



Proposed Amendments to the

# *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*

*For consideration at the Rules and Bylaws Committee meetings, July 30-31 2019.*

## **# *Synopsis of Amendment***

1. Proposed amendments provide for One-Person/One-Vote for the members from Democrats Abroad.
2. Proposed amendments provide for High School Democrats of America to join the Democratic National Committee as voting members.

## ***Proposed By:***

Orlando Vidal, Dems Abroad

Tom Perez, DNC Chairman  
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 15 CHARTER

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 17 **Article Nine**  
 18 **General Provisions**

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 20 Section 6. Democrats Abroad shall have ~~four~~ **eight** votes on the Democratic National  
 21 Committee, which votes shall be shared by the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer  
 22 of another gender, three National Committeemen and three National Committeewomen  
 23 ~~except as may otherwise be provided by the Bylaws.~~

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 26 BYLAWS

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 28 **Article Two**  
 29 **Democratic National Committee**

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 31 Section 2. Membership. The Democratic National Committee shall be composed of:

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 33 **(d) The members from Democrats Abroad as set forth in Article Nine,**  
 34 **Section 6 of the Charter;**

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 37 Section 4. Certification and Eligibility of Members.

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 39 (a) Members of the Democratic National Committee provided for in Section 2  
 40 of this Article shall be certified to the National Committee as follows:

41 (i) those authorized under subsections (a), (b) ~~and~~, (c) and **(d)** of Section 2  
 42 shall be certified by the proper Party authority of the state or territory **or Democrats**  
 43 **Abroad;**

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46 Section 8. *Attendance and Quorum and Voting.*

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48 (e) Each member of the National Committee shall be entitled to one vote on  
49 each issue before it, ~~except that Democrats Abroad shall have four votes on the~~  
50 ~~Democratic National Committee, which votes shall be shared by the Chairperson, the~~  
51 ~~highest ranking officer of another gender, three National Committeemen and three~~  
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55 Section 9. *Regional Caucuses.* There shall be for Regional Caucus of the members of a  
56 Democratic National Committee, comprised as follows:

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58 EASTERN

Connecticut	Massachusetts	Puerto Rico
Delaware	New Hampshire	Rhode Island
District of Columbia	New Jersey	Vermont
Maine	New York	Virgin Islands
Maryland	Pennsylvania	Democrats Abroad <del>(+1/2 vote)</del>

SOUTHERN

Alabama	Louisiana	Texas
Arkansas	Mississippi	Virginia
Florida	North Carolina	West Virginia
Georgia	South Carolina	Democrats Abroad <del>(+1/2 vote)</del>
Kentucky	Tennessee	

MIDWESTERN

Illinois	Minnesota	Oklahoma
Indiana	Missouri	South Dakota
Iowa	Nebraska	Wisconsin
Kansas	North Dakota	Democrats Abroad <del>(+1/2 vote)</del>
Michigan	Ohio	

WESTERN

Alaska	Hawaii	Oregon
American Samoa	Idaho	Utah
Arizona	Montana	Washington
California	Nevada	Wyoming
Colorado	New Mexico	Democrats Abroad <del>(+1/2 vote)</del>
Guam	Northern Mariana Islands	

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### 19 20 Article Three 21 **Democratic National Committee** 22

23 Section 2. The Democratic National Committee shall be composed of:

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25 (t) **the Chairperson of the High School Democrats of America and a Vice**  
26 **Chairperson, who shall be of the opposite sex, as elected by the organization**  
27 **annually;**  
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29 (u) additional members as provided in Article Nine of this Charter. No more  
30 than seventy-five additional members of the Democratic National Committee may be  
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49           Section 3. Selection of Members.

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51           (e) Members of the Democratic National Committee apportioned pursuant to  
52 the provisions of Section 2(~~uv~~) of this Article shall be elected by the membership  
53 provided that notice of any such election must be sent to all Democratic National  
54 Committee Members no less than thirty (30) days prior to the election and notice of any  
55 nomination must be sent to the membership no less than seven (7) days prior to the  
56 election.

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58           Section 4. Certification and Eligibility of Members.

59           (a) Members of the Democratic National Committee provided for in Section 2  
60 of this Article shall be certified to the National Committee as follows:

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62                   (xvii) **those authorized under subsection (v) of Section 2 shall be**  
63 **certified by the President of the High School Democrats of America;**

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65                   (xviii) those otherwise authorized under Section 2 shall be certified by the  
66 Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee.  
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