



Proposed Amendment to the

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

For consideration at the Democratic National Committee meeting, March 8-10, 2018.

Synopsis of Amendment

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Proposed by

Tom Perez, Chair

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ARTICLE TWO

Democratic National Committee

Section 10. Committees

(d) (i) The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall receive and consider all recommendations for adoption and amendments to the Rules and Bylaws of the National Committee and to the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States;

(ii) recommendations for amendment to the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States shall be received by the Rules and Bylaws Committee no less than sixty (60) days prior to a regular meeting of the Democratic National Committee, provided that the Executive Committee may approve direct submission of a recommended amendment to the Charter if the requirements of timeliness of the Charter are otherwise met;

(iii) recommendations for amendment to the Bylaws or adoption of Rules for the Democratic National Committee shall be submitted to the Rules Committee no less than thirty (30) days prior to a meeting of the National Committee, and the Secretary of the National Committee shall mail such proposed recommendations to the members no less than thirty (30) days prior to the National Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the member of the National Committee submitting a Bylaws Amendment to distribute a copy to all members of the Committee within the time required by these Bylaws for consideration, or submit the request to the Secretary with ample time to make such distribution;

(iv) the Executive Committee may refer to the Rules and Bylaws Committee for preliminary consideration the temporary Rules of the National Convention to be included in the Call to the Convention, and the Executive Committee may adopt the recommendations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee as such temporary Convention rules;

(v) the Rules and Bylaws Committee shall conduct a continuing study of the Bylaws, Rules and Charter and make periodic recommendations for amendment, extension or other action, provided that any such recommendations by the Rules and Bylaws Committee be submitted to the members of the National Committee at the time the agenda is presented; and

(vi) the report of the Rules and Bylaws Committee shall be in writing and shall contain the full text of action recommended and shall identify recommendations not approved by the Committee for adoption.

(vii) in addition to the members appointed pursuant to Section 10(g), the President of the Association of State Democratic Chairs and the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall serve on the Rules and Bylaws Committee while holding such offices.



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BYLAWS

Article Two **Democratic National Committee**

Section 8. *Attendance and Quorum and Voting*

(c) Forty percent (40%) of the full membership present in person or by proxy, or 50 members present in person, whichever is fewer, shall constitute a quorum for meetings of:

(i) the DNC standing committees on Credentials, Resolutions, Rules and Bylaws and Budget and Finance;

(ii) the Eastern, Southern, Midwestern, and Western Regional Caucuses;

(iii) the Hispanic, Black, Women's, Asian American and Pacific Islander, **Native American**, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender American Caucuses; and

(iv) other standing or ad hoc committees created pursuant to the provisions of Section 10(f) of these Bylaws.

Article Three **Executive Committee**

Section 2. *Membership*

The Executive Committee shall be composed of:

(n) The Chairs of the Hispanic, Black, Asian American and Pacific Islander, **Native American**, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender American Caucuses of the Democratic National Committee or his or her designee, who must be a member of the Democratic National Committee;



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CHARTER
ARTICLE ONE

Section 4. Establish standards and rules of procedure to afford all members of the Democratic Party full, timely and equal opportunities to participate in decisions concerning the selection of candidates, the formulation of policy, and the conduct of other Party affairs, without prejudice on the basis of sex, race, age (if of voting age), color, creed, national origin, religion, economic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnic identity or ~~physical~~ disability, and further, to promote fair campaign practices and the fair adjudication of disputes.

BYLAWS
ARTICLE EIGHT

Section 2. Discrimination in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs on the basis of sex, race, age (if of voting age), color, creed, national origin, religion, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnic identity or ~~physical~~ disability is prohibited, to the end that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open party.

BYLAWS
ARTICLE NINE

Section 17. Democratic Party Credo.

We Democrats are the oldest political party in America and the youngest in spirit. We will remain so, because we enjoy the challenge of government. Time and again, for almost two centuries, the Democratic Party has made government work -- to build and defend a nation, to encourage commerce, to educate our children, to promote equal opportunity, to advance science and industry, to support the arts and humanities, to restore the land, to develop and conserve our human and natural resources, to preserve and enhance our built environment, to relieve poverty, to explore space. We have reached difficult and vital goals.

We recognize that the capacity of government is limited but we regard democratic government as a force for good and a source of hope.

At the heart of our party lies a fundamental conviction, that Americans must not only be free, but they must live in a fair society.

We believe it is the responsibility of government to help us achieve this fair society.

- a society where the elderly and the disabled can lead lives of dignity and where Social Security remains an unshakable commitment;
- a society where all people can find jobs in a growing full-employment economy;
- a society where all workers are guaranteed without question the legal right to join unions of their own choosing and to bargain collectively for decent wages and conditions of employment;
- a society where taxes are clearly based on ability to pay;
- a society where the equal rights of women are guaranteed in the Constitution;
- a society where the civil rights of minorities are fully secured and where no one is denied the opportunity for a better life;
- a society where both public and private discrimination based upon race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, philosophical persuasion or physical disability are condemned and where our government moves aggressively to end such discrimination through lawful means;
- a society where we recognize that the strengthening of the family and the protection of children are essential to the health of the nation;
- a society where a sound education, proper nutrition, quality medical care, affordable housing, safe streets and a healthy environment are possible for every citizen;
- a society where the livelihoods of our family farmers are as stable as the values they instill in the American character;
- a society where a strong national defense is a common effort, where promoting human rights is a basic value of our foreign policy, and where we ensure that future by ending the nuclear arms race.

This is our purpose and our promise.