

# Idaho Democratic Party Delegate Selection Plan For the 2020 Democratic National Convention

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# **STATE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN**

FOR THE 2020 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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# State Delegate Selection Plan For the 2020 Democratic National Convention

## Section I Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

### A. Introduction

1. State has a total of 25 delegates and 2 alternates. *(Call I & Appendix B)*
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (“Rules”), the *Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (“Call”), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of State, the State election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. *(Call II.A)*
3. Following the State Party Committee’s adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan, the State Party shall submit the Plan for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The State Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Party Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. *(Reg. 2.5, Reg. 2.6 & Reg. 2.7)*
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the State Party must be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. *(Reg. 2.9)*

### B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. State will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the semi-closed Primary election for apportioning delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. Each political party in Idaho must notify the Secretary of State’s Office by November 24, 2019 of their plan to hold a Presidential Primary Election.
2. The “first determining step” of State’s delegate selection process will occur on March 10, with the Primary election run by the State of Idaho. The Idaho Republican Party Presidential Primary along with other local water districts, school bond and levies will also occur during this same election.

### C. Voter Participation

1. Participation in State’s delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. *(Rule 2.A and Rule 2.C.)*

*To become a qualified elector a citizen must first register to vote. You can do this in-person, via mail or online. A person must be a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age, a resident of Idaho and their county for 30 days prior to the election and registered as required by law with their County Clerk. A citizen may register with their County*

*Clerk up until 24 days prior to any election. You must provide an Idaho Driver's License number, Idaho Identification Card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number. You may register in person with your County Clerk or by mail if your registration form is postmarked 24 days before any election. Idaho also provides for Election Day registration. To register on Election Day, bring a document with a valid address in your precinct and photo identification when you go to your polling place. Students of a post-secondary education institution may use student photo identification and a fee statement with an address in the precinct from their school to register on Election Day. Re-registration with their County Clerk is required if an elector changes their address. Re-registration is required if an elector changes their name by marriage or for another reason. If an elector has not voted in a Primary or General Election in the last four years re-registration is also required to be listed as a qualified elector in Idaho.*

*Acceptable forms of personal identification are:*

- An Idaho driver's license or identification card issued by the Idaho Transportation Department,*
- A passport or photo identification card issued by an agency of the United States government,*
- A Tribal photo identification,*
- A Idaho student photo identification from an accredited institution of higher education including high school, college, university or technical school.*
- Personal Identification Affidavit*
- A qualified elector may sign a personal identification affidavit at the polling place and vote if they are unable to present an acceptable form of photo identification.*
- A license to carry a concealed weapon issued by a county sheriff in Idaho.*

*By April 1, 2019 the Chairperson of The Idaho Democratic Party will notify the Secretary of State of our intention to allow unaffiliated voters to request a Democratic ballot for the 2020 primary election, showing that is their public declaration of Party preference and knowing that their ballot preference will be publicly recorded. (Rule 2.A)*

*Idaho currently gives voters the ability to affiliate with a Party when they register to vote or allows them to change their Party affiliation up to the 10th Friday prior to the Primary election, December 6 2019. (Idaho Code § 34-704) Unaffiliated voters may choose their Party affiliation on or before election day. (IDAHO CODE § 34-437A) Idaho law allows political parties the option of opening their primary elections to "unaffiliated" voters if they so choose. The party chairperson must notify the Secretary of State 6 months prior to the primary, by September 1, 2019, if the party intends to open its primary election to those outside the party. Any member of the public may request a public records request to receive a file of the voters who registered to vote, their Party affiliation and their ballot selection.*

*Voters can download a no-excuse absentee ballot application, print and mail or drop off to the County Clerk in the County in which the elector's Idaho residence is using. Or by submitting a written request with the required information (name of elector, residence address in Idaho and mailing address to which such registration or ballot is to be forwarded) signed by the applicant. The request must be received by the county clerk's office by the 11th day prior to the election. You can still cast an absentee ballot in person at the absent elector's polling place (usually the county clerk's office) up until 5 p.m. the Friday before the election.*

*Early voting and in-person absentee voting allows voters to vote in person at an early voting location just as you would on Election Day. Please contact your county clerk's office for early voting locations and hours of operation. January 24, 2020 is the last date that vote-by-mail ballots are sent to voters.*

- c. To encourage participation by youth in the delegate selection process, any individual who will have turned 18 by the date of the general election should be allowed to participate in the delegate selection process. (Reg. 4.3.C) Unfortunately, Idaho law currently does not allow for this possibility. Idaho Democrats believe that all should be done to encourage young people to participate in the electoral process. Therefore, during the 2019 Legislative Session a pre-registration at 17 years of age bill was crafted and put forth. Progress on the bill is pending.*

- d. At no stage of State's delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation. *(Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4)*

*The 2020 Idaho State Democratic Party State Convention will provide opportunities for candidates running for delegate to purchase voluntary advertising packages ie: program ads, buttons, hospitality rooms. Participants for convention will also be able to purchase meal tickets and memorabilia ranging in prices from \$35-\$75 for their convenience.*

- e. No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding election. *(Rule 2.E)*
  - f. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or State Chairs or Vice Chairs, who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in a process that is the first determining stage of the delegate election process and in which all individual voters who wish to participate as Democrats are eligible to do so. *(Rule 2.F)*
  - g. No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. *(Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)*
2. *Idaho has a very effective Secretary of State who is charged with the following activities and generally exceeds expectations. Idaho Democratic Party Election Protection Committee regularly audits these activities and recruits poll watchers to ensure security and quality. The Secretary of States office has a tradition of cooperation and reasonableness in addressing any concerns registered by the Idaho Democratic Party lawyers or reports from our pollwatchers therefore nothing further is needed to accomplish the goals below.*
    - a. Maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible American who registers to vote has their personal information protected and secure; *(Rule 2.H.1)*
    - b. Implement transparent and accurate voter registration list maintenance procedures that comply with federal requirements and ensure that every eligible voter stays on the rolls; *(Rule 2.H.2)*
    - c. Promote the acquisition, maintenance, and regular replacement of precinct based optical scan voting systems; *(Rule 2.H.3) Only 12 out of 44 lowest population counties still use paper.*
    - d. Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record; *(Rule 2.H.4) N/A*
    - e. Implement risk limiting post-election audits such as manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records; *(Rule 2.H.5) N/A*
    - f. Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures; *(Rule 2.H.6)*
    - g. Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately. *(Rule 2.H.7)*
  3. In accordance with the Democratic Party's requirement to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection process. *(Rule 2.I and 2.I.1) The Idaho Secretary of*

*State will be in charge of all ballot access and has not historically had issues with areas 3.b-3.f. Please see Page 5 Sec. 5 for explanation on how we plan to address any issues that may arise.*

- a. *Expand access to voting, including by early voting, no excuse absentee, same-day voter registration, and voting by mail; (Rule 2.I.1.a) Idaho have very easy access to all these options. The Idaho Democratic Party's Election Protection Committee regularly petitions larger counties to add additional early voting locations. We also mail absentee ballot applications to the majority of likely Democratic voters to make it easier for them to request their absentee ballot.*
  - b. *Ensure that voting locations are accessible, fairly placed, and adequate in number, and have a sufficient number of voting machines; (Rule 2.I.1.b)*
  - c. *Speed up the voting process and minimize long lines; (Rule 2.I.1.c)*
  - d. *Eliminate onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements; (Rule 2.I.1.d)*
  - e. *Count and include in the final total ballots from voters who are eligible to vote but cast their ballots in the wrong precinct, for offices for which they are eligible to vote; and (Rule 2.I.1.e)*
  - f. *Facilitate military and overseas voting. (Rule 2. I.1.f)*
4. *Idaho Democratic legislators regularly put forth election legislations that expands and protects our democratic rights. In 2012 they put together an Elections package of bills that they have continued to present and push forward. An automatic voter registration bill, pre-registration bill and same-day party affiliation bill were pending at the writing of this plan.*
- a. *Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration and automatic and same-day registration; (Rule 2.I.2.a)*
  - b. *Pre-registration of high school students so that they are already registered once they reach voting age; (Rule 2.I.2.b)*
  - c. *Restoration of voting rights to all people who have served the time for their criminal conviction, without requiring the payment of court fees or fines; (Rule 2.I.2.c) Idaho already has this.*
  - d. *Same-day or automatic registration of voters for the Democratic presidential nominating process.] (Rule 2.I.2.d)*
5. *The Idaho Democratic Party has a Voter Protection Team that conducts an election year survey with the Secretary of State and all County Election offices to ensure top performance of all election related activities. In addition, we recruit a team of poll watchers to observe and ensure all voters are being treated equally and within the legal boundaries. A team of regional lawyers report all incidents to our State attorney who contacts the Secretary of State or files legal challenges when necessary. This allows us to to ensure an open and inclusive process and resist attempts at voter suppression and disenfranchisement. (Rule 2.J and Rule 2.J.1)*

**6. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings.** The dates, times and places for all official Party meetings and events related to the state’s delegate selection process must be scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings must begin and end at reasonable hours. The state party is responsible for selecting the dates and times and providing the facilitates for all official meetings and events related to this process. In addition, the scheduling of meetings shall consider any religious observations that could significantly affect participation. *(Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.)*

<b>March 16, 2019</b>	<b>State Central Committee State Chair election</b>	<b>Boise Centre 9am-12pm MT</b>
<b>March 10, 2020</b>	<b>Primary election for Presidential preference</b>	<b>polling locations TBA, 8am-8pm</b>
<b>April 4, 2020</b>	<b>County caucuses for state delegate selection</b>	<b>caucus locations TBA, 1pm PT/2pm MT</b>
<b>June 6, 2020</b>	<b>State convention for national delegate selection</b>	<b>Boise Centre, 2pm-6pm MT</b>

## Section II Presidential Candidates

### A. Ballot Access

A presidential candidate gains access to the State presidential preference primary ballot, or is eligible to participate in the State’s first-tier caucuses, by the following:

*The name of any candidate for a political party nomination for president of the United States shall be printed on the ballots only if the candidate files with the secretary of state a declaration of candidacy accompanied by a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) filing fee not less than ninety (90) days prior to the presidential primary. The Declaration of Candidacy and the filing fee must be filed prior to December 11, 2019.*

*(Idaho Law 34-732.)*

*In-Person or Special Delivery:  
Idaho Secretary of State's Office  
State Capitol  
700 W Jefferson, Ste E205  
Boise, ID 83702*

*Mailing:  
Idaho Secretary of State's Office  
Elections Division  
PO Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0080*

*Any candidate for political party nomination for president of the United States to be eligible for delegate selection at the Idaho Democratic Party State Convention will notify the State Party Chair in writing and remit a filing fee of \$1,000 through USPS mail sent to the Idaho Democratic Party, 812 W Franklin St., Boise, ID 83702, prior to January 10, 2020. Idaho’s ballot does not have an uncommitted option, however individuals may request a ballot and leave it blank, selecting no candidate, to vote uncommitted. Idaho citizens are allowed to write-in presidential candidates when voting their ballot as long as those write-in candidates filed a Declaration of Intent form with the Secretary of State as well as the filing fee and requirements of the state party prior to the announced deadline.*

- ***Any filing deadline must be no less than 30 and no more than 75 days before the date of the primary or caucus, and all filing deadlines must be in 2020.]*** *(Rule 15.E) The Idaho Democratic Chairperson submitted a waiver request to this rule at the time of filing this plan. As a minority party our legislators won’t be able to change the Idaho statute dealing with this timeline. (Idaho Law 34-732.)*

### B. Other Requirements

1. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by *January, 10 2020. (Rule 13.D.1)*
2. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. *(Rule 6.1)*



## Section III Selection of Delegates

### A. District-Level Delegates

1. State is allocated 13 district-level delegates. (*Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, & Appendix B*)
2. District-level delegates shall be elected by:
  - a. Caucus and convention system as follows. *The proportional representation system based on the results of the semi-closed Primary election for apportioning delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention will take place through a state run Presidential Primary process throughout the state on March 10, 2020.* Next, State Delegates will be elected at county caucuses on April 4, 2020 1:00pm PT/2:00pm MT at locations TBA. Last, the apportioned county delegations will go on to elect District Level delegates at The Idaho Democratic Party State Convention to be held at the Boise Centre in Boise, Idaho June 5-7. The Delegate selection election will be held on Saturday, June 6 from 2pm-6pm MT. In accordance with the agenda of the Democratic State Convention, the State Convention Chair on June 6, 2020 shall recess the State Convention and convene the State Delegate Selection Caucus and shall call roll of all delegates, district by district, by name and identification with candidates and identification with those uncommitted. In the case of absent delegates, duly certified and registered alternate delegates must answer the roll call and identify themselves as designated alternates for such absent delegates. State Delegates will meet in district level/presidential preference caucuses on June 6, 2020 and cast signed ballots to elect district level national delegates. Pledged PLEO (Party Leader and Elected Official) delegates and the at-large national delegates shall be elected by all of the state delegates. Only State Delegates, their duly-certified alternates or their proxies will be allowed to vote.
  - b. Detailed Procedures for County Caucuses and State Convention
    1. Apportionment Formula. The formula for apportioning the State Convention delegate votes for the purpose of national delegate selection will be each county will be allocated ONE state delegate for every 500 Democratic votes cast, rounded up, in the average of the 2018 Gubernatorial election AND the 2016 Presidential general election. The total number of delegates chosen at the County Caucuses and sub-caucuses to be delegates at the State Convention for the purpose of national delegate selection shall be 424. Each county shall be allowed to chose a like number of alternates. The number of delegates allotted to each county are shown in the table on page 8.
    2. Notice. The Idaho Democratic State Caucuses and Convention shall be effectively publicized by the State Chair well in advance of such events including public notice of times, dates, places and rules for conduct of all events and stages involving the delegate selection process, and including concise, educational statements about all such events and delegate selection process.
      - (a) Designation by County Chair. On or before January 1, 2020 the Democratic County Chair in each county in the State of Idaho shall prepare and forward to the State Chair a notice stating that on April 4, 2020, at the hour of 1pm PT/2pm MT, at a public place which is handicapped accessible (to be designated in the notice by the County Chair), a Democratic County Caucus shall be held for the purposes of selecting delegates to the State Convention who in turn will select delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.
      - (b) Notice by State Chair. The State Chair shall thereupon dispatch press releases, mass email and social media notices to each daily and weekly newspaper in the State of Idaho specifying the time and place of the county caucuses within the circulation area of the newspapers to which such notices are sent. The state chair shall post all locations on the website and send emails to key leaders statewide, including leaders of Affirmative Action target groups, and shall send notice to such other alternate news outlets (e.g., blogs) as are designated in this plan.

(c) Notice by County Chair. The County Chair in each county shall issue at least one press release, mass email and social media post per week for the two weeks preceding, the last release of which shall be no later than the Monday preceding the April 4, 2020 caucus date. Each county or chair will also include a bilingual release in counties with over 2% Hispanic residents. The notice shall be issued to all news, social media and calendar of events editors covering the County Chair's county and shall include the following information.

- The time and place of the county caucus;
- The qualifications for those persons permitted to participate in the process;
- The purpose of the caucus is to select delegates to the State Convention who will select delegates to the National Convention and participate in drafting the State Party Platform and all other convention activities as planned.
- Directions to the IDP web site, [idahodems.org](http://idahodems.org), for further information on the delegate selection process in general and in each county.

Table 1-1

Counties		/500
Ada	CD1	62
Adams	CD1	1
Benewah	CD1	2
Boise	CD1	2
Bonner	CD1	13
Boundary	CD1	2
Canyon	CD1	39
Clearwater	CD1	1
Gem	CD1	3
Idaho	CD1	3
Kootenai	CD1	34
Latah	CD1	17
Lewis	CD1	1
Nez Perce	CD1	10
Owyhee	CD1	1
Payette	CD1	3
Shoshone	CD1	3
Valley	CD1	4
Washington	CD1	2
<b>Sub-Total CD1</b>	CD1	203

Counties		/500
Ada	CD2	108
Bannock	CD2	24
Bear Lake	CD2	1
Bingham	CD2	6
Blaine	CD2	14
Bonneville	CD2	20
Butte	CD2	1
Camas	CD2	1
Caribou	CD2	1
Cassia	CD2	2
Clark	CD2	1
Custer	CD2	1
Elmore	CD2	4
Franklin	CD2	1
Fremont	CD2	1
Gooding	CD2	2
Jefferson	CD2	2
Jerome	CD2	3
Lemhi	CD2	2
Lincoln	CD2	1
Madison	CD2	3

Counties		/500
Minidoka	CD2	2
Oneida	CD2	1
Power	CD2	1
Teton	CD2	5
Twin Falls	CD2	14
<b>Sub-Total CD2</b>		<b>222</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>425</b>

(d) Notification of Publicity by County Chair. Not later than ten days following the County Chair shall send to the State Chair screenshots of the newspaper/social media sites in which the notices have appeared.

(e) Legal Publication. Should a newspaper refuse to accept and/or publish the two required news releases and/or the calendar of events, the County Chair shall cause to be published no later than Monday March 1, 2020, a legal notice or advertisement of the same in one daily newspaper of general circulation within such county; provided, however, that if there is no daily newspaper published in such county, such publication shall be made in a weekly newspaper having the greatest circulation in the county, and the County Chair shall submit proof of publication to the State Chair not later than ten days following. Only in the event that such a refusal to publish occurs then the Idaho State Democratic Party shall pay at least ½ of any cost connected with the publication of such notice or advertisement.

3. Conduct of Caucuses. On April 4, 2020 1:00pm PT/2:00pm MT at locations TBA pursuant to the notice given as provided above, County Chairs of each county shall convene the County Caucus, oversee the roll call of participants based upon the signed pledges received, appoint a temporary chairperson, oversee the functioning of each caucus, and submit a list of state delegates to the State Chair not later than the Tuesday immediately following the caucus. In the case of a county divided between two congressional districts the county chair shall convene separate caucuses for each portion of the county within each of the respective congressional districts. The County Chair or their designee shall conduct one such and the County Vice-Chair or their designee shall conduct the other.

4. Qualifications of Participants. The delegate selection process is open to all those who wish to participate as Democrats. All persons running as delegates to State and/or National convention MUST be registered as Democrats to be nominated. Party registration and affiliation must be verified prior to election proceedings. No one may participate in the nominating process of this party who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding elections. No person may participate or vote in more than one of the county caucuses. A qualified participant is any person who is a qualified elector within the county in which they desire to participate (a minor residing in a county in which they desires to participate may so participate if they will be eighteen years of age at the time of the 2020 General Election, November 3, and provided that such person signs the following pledge either online or in-person:

“I am or will be a qualified elector by November 3 for the 2020 general election. I reside in \_\_\_\_\_ County, and I am a registered member of the Democratic Party. Should the party desire to publish my name as such, I hereby agree.”

Name:

Address:

Phone #:

Email:

I hereby declare my support for this presidential candidate (or declare as uncommitted):

5. Error in Allocation. Upon adoption of these rules, it shall be the duty of each County Chair to check the allocation of delegates to counties set forth above and, if an error in calculation is discovered, immediately apprise the State Chair of any error in calculation so that the correction indicated by the proper mathematical calculation shall be made.

6. Selection of Delegates to State Convention

(a) Sub-Caucus. In order to select delegates to the State Convention, the county shall divide itself into sub-caucuses, each of which shall be composed of the qualified persons attending who have expressed a preference for a particular candidate or are uncommitted for the nomination for President.

(b) Division of Delegates. On the basis of such determination by the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary vote, those in attendance favoring each candidate for the nomination for President of the United States on the Democratic Ticket, shall be entitled to select the proportion of the delegates to which such county shall be entitled at the State Convention in the same percentage as the votes such candidate received in the March 10, 2020 presidential primary in that county of all votes cast for candidates who exceeded the 15% threshold in that county, and the delegates so selected by each group in voting for delegates to the National Convention shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. Those delegates selected as uncommitted must keep an uncommitted status and vote for uncommitted national delegates at the State Convention assuming that the uncommitted delegates met the 15% threshold during the Presidential Primary election. Odd numbers shall be resolved by awarding a delegate on the basis of the largest fraction that a particular group shall represent from the entire number of those participating and voting. Each county sub-caucus committed to a particular Democratic candidate for nomination, as well as the uncommitted sub-caucus, if any, shall separately nominate and elect as many alternate delegates to attend the State Convention as they are entitled to delegates.

(c) Thresholds. The threshold for the election of delegates at both the County Caucus and State Convention states is 15%. Preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates, except if no presidential preference reaches the 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received by the frontrunner.

(d) Election of State Convention Delegates in Sub-Caucuses. No Democrat shall be precluded from election as a delegate to the State Convention because of inability to be at their county caucus. Anyone who is not able to attend the county caucus may submit to their county chair the pledge form for nomination and election as a delegate to the State Convention no later than 5:30 pm., March 31, 2020, as provided for in Rule III-B-2, and therefore become eligible for election as a delegate to the State Convention. No such absent person is eligible to vote or otherwise participate in the county caucus, nor are proxies allowed to elect delegates from the sub-caucus. Nominations shall be open and may include self-nomination for the position of sub-chairperson. Voting shall be by show of hands, or by roll call based on signed pledges; no secret ballots shall be permitted at any stage of the convention or its committee proceedings. Each voter shall vote

for, as many names as there are spots to be filled, and each person who casts his ballot must name a different candidate for each position available to the sub-caucus. The sub-chairperson shall tally the votes they receive. The chairperson shall then adjourn the sub-caucus and immediately report the results in writing and return the pledges to the County Chair. Both delegates and alternates and others nominated shall be designated as #1, 2, etc. in order of the number of votes received.

(e) Automatic Delegates Prohibited. No person shall be permitted to claim the right to be chosen as a delegate to the State Convention for the purpose of selecting delegates to the National Convention solely by virtue of any official position such person may hold in the Democratic Party, or other office, provided, however, that the prohibition herein contained against automatic delegates by virtue of holding public or political party office shall not be disqualification and shall not prevent any person holding public or political party office from being selected as a delegate to the State Convention for the purpose of selecting delegates to the National Convention if elected as herein provided.

(f) Delegate Participation at State Convention. Except as otherwise set forth herein, delegates to the State Convention elected at the County Caucuses shall have the right of full participation in all convention matters. Democrats who are County Chairs, State Committeemen and State Committeewomen, legislative district chairperson, legislators, and county, state and federal elected officials may attend the State Convention and have full participation in the writing and adopting of the State Democratic Platform and all other business of the convention, except for the selection of delegates to the National Convention, unless such officials are duly elected delegates for that purpose. If such a delegate is absent, there shall not be an alternate for that automatic position.

(g) Certification. Within five days following the adjournment of the County Delegate Selection Caucus, the County Chair shall certify online at [idahodems.org/2020delegate](http://idahodems.org/2020delegate) to the Democratic State Chair the names of the person so selected as delegates or alternates and the candidates to whom they are committed by those selecting them, including those selected on an uncommitted basis. In the event that a duly elected delegate cannot attend the convention, the sub-caucus delegate election list shall be consulted to determine the alternate receiving the highest number of votes. That person shall then become a delegate in place of the delegate who cannot attend. In the event that a person cannot attend, the alternate list shall again be consulted for the next highest vote getter. In the event that there are not enough alternates available who can attend the convention to fill all of the delegate seats, staff must go back to the delegate election list and find those persons receiving votes to be delegates, but not elected as delegates or alternates. Replacement shall be made from this list in order of votes received. If the list of un-elected alternates is exhausted, any delegate position not filled shall remain unfilled. Staff is responsible for notifying the Credential Committee at least one day in advance of the convention of any substitution of delegates by alternates. No person whose name is not certified to the Credentials Committee by the date stated may be permitted to register as a delegate or alternate to the convention.

(h) Form of Credentials and Notice. All notices to be given may be prepared on forms provided for in these rules, copies of which are attached hereto. Within one week of the County Caucus, the County Chair shall issue news and social media notices containing a list of all presidential preference delegates and alternate delegates with the name of the candidate to which each delegate and alternate delegate is committed or that the delegate is uncommitted, in one daily newspaper in each county seat within such county; provided, however, that if there is no daily newspaper in such county, such publication shall be made in the weekly newspaper published in such county. The screenshot containing such an announcement shall be sent to the State Chair no later than two weeks following the County Caucus.

(i) Credentials and Appeal. The certification of delegates required by Rule III-D-8 may be upon the forms provided for in Rule III-D-9, and shall be accompanied with proof of publication of

legal notice or advertisement. Any person aggrieved by the manner of conduct or proceedings in any county may appeal to the Democratic State Chair within ten (10) days following publication of the names of the delegates and alternates in his county and shall specify the reasons therefore. Appeals may only be prosecuted for alleged failures to observe the terms and provisions of these rules, and notice of the appeal must be in writing over the name of the person aggrieved, and must specify the particulars wherein it is alleged that the delegate selection process failed to conform to the terms and provisions of these rules. Any person filing a notice of appeal must accompany the same with an executed pledge identical in form and substance to the pledge required by Rule III-C-2 hereof. In the event it affirmatively appears on the face of the certification of proceedings that the proceedings have not been conducted in the manner provided for, then the State Chair shall so advise the offending County Chair, specifying the errors in such proceedings and identifying each error and section or sub-caucus section of these rules that have not been complied with, and in such event the County Chair shall within ten (10) days of receipt of notice cause another county delegate to be held in conformity with the requirements of these rules, with notice given as provided in Rule III-A hereof, and such County Vice-Chair shall thereafter conduct the caucus as herein provided and shall certify the results thereof to the State Chair; provided further, that the State Chair may of his or her own motion, whether an appeal has been filed or not, in the event it is obvious from examination of the credentials certified by any County Chair that these rules have not been complied with, direct that another County Caucus be held in such offending county or counties as herein provided.

3. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates at State Convention

- a. State’s district-level delegates are apportioned among the districts based equal weight given to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2016 presidential and the most recent gubernatorial election in 2018. *(Rule 8.A, Reg. 4.12, Reg. 4.11 & Appendix A)* Many of Idaho’s unaffiliated voters regularly vote for Democratic candidates and since the 2016 Presidential election the percentage of their vote for our candidates has been growing. Therefore this is the fairest way to apportion district level delegates for the 2020 Delegate Selection Plan.
- b. The number of men and the number of women in the state’s total number of district-level delegates will not vary by more than one. *(Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9)*
- c. The district-level delegates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following table:

District	Delegates		
	Males*	Females*	Total
#1	3	3	6
#2	3	4	7
Total	6	7	13

*\*(Assuming no gender non-binary delegates are elected.)*

4. District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements

- a. A district-level delegate candidate may run for election only within the district in which they are registered to vote. *All delegate applications will be reviewed by information provided by the Secretary of State to ensure Democratic Party affiliation and registration address. (Candidacy filings are available starting November 1, 2019 and can be submitted online at [idahodems.org/2020delegate](http://idahodems.org/2020delegate) or hand delivered/mailed postmarked to arrive before the deadline to the state party at 812 Franklin St, Boise, ID 83702. Rule 13.H)*

1. An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by **June 5, 2020 8pm MT.** (see example below) Candidacy filings can be submitted online at [idahodems.org/2020delegate](http://idahodems.org/2020delegate) or hand delivered/mailed postmarked to arrive before the deadline to the state party at 812 Franklin St, Boise, ID 83702. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.23)

2. No registered Democrat shall be precluded from election as a delegate to the National Convention because of inability to be at State Convention. Someone who is not able to attend the State Convention may submit the pledge form as provided for in Rule III-B-2 to the state chair no later than **June 5, 2020 8pm MT** and therefore become eligible for election as a delegate to the National Convention. No such absent person is eligible to vote or otherwise participate in the State Convention business.

***"I am or will be a qualified elector by November 3, 2020 for the 2020 general election. I reside in \_\_\_\_\_ County, and I am an affiliated member of the Democratic Party. Should the party desire to publish my name as such, I hereby agree."***

**Name**

**Address**

**Phone #**

**Email**

***I hereby declare my support for this presidential candidate (or declare as uncommitted):***

5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates
  - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than, **June 6, 2020 8am MT.** a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate and all persons who are eligible to run after the review process has been completed. (Rule 13.D & Rule 13.F)
  - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by **June 6, 2020 12pm MT.**, presidential candidates may not remove any candidate for a district-level delegate or alternate position from the list of bona fide supporters unless at a minimum three names appear for every such position the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 13.E.1)
  - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than **June 6, 2020 12pm MT.**
  - d. National convention delegate and alternate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not

be elected as a delegate or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 13.E & Reg. 4.24)*

- e. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan. *(Rule 6.I & Reg.4.10.C)*

## 6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- (1) Presidential Primary - District-level delegates will be elected by presidential preference caucuses who are pledged to the same presidential candidate as the delegate candidate. *(Rule 14.A, Rule 14.B & Rule 14.D)* The State presidential primary election is a “binding” primary. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential (or uncommitted) preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates and alternates selected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates. Percentages shall be determined at the county levels. *All district-level delegates will be elected at the June 6 State Convention between 2pm-6pm MT by voice-vote and show-of-hands.*
- b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner. *(Rule 14.F)*

## 7. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates

- a. To ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) the gender of the first binary delegate elected in each district will be designated. At the time of election of delegates in the district the binary gender advantage will alternate as delegate positions are filled and the alternation shall continue across presidential preferences in order of vote-getting preference. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category. *(Rule 6.C., Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10)*

8. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the state’s district-level delegates to the Democratic National Convention within 10 days after their election. *(Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)*

## **B. Automatic Delegates**

1. Idaho currently has 5 Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials.

- a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:

- (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; *(Rule 9.A.1, Call I.F, Call I.J, & Reg. 4.15)*



- (2) Democratic President and Democratic Vice President (if applicable); *(Rule 9.A.2 & Call I.G) N/A*
  - (3) All of State’s Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; *(Rule 9.A.3, Call I.H & Call I.J) N/A*
  - (4) The Democratic Governor (if applicable); *(Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H & Call I.J) N/A*
  - (5) “Distinguished Party Leader” delegates who legally reside in the state *(Rule 9.A.5, Call I.G & Reg. 4.14) N/A*
- b. An Automatic delegate may run and be elected as a Pledged delegate. If an Automatic delegate is elected and certified as a Pledged delegate, that individual shall not serve as an Automatic delegate at the 2020 National Convention. *(Call I.J)* Candidacy filings are available starting November 1, 2019 and can be submitted online at [idahodems.org/2020delegate](http://idahodems.org/2020delegate) or hand delivered/mailed postmarked to arrive before the deadline to the state party at 812 Franklin St, Boise, ID 83702.
- c. The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
- (1) Not later than March 6, 2020, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the Automatic delegates who legally reside in State. *(Rule 9.A)*
  - (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the Automatic delegates from the categories indicated above. *(Call IV.B.1)*
  - (3) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of state’s Automatic delegates 10 days after the completion of the State’s Delegate Selection Process. *(Call IV.C)*
2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women within the state’s entire convention delegation (determined by gender self-identification), the entire delegation includes all pledged and Automatic delegates, including those who identify as male or female. *(Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*

### **C. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates**

1. State is allotted 3 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. *(Call I.D, Call I.E & Appendix B)*
2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
  - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. Automatic delegates who choose to run for PLEO delegate will be given equal consideration with big city mayors and state-wide elected officials. *(Rule 10.A.1 & Reg. 4.16)*

- b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate *by filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by June 6, 2020, election to take place 15 minutes after the election of district level delegates. (see example below) Candidacy filings can be submitted online at idahodemocrats.org/2020delegate, mailed or hand delivered to the Executive Director of the Idaho Democratic Party at 812 W Franklin St, Boise, ID 83702. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (Rule 10.A.3, Rule 15.G, Reg.4.18 & Reg. 4.17)*

### 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 15 minutes after the filing deadline on *June 6, 2020 at 6pm MT*, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 10.A.3 & Rule 13.D)*
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by *June 6, 2020*, no later than 15 minutes after receipt of the list, a list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least **one name** for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. *(Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)*
- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair no later than 15 minutes after receipt of the list on *June 6, 2020. (Rule 13.D)*
- d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan. *(Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10.C)*

### 4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates

- a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. *(Rule 10.A.2, Rule 11.C, Rule 14.E & Rule 14.F)*
- b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur at June 6, 2020 State convention for national delegate selection at the Boise Centre, between 2:30pm-6pm MT, which is after the election of district-level delegates and alternates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. *(Rule 10.A)*
- c. These delegates will be selected by the delegates of the State Convention. *All voting will be by voice-vote and show-of-hands.(Rule 10.B)*

5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within 10 days after their election. *(Call IV.A & Reg. 5.4.A)*

## D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. The state of Idaho is allotted 4 at-large delegates and 2 at-large alternates. *(Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.34)*
2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
  - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by *filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party, no more than 30 minutes after the election of PLEO delegates on June 6, 2020. (see example below) Candidacy filing forms are available starting November 1, 2019 and can be found and submitted online at [idahodems.org/2020delegate](http://idahodems.org/2020delegate), mailed or hand delivered to the Executive Director of the Idaho Democratic Party. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (Rule 13.A., Rule 13.B, Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.22, Reg. 4.23, & Reg. 4.31)*
  - b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the delegates of the State Convention the alternates will be the candidates receiving the most votes that satisfy the affirmative action and gender goals. *All voting will be by voice-vote and show-of-hands. (Rule 19.A)*
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
  - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), no more than 45 minutes after the election of the PLEO delegates on *June 6, 2020*, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 13.D)(Reg. 4.24.D & Reg. 4.31.C)*
  - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, no more than 1 hour after the election of the PLEO delegates on *June 6, 2020*, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, **one name** remain(s) for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled.*(Rule 13.D.4, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)*
  - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative( s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than *June 6, 2020 7pm MT*.
  - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in this Section.

4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the results of the March 10, 2020 state-wide primary vote *(Rule 11.C)*
- b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. *(Rule 14.E)*
- c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner. *(Rule 14.F)*
- d. If a presidential candidate otherwise entitled to an allocation is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, their allocation will be proportionally divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation. *(Rule 11.C)*
- e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one (1) or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one (1) at-large alternate position. *(Rule 19.B, Call I.I & Reg. 4.33)*

5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

- a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur between 2pm-6pm MT on **June 6, 2020** at **Boise Centre 850 W Front St, Boise, ID 83702**, which is after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. *All voting will be by the delegates of the State convention with a voice-vote and show-of-hands.(Call III)*
- b. Priority of Consideration
  - (1) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, if such priority of consideration is needed to fulfill the affirmative action goals outlined in the state's Delegate Selection Plan. *(Rule 6.A.3)*
  - (2) To continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identify, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status, labor affiliation, service to our country or disability. *(Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3, Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8)*
  - (3) The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. *(Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*
  - (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. *(Rule 6.C.1, Rule 11.A, Reg. 4.9 & Reg. 4.20)*

6. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within 10 days after their election. *(Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)*

## **E. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates**

1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:
  - a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: *(Rule 19.D.3)*
    - (1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
    - (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and gender of the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
      - (a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
      - (b) If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of a different gender, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 19.D.2, the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of a different gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. *(Reg. 4.36)*
    - (3) If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not certified to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies, or is no longer eligible to serve, they shall be replaced, after consultation with the State Party, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged. *(Rule 19.D.2)*
  - a. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: *(Rule 19.D.4)*
    - (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.
    - (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be of the same gender and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
  - b. The delegation chair will select permanent and temporary delegate replacements ensuring the replacement is the same gender, has the same presidential preference and prioritizes someone with the same political sub-division. *(Rule 19.D.1)*

c. Certification of Replacements

- (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. *(Rule 19.D.3)*
- (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the State's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. *(Call IV.D.1)*
- (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. *(Call IV.D.1 & Reg. 4.35)*
- (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet. *(Call IX.F.3.e, Call IX.F.3.c & Reg. 5.6)*

d. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same gender and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. *(Rule 19.E)*

2. Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: *(Call IV.D.2 & Reg. 4.37)*

- a. Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. *(Call IV.D.2.a)*
- b. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of Automatic delegates. *(Call, IV.D.2.b)*
- c. Automatic distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. *(Call IV.D.2.c)*
- d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an Automatic delegate. *(Call IX.F.3.e)*

## Section IV

### Selection of Convention Standing Committee Members

#### A. Introduction

1. State has been allocated **(1)** member(s) on each of the three (3) standing committees for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of 3 members. *(Call VII.A & Appendix D)*
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. *(Call VII.A.3)*
3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. *(Rule 1.G)*

#### Temporary Standing Committee Members

1. Temporary members for the Convention Standing Committees, will be selected by the **State Central Committee** at a their regular meeting during the Frank and Bethine Church Gala March 7, 2020. The meeting shall be open to the public and well-publicized in accordance with this Plan. Members of **State Central Committee** shall receive timely notice of the meeting, in accordance with State Party rules. *(Call VII.G.2)*
2. Any Democrat may apply for a position as a temporary member of the standing committee[s]. Persons wishing to be considered must submit the Declaration of Candidacy for 2020 Delegate Selection Process application to be found online at [idahodems.org/2020delegate](http://idahodems.org/2020delegate) or hand delivered/mailed postmarked to arrive before the deadline to 812 Franklin St, Boise, ID 83702., including the committee[s] for which they wish to be considered, no later than **Friday March 6, 2020 5pm MT**.
3. **A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each of the standing committees.** The male and female membership of **each** standing committee shall be as equally divided among men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation; i.e. the variance between men and women on **any** committee **or, among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one.** *(Call VII.E.2)* In the case of gender non-binary committee members, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the standing committee members shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). *(Call VII.E.1)*
4. Temporary members serve only in the event that the respective standing committee is called to meet prior to completion of the state's delegate selection process and subsequent selection of permanent standing committee members. No temporary member may continue to serve after the selection of the permanent standing committee members unless they are elected as a permanent member. *(Call VII.G.3)*
5. Temporary members selected after the first determining step has occurred in a state shall reflect the Presidential preferences so established. *(Call VII.G.3)*
6. The State Chair shall certify the temporary standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. Substitutions in a state's list of temporary members may only be made up to ten (10) days prior to the time the standing committee meets. Substitute temporary standing committee members will be selected at a meeting of the **State Central Committee** in accordance with the provisions outlined above. *(Call VII.B.3 and Call VII.G.4)*

## C. Standing Committee Members

### 1. Selection Meeting

- a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of State's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on **June 7, 2020 9am MT at the Boise Centre**. (*Call VII.B.1*)
- b. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. (*Call VII.B.1*)

### 2. Allocation of Members

- a. The members of the standing committees allocated to State shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 14.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. (*Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.9*)
- b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to State. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. (*Call VII.C.2*)
- c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. (*Call VII.C.3*)
- d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three (3) standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. (*Call VII.C.4*)

### 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. (*Call VII.D.1*)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by **June 6, 2020 8pm MT**, a minimum of (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members from among names submitted by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status). Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more



than one (1) person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. (Call VII.D.2)

#### 4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division

- a. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve State's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and that their respective male and female members are equally divided between the men and women determined by gender self-identification. (Rule 6.1 & Reg. 4.10)
- b. The first binary gender position on each standing committee shall be assigned by binary gender as self-identified. For example, the first binary position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a **male**, and the next binary position, if one occurs, will be designated for a **female**, and the remaining binary positions, to the extent they occur, shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females, where applicable. For avoidance of doubt: there is no requirement that positions be assigned to gender non-binaries but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used to exclude a gender non-binary from consideration for a committee position. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by gender, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.
  - (1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.
  - (2) The male and female membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided among the men and women as possible under the state allocation; the variance between men and women in any committee or among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. (Call VII.E.2)
  - (3) Gender non-binary committee members shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). (Call VII.E.1)
  - (4) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate gender.

#### 5. Certification and Substitution

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. (Call VII.B.3)
- b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected but not later than 48 hours before the respective standing committee meets, except in the case of death. (Call VII.B.4)

## Section V Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

### A. Introduction

State will select 1 person to serve as Delegation Chair and 2 to serve as Convention Pages. *(Call IV.E, Call IV.F.1 & Appendix C)*

### B. Delegation Chair

1. Selection Meeting
  - a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on **June 7, 2020 9am MT at the Boise Centre**. *(Call IV.E & Call VII.B.1)*
  - b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. *(Rule 3.C)*
2. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. *(Call IV.E)*

### C. Convention Pages

1. 2 individuals will be selected to serve as State's Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place **June 7, 2020 9am MT at the Boise Centre**. *(Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7)*
2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion guidelines in the state plan. In the case of gender non-binary pages, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the pages shall be equally divided. *(Reg. 5.7.A)*
3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as State's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. *(Call IV.F.3 & Reg. 5.7.B)*

## Section VI Presidential Electors

### A. Introduction

State will select 4 persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2020 Presidential election.

### B. Selection of Presidential Electors

The Presidential Electors shall be selected by the National Convention Delegates. Nominations will be made by delegates. This selection will take place **June 7, 2020 9am MT at the Boise Centre**. *The state chairman of each political party shall certify the names of the presidential and vice-presidential candidates and presidential electors to the secretary of state on or before September 1, 2020 unless a five (5) day extension is*

*granted by the secretary of state, in order for them to appear on the general election ballot. The secretary of state shall certify such candidates to the county clerks at the same time as certification of political party candidates nominated for state and federal offices by the voters in the primary election. (Idaho Statute 34-711) (Call VIII)*

**C. Affirmation**

1. Each candidate for Presidential Elector shall certify in writing that they will vote for the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees. *(Call VIII)*
2. In the selection of the Presidential Electors, the National Delegation will nominate notable, registered Democrats who have served public office or been elected to Party leader positions to ensure the persons selected are bona fide Democrats who are faithful to the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States. *(Call VIII)*

## **Section VII General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees**

- A. The State Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the “six basic elements” as listed below. As our Party strives to progress in the fight against discrimination of all kinds, these six basic elements have evolved and grown along with the constant push for more inclusion and empowerment. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. *(Rule 4.A, Rule 4.B & Rule 4.C)*
1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in State should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). *(Rule 4.B.1)*
  2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party in State should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on “status.” *(Rule 4.B.2)*
  3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in State on all levels should be publicized fully and, in such manner, as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. *(Rule 4.B.3)*
  4. The Democratic Party in State, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” *(Rule 4.B.4)*
  5. The Democratic Party in State should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of the State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. As part of this, the State Democratic Party should develop a strategy to provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the

process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. *(Rule 4.B.5)*

6. The Democratic Party in State should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. *(Rule 4.B.6)*
- B. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.B)*
- C. State’s delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, i.e. the number of men and women shall not vary by more than one. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all automatic delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division as determined by gender self-identification. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. *(Rule 6.C)*
- D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. *(Rule 13.A)*
- E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person’s presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. *(Rule 13.I)*
- F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. *(Rule 13.J)*
- G. Each delegate, alternate and standing committee member must be a bona fide Democrat, as such **being registered as a Democrat**, who is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribes to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. *(Rule 13.H, Call VII.A.4 & Reg. 4.26)*
- H. **40%** of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. *(Rule 16)*
- I. An accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having established credentials, may register a non-transferable proxy with (i.e., deliver a signed proxy to) another duly accredited participant at that meeting (except where an accredited alternate is present and eligible to serve as a replacement), provided that no individual may hold more than one (1) proxy at a time. *(Rule 17 & Reg. 4.32)*
- J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.A)*
- K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet

identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.B)*

- L. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs. *(Rule 1.F & Rule 12.B)*
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention, the State Democratic Party hereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in State, a full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action and outreach and inclusion plans toward that end; that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention; and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention. *(Call II.B)*

## **Section VIII**

### **Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program**

#### **A. Statement of Purpose and Organization**

##### 1. Purpose and Objectives

- a. To make sure that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by State. *(Rule 5.A)*
- b. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.B)*
- c. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in State should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). *(Rule 4.B.1)*
- d. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or disability, State has established goals for these groups. *(Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.8)*
- e. To encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the State Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, the State Party has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups, including the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth. *(Rule 6.A & Rule 7)*
  - (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. *(Rule 6.A.1)*

- (2) For the delegate selection process, "Youth" is defined as any participant younger than 36 years old at the time of election. *(Reg. 5.3.A)*
- (3) For the delegate selection process, individuals identifying as Native Americans should provide their tribal affiliation and indicate if they are enrolled in a tribe. *(Reg. 5.3.B)*
- (4) These goals shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party's imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs. *(Rule 6.A.2)*

## 2. Organizational Structure

- a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair on **March 1, 2019**. *(Rule 6.F)* Initial committee members include:
  - Van Beechler LGBT*
  - Senator Cherie Buckner-Webb African-American*
  - Representative Sue Chew Asian-American*
  - Cat Floate LGBT*
  - Chelsea Gaona Lincoln LGBT, Latina*
  - Jennifer Martinez Latina*
  - Jordan Morales Latino*
  - Ethan Secrist Youth, Labor*
  - Cecile Perez, Latina*
- b. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State's Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and contact information of the members no later than 15 days after their appointment. *(Reg. 2.2.J)*
- c. The Committee shall consist of members who are regionally diverse and represent the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.
- d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
  - (1) Helping develop and design the proposed Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair. *(Rule 6.F)*
  - (2) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.
  - (3) Implementing a specific outreach and financial assistance program for persons of low and moderate income to encourage their participation and representation in the national convention delegation. *(Rule 6.G)*
  - (4) Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. *(Rule 6.E)*
- e. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on

a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers, and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.

- Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program shall begin on or before **August 1, 2019**, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 1.F)*

**B. Representation Goals**

- In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the state’s Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. *(Rule 6.A)*
- In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, veteran’s, labor members and youth in the state’s Democratic electorate. The State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. *(Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8.C.iii)*
- Idaho demographic data was researched using census 2017 projections. That and other demographic trend research was utilized when creating goal percentages for our affirmative action categories with a default of going with the highest percentage found and rounding delegates up. Research is available upon request.*

	African Americans	Latinx	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ+ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth	Labor	Veterans
Percent in Democratic Electorate	1%	18%	2%	2%	8%	17%	36%	3%	15%
Numeric Goals for Delegation	1	5	1	1	2	4	9	1	4

- When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and Automatic) shall be compared with the State Party’s representation goals to achieve an at-large selection process that helps to bring about a representative balance. *(Rule 11.A)*
- Although the selection of the at-large delegation may be used to fulfill the affirmative action goals established by this Plan, the State Party will conduct outreach and inclusion activities such as recruitment, education and training at all levels of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 6.A.3)*

**C. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process**

- Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in September 2019. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate and alternate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization

and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting electorate. (*Rule 3.A, Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D*)

2. A speakers bureau of volunteers from the State Party, including the Affirmative Action Committee, shall be comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information concerning the process.
3. The State Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and making sure that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.
4. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the State Party and Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than August 1, 2019. (*Rule 1.H*)
5. Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded. (*Rule 2.A*)
6. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated voters and new voters to register or enroll, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters wish to register or to change their party enrollment status. (*Rule 2.C*)
7. The Affirmative Action Committee will develop a State Party strategy to be implemented beginning **August 1, 2019** that will provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. (*Rule 4.B.5*)

#### **D. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process**

1. The State Party shall direct special attention to publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process, and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in the State Party communications and on the State Party's website. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. (*Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D*)
2. The State Party shall have a Delegate Selection Media Plan (**see Attachment 2.i**) for using all available and appropriate resources, such as social media, websites, newspapers, radio and television, to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, the Delegate Selection Media Plan will provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Regular updates should be posted/released throughout the state's delegate selection process to ensure broad and timely coverage and awareness about the process to all interested persons. (*Rule 4.B.3 & Rule 6.D*)



3. A priority effort, as described in the Delegate Selection Media Plan, shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
  - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be posted on and made available to social and specialty media directed toward the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.
  - b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of **public primary, county caucuses and state convention** shall be effectively publicized, multilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. *(Rule 6.D)*
4. Not later than August 1, 2019, the State Party will make information about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:
  - a. materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;
  - b. a summary explaining the role of the 2020 Convention in nominating the Party's Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;
  - c. a summary of the State Party's delegate selection process including all pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process;
  - d. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district, along with filing forms or information on how to obtain the filing forms.

#### **E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation**

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the State Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Providing multi-lingual literature where applicable, providing staff or volunteers in affirmative action areas such as college campuses, tribal reservations, areas with dense Latino populations and other areas with affiliated groups. *(Rule 6.H)*
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by **September 1, 2019** which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in State's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate pledged to the presidential candidate. *(Rule 6.H.1)*
3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. *(Rule 6.H.2)*
4. Presidential candidates shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegates, alternates and standing committee members shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative

Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and that the number of men and the number of women in their respective delegations shall not differ by more than one (as determined by gender self-identification). Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate, alternate, and standing committee candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations to promote and achieve the state's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (*Rule 6.C., Rule 6.1 & Reg. 4.10*)

## F. Outreach and Inclusion Program

1. The State Democratic Party is committed to help achieve full participation of those groups of Americans who have historically been explicitly denied the right to vote or who have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices that have denied them voting rights and full participation in the delegate selection process and other Party meetings, events and elections, along with other groups of Americans who are also underrepresented in Party affairs.
2. As such, the State Democratic Party has developed outreach and inclusion programs and is committed to fully implementing the programs so that all persons who wish to participate as Democrats understand they are welcome and encouraged to be a part of the delegate selection process and in the Party at the local, state and national levels.
3. The State Party will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with disabilities. ***All delegate selection facilities will be accessible. Participants with disabilities can contact the state party to make arrangements for their needs and those needs will be met wherever financially feasible.***
4. In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the State Party will ***send Party and/or campaign representatives to meet with leadership groups and individuals within affiliated areas to educate and recruit attendees and delegate candidates.***

## Section IX Challenges

### A. Jurisdiction & Standing

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (Reg. Sec. 3)*, and the "Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention." (*Call Appendix A*)
2. Under Rule 21.B. of the *2020 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (*Rule 21.B & Call Appendix A*)
3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention. (*Call Appendix A & Reg. 3.1*)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National

Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.” (*Call Appendix A*)

5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the *Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention*. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (*Call VII.B.5*)
6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (*Appendix A*), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of 15 Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (*Appendix A, Sec. 2.A*), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

## **B. Challenges to the Status of the State Party and Challenges to the Plan**

1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 30 calendar days prior to the initiation of the state’s delegate selection process. (*Rule 21.A & Reg. 3.4.A*)
2. A challenge to the state’s Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the State Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within 15 calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (*Reg. 3.4.B*)
3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the RBC Regulations, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

## **C. Challenges to Implementation**

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. (*Reg. 3.1.C*)
2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 15 days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has 21 days to render a decision. Within 10 days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within 10 days after expiration of the above 21-day period. (*Reg. 3.4.C, Reg. 3.4.E & Reg. 3.4.H*)
3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary

results. (Rule 6.B) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than 30 days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (*Reg. 3.4.C*)

4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

## Section X Summary of Plan

### A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

The “first determining step” of State’s delegate selection process will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the March 10, 2020 with a Presidential Primary election run by the state of Idaho apportioning its delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates District-Level Alternates	13	0	June 6, 2020 2pm-6pm MT	Congressional District State Delegates
				<i>file online prior to June 5, 8pm MT</i>
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	5	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	3	0	June 6, 2020 2pm-6pm MT	State Convention Delegates
				<i>file in-person or online prior to June 6, 3pm MT</i>
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	4	2	June 6, 2020 2pm-6pm MT	State Convention Delegates
				<i>file in-person or online prior to June 6, 3pm MT</i>
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	25	2		

\* Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 *Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact number of Automatic PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

### B. Selection of Standing Committee Members (For the Credentials, Platform and Rules Committees)

Temporary Standing committee members will be selected by the state’s National Convention delegates as summarized below:

Temporary Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Temporary Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	<i>March 7, 2020</i>	March 6, 2020 5pm MT

Standing committee members will be selected by the state’s National Convention delegates as summarized below:

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	<i>June 7, 2020</i>	June 6, 2020 8pm MT

**C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages**

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on **June 7, 2020 9am MT**.

2 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Chair in consultation with the DNC members from Idaho on **June 7, 2020 at 9am MT**.

**D. Selection of Presidential Electors**

4 Presidential Electors will be selected by **the National Convention Delegates** on **June 7, 2020 9am MT**.

**E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline**

The name of any candidate for a political party nomination for president of the United States shall be printed on the ballots only if the candidate files with the secretary of state a declaration of candidacy accompanied by a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) filing fee not less than ninety (90) days prior to the presidential primary. The Declaration of Candidacy and the filing fee must be filed prior to December 11, 2019\*. (Idaho Law 34-732.)

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 Idaho Secretary of State's Office  
 State Capitol  
 700 W Jefferson, Ste E205  
 Boise, ID 83702

*Mailing:*  
 Idaho Secretary of State's Office  
 Elections Division  
 PO Box 83720  
 Boise, ID 83720-0080

Any candidate for political party nomination for president of the United States to be eligible for delegate selection at the Idaho Democratic Party State Convention will notify the Party Chair in writing and remit a filing fee of \$1000 through USPS mail prior to January 10, 2020.

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by **January 10, 2020**.

**F. Timetable**

Date	Activity
<b>2019</b>	
January 25	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is tentatively approved for public comment by State Party Chair.
January 28	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
January 28	List of Affirmative Action Committee members submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
January 28	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.

Date	Activity
February 11	Affirmative Action Committee meets to discuss proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans and draft Inclusion and Outreach plan.
February 26	Period for public comment on State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Chair.
February 28	State Party Chair reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Email notifications are sent to State Central Committee members with the FINAL Plan for approval.
February 28	Affirmative Action Committee meets to approve proposed Delegate Selection, Affirmative Action Plans and Inclusion and Outreach plan.
March 16	State Central Committee meets to approve proposed Delegate Selection, Affirmative Action Plans and Inclusion and Outreach plan and elect State Chair. Boise Centre 9am-12pm MT
March 20	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
April 1	The Chairperson of The Idaho Democratic Party will notify the Secretary of State of our intention to allow unaffiliated voters to request a Democratic ballot for the 2020 primary election
August 1	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, are sent to all state media.
August 1	State Party sends off delegate selection education materials and press kits to county parties and media list.
August 1	State Party publicizes delegate selection education materials on website and social media.
August 1	State and national delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party's web site at <b>[e.g., <a href="http://www.idahodems.org">www.idahodems.org</a>]</b> .
September 1	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.)
September	Education and outreach programs for the Delegate Selection process begin.
November 24	Chairperson must notify in writing the Secretary of State's Office of their plan to hold a Presidential Primary Election.
December 6	Last day for affiliated voters with other political parties to change their affiliation to unaffiliated or Democrat to be able to vote in the March 10, 2020 Presidential primary election.
December 11	Presidential candidates Declaration of Candidacy and the filing fee must be filed with the Idaho Secretary of State.
<b>2020</b>	
January 1	Final date for County Chairs to file their County Caucus location with the State Chair.
January 10	Presidential candidate deadline for remitting their Declaration of Candidacy and \$1000 filing fee with the State Democratic Party Chair person.
January 10	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
January 24	Last date on which vote-by-mail ballots are mailed to voters.
TBD by County	In-person voting begins for Presidential preference primary.
March 1	Last day for public notice to be published announcing County Caucus locations and delegate selection information.
March 6	Final date for Temporary Standing Committee members to file for nomination. <b>Due 5pm MT</b>
March 7	Temporary Standing Committee members are elected at State Central Committee meeting
March 10	<b>Presidential preference primary. Polls 8am-8pm MT/PT</b>
March 31	Last day for an applicant who can not attend their County Caucus to apply to be a State Delegate. <b>Due 5:30pm MT</b>

Date	Activity
April 4	County Caucuses to elect delegates to State Convention
June 5	District-level delegate and alternate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party. <b>Due 8pm MT</b>
June 6	State Party provides list of district-level delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates. <b>Due 8am MT</b>
June 6	Presidential candidates provide list of approved district-level delegate and alternate candidates to State Party. <b>Due 12pm MT</b>
June 6	Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party prior to each respective election held sequentially between <b>2:30-6:00pm MT</b>
June 6	State Party provides list of PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates. <b>Due not later than 15 minutes after the election.</b>
June 6	Presidential candidates provide approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to State Party. <b>Due no later than 15 minutes after receipt of the list.</b>
June 6	State Convention convenes <b>2:30pm MT</b> . 1. District-level delegates elected via district caucuses. 2. Pledged PLEO delegates elected. 3. State Convention selects at-large delegates and alternates.
June 6	Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to State Party. <b>Due 8pm MT</b>
June 7	National Convention delegation meeting <b>9am MT</b> Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members, Presidential electors, Delegation Chair and convention pages. State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (PLEOs and at-large), along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.
June 10	State Party certifies elected district-level delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
June 10	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of Pledged PLEOs and At-Large Delegates and Alternates.
June 10	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members.
June 10	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's Automatic Delegates.
June/July	Standing Committees meet
July 13-18	2020 Democratic National Convention