chair may have recourse to 52  
3 the ruling of Chairs of previous Democratic 53  
4 Conventions, to the precedents of the 54  
5 United States House of Representatives and 55  
6 to general parliamentary law. 56  
7 57
- 8 I. Appeals: 58  
9 59
- 10 1. The Chair shall decide all questions of 60  
11 order subject to an appeal by any 61  
12 delegate which may be debated for not 62  
13 more than ten (10) minutes, the time to 63  
14 be equally divided between the delegate 64  
15 appealing the ruling and a delegate in 65  
16 favor of sustaining the ruling of the 66  
17 Chair; provided that an appeal shall not 67  
18 be in order while another appeal is 68  
19 pending or from decisions on 69  
20 recognition or from decisions on 70  
21 dilatoriness of motions or during a roll 71  
22 call vote or on a question on which an 72  
23 appeal has just been decided or, when in 73  
24 the opinion of the Chair, such appeal is 74  
25 clearly dilatory. 75  
26 76
- 27 2. Before the question is put on any 77  
28 appeal, the Chair shall be entitled to 78  
29 state briefly the reasons for the ruling 79  
30 being appealed. 80  
31 81
- 32 J. Motion to Suspend the Rules: The Chair 82  
33 shall entertain a motion to suspend the 83  
34 rules, which shall be decided without 84  
35 debate and which shall require a vote of two 85  
36 thirds (2/3) of the delegates voting, a 86  
37 quorum being present. 87  
38 88
- 39 K. Motion: 89  
40 90
- 41 1. No question of privilege or any motion 91  
42 other than those provided under these 92  
43 rules shall be entertained, except the 93  
44 motion to recess (to a time certain or at 94  
45 the call of the Chair), which shall be 95  
46 privileged, and the motion to adjourn, 96  
47 which shall be the highest privilege. 97  
48 98
- 49 2. Motions to adjourn or to recess shall be 99  
50 in order at any time except when the 100
- 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 percent (20%)  
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 percent (20%) 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 his or her 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 his or her power to assure  
that voters of his or her 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 he or she will not publicly support or

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- 1 campaign for any candidate for President or  
2 Vice President other than the nominees of  
3 the Democratic National Convention, or,  
4 should a vacancy arise, the nominee(s)  
5 selected pursuant to Article VIII.G.  
6
- 7 O. Debate: Unless otherwise provided in these  
8 rules or in a resolution providing for a  
9 special order of business, debate on any  
10 question shall be limited to a total of twenty  
11 (20) minutes and shall be equally divided  
12 between proponents and opponents unless  
13 they and the Chair agree upon an additional  
14 or lesser amount of time.  
15
- 16 P. Quorum: A majority of the delegates to the  
17 Convention shall constitute a quorum  
18 thereof for the purpose of transacting  
19 business. Upon a point of order of no  
20 quorum being made, the Chair shall  
21 ascertain the presence or absence of a  
22 quorum by visual estimation and shall not  
23 proceed until a quorum is present; provided  
24 that a motion to adjourn may be offered and  
25 voted upon without a quorum present.  
26
- 27 Q. References to the "Chair": All references to  
28 the authority and responsibilities of the  
29 "Chair" shall pertain to the Temporary  
30 Chair, the Permanent Chair, the Co-Chairs  
31 and any other person assuming the duties of  
32 the Chair as appropriate during the  
33 Convention.  
34
- 35 R. Equal Division: The Charter of the  
36 Democratic Party of the United States
- 37 provides that the National Convention shall  
38 be composed of delegates and alternates  
39 equally divided between men and women.  
40 This Call, in compliance with the Charter,  
41 and pursuant to Rule 6.C. of the ~~2008~~ 2012  
42 Delegate Selection Rules, mandates that  
43 delegates and alternates from each state and  
44 jurisdiction shall be equally divided  
45 between men and women with a variance of  
46 no more than one (1).  
47
- 48 S. Non-Discrimination: Discrimination on the  
49 basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national  
50 origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual  
51 orientation, economic status or physical  
52 disability in the conduct of Democratic  
53 Party affairs is prohibited.  
54
- 55 T. Territories: The term "territories" shall refer  
56 to American Samoa, Democrats Abroad,  
57 Guam and the Virgin Islands in this Call.  
58
- 59 U. Journal of Proceedings:  
60
- 61 1. A record of all actions taken each day by  
62 the Convention shall be printed and  
63 made available to all delegates and  
64 alternates the following day by the  
65 Convention Secretary.  
66
  - 67 2. The Secretary of the Democratic  
68 National Committee will provide a  
69 journal of the full proceedings of the  
70 Convention, which shall be printed  
71 within the year following the  
72 Convention.



# Appendix A

1 **Relationship Between the 2012**  
2 **Rules of Procedure of the**  
3 **Credentials Committee and the**  
4 **2012 Delegate Selection Rules**

5  
6 Under Rule 20.B. of the 2012 Delegate Selection  
7 Rules, the Rules and Bylaws Committee has  
8 jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the  
9 submission, non-implementation and violation  
10 of state Delegate Selection Plans, Affirmative  
11 Action Plans, and Inclusion Programs. The  
12 following “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials  
13 Committee of the 2012 Democratic National  
14 Convention” describes the procedure for  
15 considering challenges once the Credentials  
16 Committee assumes responsibility for the  
17 challenge process as otherwise described in Rule  
18 20.B.

19  
20 All delegates and alternates to the 2012  
21 Democratic National Convention shall be  
22 selected in accordance with the 2012 Delegate  
23 Selection Rules and the 2012 Call. Only  
24 delegates and alternates selected under a  
25 delegate selection system approved by the DNC  
26 Rules and Bylaws Committee pursuant to the  
27 2012 Delegate Selection Rules shall be placed on  
28 the Temporary Roll of the 2012 Democratic  
29 National Convention.

30  
31 All challenges to the credentials of delegates and  
32 alternates to the 2012 Democratic National  
33 Convention shall be processed in accordance  
34 with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials  
35 Committee of the 2012 Democratic National  
36 Convention.”

37 **Rules of Procedure of the**  
38 **Credentials Committee of the**  
39 **2012 Democratic National**  
40 **Convention**

41  
42 1. Jurisdiction of the Credentials Committee  
43  
44 The Credentials Committee shall have  
45 jurisdiction to hear and decide:

46  
47 A. Any challenge brought before the DNC  
48 Rules and Bylaws Committee and not  
49 resolved before the 56th calendar day  
50 preceding the date of commencement of  
51 the Democratic National Convention;  
52 and,

53  
54 B. Any challenge alleging:

- 55  
56 1. Failure to implement a final order of  
57 the DNC Rules and Bylaws  
58 Committee; or  
59  
60 2. Failure to implement a plan  
61 approved by the DNC Rules and  
62 Bylaws Committee, if such challenge  
63 is initiated on or after the 56th day  
64 preceding the date of commencement  
65 of the Democratic National  
66 Convention, except with regard to  
67 Rule 19.E. of the Delegate Selection  
68 Rules.

69  
70 2. Parties

71  
72 A. Challenging Parties: A challenge to the  
73 credentials of any delegate or alternate to  
74 the 2012 Democratic National  
75 Convention shall be brought by at least  
76 fifteen (15) Democrats who are residents  
77 of the state and level at which delegates  
78 to the National Convention are elected in  
79 which the challenge arises, and who  
80 fulfill (1), or if there is no Democratic  
81 Party enrollment or registration in the  
82 state, then either (2) or (3) below:

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- 1 1. Registration or enrollment as 51 delegates or alternates or the entire  
2 Democrats in those states which 52 delegation from that level.  
3 employ such procedures. Persons 53  
4 not registered to vote or persons 54 2. Where delegates or alternates to the  
5 registered as unaffiliated voters or 55 Convention have not yet been  
6 enrolled as members of other parties 56 selected from the level at which  
7 or as independents shall not have 57 delegates to the National Convention  
8 standing to bring a challenge. 58 are elected in which the challenge  
9 59 arises, the challenged party shall be  
10 2. Participation in Democratic Party 60 the Democratic Party organization  
11 affairs. Persons who have 61 responsible for that level; provided  
12 participated in the affairs of another 62 that where any state law or state  
13 political party during the preceding 63 party rule, regulation, decision or  
14 12-month period shall not have 64 other state party action or omission is  
15 standing to bring a challenge. 65 challenged, the State Democratic  
16 Participation in a party's affairs shall 66 Party shall also be named as a  
17 include, but not be limited to, voting 67 challenged party. If during the  
18 in the immediately preceding 68 tendency of the challenge, any  
19 primary of that political party. 69 delegate(s) or alternate(s) to the  
20 70 Convention are selected from the  
21 3. Any person who lacks standing 71 level involved, such delegate(s) or  
22 under paragraphs (1) and (2) and 72 alternate(s) shall be joined as  
23 who demonstrates that he or she 73 challenged parties if any relief with  
24 attempted to participate in the affairs 74 respect to their credentials at the  
25 of the Democratic Party in good faith 75 Convention is sought.  
26 shall have standing to challenge. 76  
27 77 3. The State Democratic Party shall be  
28 4. Each challenge shall include a 78 joined as a challenged party if a  
29 statement indicating that each 79 challenged party so requests.  
30 challenger subscribes to the 80  
31 substance, intent and principles of 81 C. Intervening Parties:  
32 the Charter and Bylaws of the 82  
33 Democratic Party of the United 83  
34 States. Each challenger must have 84  
35 been personally injured with respect 85  
36 to his or her participation in the 86  
37 delegate selection process by any 87  
38 violation complained of or shall be so 88  
39 situated that he or she clearly will be 89  
40 personally injured by such violation. 90  
41 91  
42 B. Challenged Parties: 92  
43 93  
44 1. Where delegates or alternates to the 94  
45 Convention have been selected from 95  
46 the level at which delegates to the 96  
47 National Convention are elected in 97  
48 which the challenge arises, the 98  
49 challenged party or parties shall be a 99  
50 delegate or alternate or a group of 100

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1	by leave of the Chair of the	49	C. Time:
2	Credentials Committee or the	50	
3	Hearing Officer.	51	1. In computing any period of time
4		52	prescribed by these rules, the day of
5	3. Filing, Service of Documents and	53	the act or event from which the
6	Computation of Time	54	designated period of time begins to
7		55	run shall not be included. Weekends
8	A. Filing: Any challenge, answer and	56	and holidays shall be included.
9	accompanying documents to be	57	
10	considered in the processing of any	58	2. The Chair(s) of the Credentials
11	challenge shall be filed by hand delivery	59	Committee shall have authority for
12	(receipt to be retained), certified mail	60	good cause, on application or sua
13	(return receipt requested), or by an	61	sponte, to enlarge or shorten any
14	overnight delivery service (signature	62	period of time prescribed by these
15	required) to: Chair, 2012 Convention	63	rules. An extension of time shall be
16	Credentials Committee, c/o Democratic	64	granted only when compelling need
17	National Committee, 430 South Capitol	65	is shown.
18	Street, S.E., Washington, DC 20003 with a	66	
19	copy to the Chair of the Democratic Party	67	4. Challenges
20	of the state in which the challenge arises.	68	
21	The original and a copy of each	69	A. A credentials challenge shall be
22	document shall be filed. Filing shall be	70	commenced by the filing of a written
23	deemed complete upon receipt, or in the	71	challenge not later than:
24	case of hand delivery, upon delivery.	72	
25		73	1. Fifteen (15) calendar days after the
26	B. Service: Any document filed in any	74	violation occurred, or
27	proceeding pursuant to these rules shall	75	
28	be served at the same time by the filing	76	2. Fifteen (15) calendar days after the
29	party upon all other parties to the	77	selection of any delegate or alternate
30	proceeding, with a copy to the Chair of	78	whose credentials to the Democratic
31	the Democratic Party of the state in	79	National Convention are to be put in
32	which the challenge arises. Service shall	80	issue, whichever occurs first. The
33	be made by hand delivery (receipt to be	81	challenging parties shall, within the
34	obtained), certified mail (return receipt	82	period provided by the State
35	requested), or an overnight delivery	83	Democratic Party in its Delegate
36	service (signature required) to each party	84	Selection Plan, invoke, and shall
37	or his or her attorney, if any. Any	85	thereafter exhaust, the remedies
38	document filed pursuant to these rules	86	provided by State Democratic Party
39	shall be accompanied by a certificate of	87	procedures for the violations alleged.
40	service signed by the filing party or by	88	
41	his or her attorney, if any. Service shall	89	B. The challenge shall be verified by the
42	be deemed complete, in the case of hand-	90	notarized signature of each challenging
43	delivery, on the date of receipt by the	91	party, and shall include the following:
44	served party or, in the case of service by	92	
45	certified mail or an overnight delivery	93	1. The name, address and telephone
46	service, on the first business day on	94	number of each challenging party
47	which delivery is attempted.	95	and allegations of fact fulfilling the
48		96	requirements of Section 2.A.; and the
		97	name, address and telephone number
		98	of each challenging party's attorney

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- 1 or other representative authorized to 51 seated in the state's delegation, the  
2 receive documents on behalf of the 52 challenge shall include a plain,  
3 challenger. 53 concise and specific statement of the  
4 54 reasons why that party has a right to  
5 2. The name, address and telephone 55 be seated, superior to that of the  
6 number of each delegate or alternate 56 delegate or alternate whose seat he or  
7 whose credentials are challenged, or 57 she seeks; and a plain, concise and  
8 a statement that such information is 58 specific statement of how the  
9 unavailable to the challenging 59 challenging party has complied with  
10 parties; or, where delegates or 60 all applicable laws, rules and  
11 alternates have not yet been selected, 61 regulations and has participated in  
12 the name, address and telephone 62 the delegate selection process.  
13 number of each challenged party. 63  
14 64  
15 3. An identification of the state and 65  
16 level at which delegates to the 66  
17 National Convention are elected in 67  
18 which the challenge arises. 68  
19 69  
20 4. A plain, concise and specific 70  
21 statement of each violation of a state 71  
22 delegate selection plan approved by 72  
23 the DNC Rules and Bylaws 73  
24 Committee, or of a final order of the 74  
25 DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee; 75  
26 or a statement that the state does not 76  
27 have an approved delegate selection 77  
28 plan. 78  
29 79  
30 5. A plain, concise and specific 80  
31 statement of how each challenging 81  
32 party has been injured with respect 82  
33 to his or her participation in the 83  
34 delegate selection process by each 84  
35 alleged violation. 85  
36 86  
37 6. A plain, concise and specific 87  
38 statement of the remedies each 88  
39 challenging party has invoked with 89  
40 respect to each alleged violation 90  
41 before filing a credentials challenge 91  
42 with the Credentials Committee, and 92  
43 a statement of the expected length of 93  
44 time for exhaustion of the state party 94  
45 procedures. 95  
46 96  
47 7. A plain, concise and specific 97  
48 statement of the relief requested and 98  
49 the reason therefore. If a challenging 99  
50 party proposes that he or she be
- 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 his or her attorney or other representative authorized to receive documents on behalf of the challenged party.

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1	2. A statement as to whether the	51	C. Challenged parties may consolidate their
2	standing under Section 2.A. of the	52	answers.
3	challenging parties is in dispute.	53	
4		54	6. Dismissal and Decision on the Pleadings
5	3. A response to the challenge,	55	
6	separately admitting or denying each	56	A. Dismissal:
7	statement therein, or stating that the	57	
8	challenged party is without sufficient	58	1. The Chair of the Credentials
9	information to admit or deny. A	59	Committee shall dismiss any
10	response to a statement shall fairly	60	challenge, or part of a challenge,
11	meet its substance, admitting those	61	which does not fall within the
12	parts that are true and denying those	62	jurisdiction of the Credentials
13	parts that are false.	63	Committee.
14		64	
15	4. A plain, concise and specific	65	2. If a state party has adopted and
16	statement of each and every	66	implemented an approved
17	affirmative defense to the alleged	67	affirmative action program, the Chair
18	violations.	68	shall dismiss any challenge, or part of
19		69	a challenge, which is based solely on
20	5. A plain, concise and specific	70	composition of the Convention
21	statement of any other reasons why	71	delegation, except in the case of a
22	the challenged party should prevail.	72	challenge based upon the failure to
23		73	achieve equal division.
24	B. The answer shall be accompanied by the	74	
25	following documents:	75	3. The Chair shall have authority to
26		76	dismiss any challenge which is
27	1. A plain, concise and specific	77	brought by persons lacking standing
28	statement that contains, by reference	78	under Section 2.A., or which
29	to each numbered paragraph of the	79	otherwise fails to comply
30	challenging statement required by	80	substantially with these rules, or
31	Section 4.C.1., a response to each	81	which is otherwise manifestly
32	alleged violation or request for relief.	82	insufficient.
33	A response to a proposition shall	83	
34	fairly meet its substance, admitting	84	4. Any dismissal shall be accompanied
35	those parts that are true and denying	85	by a written opinion by the Chair.
36	those parts that are false. Wherever a	86	
37	proposition is denied in whole or in	87	B. Decision on the Pleadings: The Chair of
38	part, the proposition supported by	88	the Credentials Committee shall have
39	the challenged party on that point	89	authority to make a decision on the
40	shall be stated.	90	pleadings where it is plain from the
41		91	challenge and the answer, together with
42	2. A list of the name, address and	92	the documents accompanying those
43	telephone number of each witness	93	pleadings, that there is no genuine issue
44	who is likely to be called in	94	of material fact between the parties. Any
45	opposition to the challenge.	95	decision on the pleadings shall be
46		96	accompanied by a written opinion by the
47	3. A list of the documents likely to be	97	Chair.
48	offered in opposition to the	98	
49	challenge, together with copies of	99	C. Review of Dismissal or Decision on the
50	those documents.	100	Pleadings: Within five (5) calendar days

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- 1 after service of a notice of the entry of a 51  
2 dismissal under Section 6.A. or under 52  
3 Section 1.B., an aggrieved party may file 53  
4 a Petition for Review by the Credentials 54  
5 Committee stating the objections to the 55  
6 Chair’s action, and may file a brief. 56  
7 Within five (5) calendar days after service 57  
8 of the petition, any other party may file a 58  
9 brief. Consideration of the challenge by 59  
10 the Credentials Committee shall proceed 60  
11 as in other cases, except that the 61  
12 challenge shall be given precedence on 62  
13 the committee’s docket. 63  
14  
15 7. Decision of State Party Body 64  
16  
17 A. The Chair(s) of the Credentials 65  
18 Committee may defer, for such period as 66  
19 is appropriate, proceedings on a 67  
20 challenge in order to give time for the 68  
21 consideration of any challenge or other 69  
22 related matter under State Democratic 70  
23 Party procedures. The deferral period 71  
24 shall not be so long as to interfere with 72  
25 the processing and consideration of the 73  
26 challenge by the Credentials Committee 74  
27 if that should prove necessary. 75  
28  
29 B. The State Democratic Party body may 76  
30 take such action with respect to the 77  
31 challenge or other related matter as it is 78  
32 authorized to take under state law and 79  
33 state party rules. 80  
34  
35 C. After a decision by a state party body on 81  
36 a challenge or other related matter, any 82  
37 party to the challenge pending before the 83  
38 Credentials Committee may request the 84  
39 Committee to process the challenge and 85  
40 the Committee shall do so. The party 86  
41 making the request shall file any written 87  
42 decision or order made with respect to 88  
43 the challenge by the state party body. 89  
44 The decision of the state party body shall 90  
45 be given such weight as the Credentials 91  
46 Committee finds warranted in the 92  
47 circumstances. 93  
48  
49 D. Records of proceedings conducted by the 94  
50 state party body with respect to the 95  
51 96  
52 97  
53 98  
54 99  
55 100
- 51 challenge or other related matter, and  
52 other papers relating to the state party  
53 proceedings, shall be admissible in  
54 Credentials Committee proceedings on  
55 the challenge.
- 57 8. Hearing
- 58  
59 A. With respect to any challenge or part of a  
60 challenge not dismissed or decided on  
61 the pleadings under Section 6., an open  
62 and public hearing shall be held on the  
63 specific factual and legal matters in  
64 dispute. An electronic or stenographic  
65 recording or clerical notes shall be made  
66 of the proceedings at any such hearing.
- 67  
68 B. The hearing shall be held in Washington,  
69 D.C. unless the Chair(s) of the  
70 Credentials Committee determines that  
71 in the interest of justice it should be held  
72 elsewhere.
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74 C. The hearing shall be conducted by a  
75 Hearing Officer appointed by the  
76 Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee.  
77 The Hearing Officer shall be a Democrat,  
78 neutral in the context of the challenge,  
79 experienced in the law, known by  
80 reputation to be fair and shall not be  
81 involved in or identified with any  
82 presidential campaign or any group  
83 promoting or opposing credentials  
84 challenges. The Chair(s) shall make a  
85 reasonable effort to secure the agreement  
86 of the parties to the Hearing Officer.
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88 D. The Hearing Officer shall have all power  
89 necessary to conduct the hearing in such  
90 manner, consistent with these rules, as to  
91 secure the just, speedy and inexpensive  
92 determination of the challenge, including  
93 the right to require the parties to  
94 participate in a pre-hearing conference.
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96 E. Prior to the commencement of the  
97 hearing, the Hearing Officer shall  
98 announce a ruling identifying, on the  
99 basis of the papers filed in the challenge  
100 and any pre-hearing conference, the

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- 1 specific issues in dispute. The Hearing 51 which the evidence would have been  
2 Officer shall have power to rule that on 52 material.  
3 certain issues only documentary 53  
4 evidence shall be received. Any party 54 J. Subject to any ruling under Section 8.E.,  
5 objecting to a ruling under this 55 each party shall have the right to present  
6 paragraph may make a proffer of the 56 competent oral and documentary  
7 evidence that would have been presented 57 evidence relevant to the specific matters  
8 but for the ruling. 58 in issue and to conduct cross-  
9 59 examination.  
10 F. The Hearing Officer shall hear the 60  
11 evidence, dispose of procedural requests 61 K. The Hearing Officer may require parties  
12 and similar matters and, to the extent 62 to consolidate their challenges or  
13 possible, obtain stipulations of the parties 63 defenses for purposes of the hearing.  
14 as to the facts of the challenge. 64  
15 65 L. The Hearing Officer shall make and file a  
16 G. A challenging party shall have the 66 written report to the Credentials  
17 burden of proof by clear and convincing 67 Committee, which shall include findings  
18 evidence on all factual issues necessary 68 of fact, conclusions of law and a  
19 to the challenge, except that the burden 69 recommendation for disposition of the  
20 of proof shall rest with the challenged 70 challenge. The reports shall be served on  
21 party in the case of: 71 all parties to the challenge.  
22 72  
23 1. any unresolved challenges to a state's 73 M. Any transcript or other papers in the  
24 affirmative action program filed 74 record from any proceedings before the  
25 thirty (30) days or more prior to the 75 DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall  
26 initiation of the state's delegate 76 be part of the record.  
27 selection process other than a 77  
28 challenge made on the basis of non- 78 9. Consideration by the Credentials Committee  
29 implementation of a specific 79  
30 requirement of a state plan; and, 80  
31 81  
32 2. any challenge for failure to submit 82 A. The Credentials Committee shall begin  
33 and implement an approved 83 meeting at the call of the Chair(s) in  
34 affirmative action program by the 84 Washington, D.C., or elsewhere at the  
35 deadline specified in the Delegate 85 call of the Chair(s), to hear challenges.  
36 Selection Rules. 86 No later than thirty (30) days before the  
37 87 first meeting of the Credentials  
38 H. The Hearing Officer shall have authority 88 Committee, written notice of the date,  
39 to receive all competent evidence 89 time, place, and the tentative agenda of  
40 relevant to the specific matters in issue 90 such meeting shall be sent to all members  
41 and to assign to it appropriate weight. 91 of the Credentials Committee. A special  
42 92 or emergency meeting of the Credentials  
43 I. The Hearing Officer shall have authority 93 Committee may be held upon call of the  
44 to order for good cause, on application or 94 Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee  
45 sua sponte, that a party produce at the 95 with reasonable notice to the members.  
46 hearing designated evidence in the 96  
47 interest of justice. Where a party fails to 97 B. All meetings of the Credentials  
48 produce such evidence, the Hearing 98 Committee shall be open to the public;  
49 Officer may make findings of fact 99 provided that the Chair(s) of the  
50 adverse to the party on all issues to 100 Committee shall exclude from the  
specific area where the committee is  
conducting its business all persons

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1	whose presence in that area is not	49	F. Resolutions:
2	required for the proper conduct of the	50	
3	business.	51	
4		52	
5	C. Request for hearing by Full Committee:	53	1. All proposed resolutions relating to
6	Within two (2) days after service of the	54	the disposition of a credentials
7	Hearing Officer's report, an aggrieved	55	challenge shall be in writing and
8	party may file a written Petition for	56	signed by the proponent and at least
9	Review by the Credentials Committee.	57	one (1) second. Proposed resolutions
10	The petition shall contain a plain, concise	58	relating to the seating or unseating of
11	and specific statement of the reasons for	59	delegates or alternates shall be
12	appeal and the procedural and/or	60	seconded in writing by at least seven
13	substantive errors claimed by the	61	(7) members, no more than two (2) of
14	petitioner.	62	whom may be members elected by
15		63	the delegation from the same state as
16	D. Briefs:	64	the proponent of the resolution.
17		65	
18	1. Within three (3) calendar days after	66	2. All proposed resolutions relating to
19	filing the Petition for Review, the	67	the disposition of a credentials
20	petitioner for review may file a brief.	68	challenge shall be framed so as to be
21		69	dispositive of the entire challenge
22	2. Within three (3) calendar days after	70	and, to that end, shall be specific in
23	service of the petitioner's brief, a	71	stating the action recommended to be
24	respondent may file a brief.	72	taken by the Convention.
25		73	
26	3. Any party filing a brief shall file as	74	3. Following the submission of all
27	many copies as there are members of	75	proposed resolutions to the Chair(s),
28	the committee, plus ten (10) copies	76	the resolution having the largest
29	for the Chair(s) and staff of the	77	number of signed seconds shall
30	committee.	78	become the pending order of
31		79	business. Twenty (20) minutes of
32	E. Argument:	80	debate shall be allotted to each
33		81	proposed resolution, equally divided
34	1. Each side of a challenge shall be	82	between the proponents and the
35	entitled to present oral argument	83	opponents. At the conclusion of the
36	before the Committee for a period	84	debate, the resolution shall be put to
37	determined by the Chair(s) of the	85	a vote. In the event the resolution is
38	committee, generally not to exceed	86	not adopted, the proposed resolution
39	fifteen (15) minutes.	87	having the next largest number of
40		88	signed seconds shall become the
41	2. The Chair(s) of the committee may	89	pending order of business, and so on
42	require parties to consolidate or	90	until the challenge is disposed.
43	separate their challenges or defense	91	
44	for purposes of oral argument.	92	4. No amendment to any proposed
45	3. The Chair(s) of the committee shall	93	resolution shall be permitted, except
46	notify the parties of the time and	94	with the consent of the proponent,
47	place of oral argument.	95	and no resolution or propositions on
48		96	a subject different from that under
		97	consideration shall be admitted in the
			form of such an amendment.



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1	G. Presidential Preference of Delegation:	50	12. Record
2	Except where the issue is the expressed	51	
3	presidential preference of the level at	52	A. The official record of any proceedings
4	which delegates to the National	53	under these rules shall be maintained in
5	Convention are elected represented by	54	the office at the Democratic National
6	the challenged delegates, any remedy for	55	Committee in Washington, D.C. and
7	a violation shall fairly reflect the	56	shall be open and available for public
8	expressed presidential preference of that	57	inspection and duplication at reasonable
9	level.	58	times.
10		59	
11	H. Voting: A member of the Credentials	60	B. All meetings of the full Credentials
12	Committee elected by a state delegation	61	Committee shall be transcribed.
13	shall not vote on a challenge arising in	62	
14	that state. All matters shall be	63	13. Interpretation and Waiver of Rules and
15	determined by a majority vote of those	64	Provision for Special Rules
16	present and voting, a quorum of the full	65	
17	Committee being present. A quorum	66	A. These rules shall be interpreted and
18	shall consist of members present in	67	applied in the interests of justice and
19	person representing a majority of the	68	fairness to all parties, speed and
20	total number of committee votes entitled	69	economy. To serve these interests, and
21	to be counted in the matter.	70	for good cause, on application or sua
22		71	sponte, the Chair(s) of the committee
23	I. Proxies: Proxy voting shall be prohibited.	72	shall have the authority to waive any
24		73	provision of these rules other than
25	10. Committee Report	74	Sections 1.B. and Section 5.
26		75	
27	The Report of the Credentials Committee	76	B. In the case of any challenge filed on or
28	shall be distributed to all delegates,	77	after the 56th calendar day before the
29	alternates and the public as soon as	78	convention begins, the Chair(s) may
30	practicable after its adoption.	79	shorten the time periods specified in
31		80	these rules for processing the challenge,
32	11. Minority Reports	81	including the time to file documents and
33		82	conduct hearings, as the interests of
34	Upon the request of members representing at	83	justice and the orderly disposition of
35	least twenty percent (20%) of the total votes	84	challenges dictate; provided, however,
36	of the Credentials Committee, a minority	85	that in any event:
37	report shall be prepared for distribution to all	86	
38	Convention delegates, alternates and the	87	1. The challenge and accompanying
39	public as part of the Committee's report.	88	papers shall be filed not later than
40	This minority report shall be distributed at	89	three (3) days after the occurrence of
41	the same time the Credentials Committee	90	the violation alleged.
42	Report is distributed. No member elected to	91	
43	the committee by a state delegation may join	92	2. The answer and accompanying
44	in such request as to a proposed minority	93	papers shall be filed not later than
45	report relating to a credentials challenge to	94	three (3) days after service of the
46	any delegate from his or her state. The	95	challenge.
47	committee staff shall assist in the preparation		
48	of such report.		
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