## Idaho Democratic Party Delegate Selection Plan For the 2024 Democratic National Convention

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# Idaho Delegate Selection Plan For the 2024 Democratic National Convention

## Section I Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

## A. Introduction

- 1. Idaho has a total of 27 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 2024 Democratic National Convention* ("Rules"), the *Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention* ("Call"), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2024 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. Idaho will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the semi-closed Caucus for apportioning delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.
- 2. The "first determining step" of State's delegate selection process will occur on May 23, 2024 with County Caucuses run by the Idaho Democratic Party.

## C. Voter Participation

1. Participation in Idaho's delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. (*Rule 2.A and Rule 2.C.*) All citizens of the United States who will be 18 years of age by the next general election, a resident of Idaho, and publicly declare themselves to be participating as Democrats and that they will not participate in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding election shall be allowed to participate in the party Caucus/Convention system and be elected as delegates to the State and National Convention.

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.

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.

For the purpose of the 2024 Idaho Democratic Party Caucus, same day registration will be available at caucus sites and participants meeting all other requirements will be able to register and cast their ballot and participate in the delegate selection caucus.

Acceptable forms of personal identification are:

- A driver's license or identification card issued by the Idaho Transportation Department or Transportation department of any other state
- A passport or photo identification card issued by an agency of the United States government,
- A Tribal photo identification,
- 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.
- A student ID from any college or university
  - a. To encourage participation by youth in the delegate selection process, any individual who will have turned 18 by the date of the general election will be allowed to participate in the delegate selection process. (*Reg. 4.3.C*)
  - b. 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*)
  - c. 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*)
  - d. 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 selection process and in which all individual voters who wish to participate as Democrats are eligible to do so. (*Rule 2.F*)
  - e. 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. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, Idaho Democratic legislators regularly fight for legislation that expands and protects our democratic rights as well as fights back against harmful legislation meant to limit access to the ballot box. In recent years Idaho Democratic legislators have had to fight against harmful legislation to restrict voting rights including limiting access to absentee ballots and absentee drop boxes. (*Rule 2.1.2*)

The Idaho Democratic Party seeks to increase ballot access to all Idaho voters while preserving election security and integrity.

a. The state party has worked with the Idaho Secretary of State to participate in election audits each election year. Democratic Party volunteers travel to five counties over a four day period and recanvass election results to provide for the regularity of local systems and processes as well as election results. Idaho Democratic Party Legislators supported the bill that created this process in the 2022 session (Rule 2.H).

- b. The Idaho Democratic Party works closely with the Secretary of State to ensure the maintenance of secure and accurate voter registration rolls. The Idaho Democrats get monthly updates on new registrations, purges, etc, and cross check the data with VAN to make sure that no errors are occurring.
- c. The Idaho Democratic Party works with both the Secretary of State and local clerks to make sure that voter rolls are accurate and comply with federal requirements. We have advocated for, and won, a system where any voter who seeks to register and is denied is kept on a list that is provided to the party for follow up.
- d. The Idaho Democratic Party provides poll workers who report any problems with broken or outdated optical scan machines that are used in our counties. Our local committees meet regularly with local clerks and even inspect voting machines before Election Day.
- e. The State Party works with local clerks to make sure that all machines produce a paper trail before Election Day.
- f. The State Party assists in post election audits administered by the Secretary of State.
- g. As part of our inspections of machines we make sure that reasonable security measures are in place on voting machines
- h. The State Party provides resources in the forms of mailers, online ballot guides, text messaging, etc to make sure that voters know what their rights are and how to securely cast their ballot.
- i. The Idaho Democratic Party and our legislators continue to push for increased funding for our local clerks in the state budget. We also work closely with county clerks to provide volunteers to run polling places and assist in the audits.
- j. The Idaho Democratic Party will rent privacy booths from the local county clerks, where available, to ensure voters are able to cast their ballot in privacy.
- k. We will use sealed ballot boxes that are only to be opened after the last voter has cast their ballot on caucus day.
- I. Voters with disabilities are allowed to vote with assistance from another person and each caucus site will have someone who can assist those voters.
- m. Voters with disabilities are also able to vote securely via absentee ballot.
- n. The Idaho Democratic Party is working with the Idaho Secretary of State and local county clerks to develop best practices around voter security and participation such as: poll books and voter registration, accurately and updated lists of voters, and confirming party affiliation and following all state laws that pertain to a party-run caucus.
- Military and voters overseas will be able to participate in the caucus by requesting an absentee ballot beginning February 1 at idahodems.org

- p. Absentee ballots may either be mailed or emailed securely to voters as requests are submitted to ensure their timely participation, all ballots must be returned to the state party by May 23, 8pm.
- q. Counties that have populations of Democrats over 50,000 are required to hold multiple caucus locations.
- r. To ensure a speedy process without long lines, caucus locations will have multiple check in stations and voters will be asked to fill out and print their pledge form ahead of time to speed up caucus check in.
- s. We will have a sufficient number of tables, booths, and volunteers based on 2020 primary voter turnout numbers.
- t. Voters will be able to register, change their party affiliation, update address etc all at the caucus site.
- u. The Idaho Democratic Party will not turn away any voter who cannot provide a form of identification. Voters will be asked to affirm their party affiliation and identity at caucus check in and will be verified with the voter file
- v. In the case of a voter attending the wrong caucus site in the wrong county, their presidential vote preference will be recorded and communicated to the state party to be included in the correct county totals. Voters who vote in the wrong county will not have their votes for delegates counted.

The State Party has fought to both expand access to the ballot box and enhance voter security. The State Party regularly works with the Democratic Legislative Caucus to sponsor bills that increase accessibility such as automatic voter registration (HB 45).

- a. Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration and automatic and same-day registration; (Rule 2.1.2.a)
- b. Pre-registration of high school students so that they are already registered once they reach voting age; (Rule 2.1.2.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; and (Rule 2.1.2.c)
- *d.* Same-day or automatic registration of voters for the Democratic presidential nominating process.] (Rule 2.1.2.d)
- *e.* Voter registration efforts across the state with a goal of registering 5,000 new voters before the convention.
- 3. The Idaho Democratic Party's Affirmative Action Committee will work with County Parties and Democratic Caucuses to find new participants in all of our Affirmative Action categories as well as other historically marginalized

communities. Education information will be posted online and sent via email as well as education sessions held via virtual presentation.

Taking appropriate steps to ensure voters in party-run processes, like those in Primary states have a right to participate in the process. These steps could include any required rules changes and the proper education and outreach to ensure accessibility, including specifically for people with disabilities and for people with limited English proficiency in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and Sections 203 and 208 of the Voting Rights Act. (Rule 2.K.9)

The dates, times and places for all official Party meetings and events related to Idaho's delegate selection process have been scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings will begin and end at a reasonable hour. The state party is responsible for selecting the dates and times and providing the facilities for all official meetings and events related to this process. In addition, the scheduling of all meetings shall consider any religious observations that could significantly affect participation.

In addition, the Idaho Democratic Party will take steps to meet the following requirements: (*Rule 2.K*)

- a. Incorporating mechanisms with reasonable safeguards against error and fraud to vote absentee or vote early by utilizing technology available to accurately count ballots and having multiple ballot counters available at each voting location; (*Rule 2.K.1*)
- b. Developing a plan that demonstrates the State Party has the technical ability and financial resources to successfully run the process. ; [See Attachment 3.a.] (*Rule 2.K.2*)
- c. Implementing same-day voter registration and party-affiliation changes at the voting location by providing voter registration forms and party affiliation forms as well as access to online registration if available on that date by the State of Idaho; (*Rule 2.K.3*)
- d. Creating a process for publicly reporting the total statewide and district level results for each candidate based on the first expression of preference by the participants at the first determining step, as determined in the State's Plan by providing live results at idahodems.org; (*Rule 2.K.4*)
- e. The allocation of all national delegates are to be final after the presidential preference ballots are counted after the County caucuses, subject to recount; (*Rule 2.K.5*)

- f. All presidential preference ballots, delegate selection ballots and pledge forms will be mailed to the Idaho Democratic Party and securely preserved at the Idaho Democratic Party for two years to ensure the availability for any recount and recanvas needs; (*Rule 2.K.6*)
- g. Presidential candidates may submit in writing to the State Chair a request for recount that is paid for by the candidate. Any recounts will be carried out urgently and in a timely manner; (*Rule 2.K.7*)
- h. Those that are unable to be part of the process due to those serving in the military, those with a disability or illness preventing participation, those who are not able to take time off from work or obtain child care, out-of-state students, those with inability to travel to a caucus location, and other reasons may submit a request to the State Party and the State Chair will consider all reasonable requests and provide reasonable accommodations to those that need it. Requests can be made by submitting a request form on the IDP website beginning February 1st, 2024 and until 5pm MT on Thursday, May 16th. Ballot must be returned by 8pm local time on Thursday, May 23rd. (*Rule 2.K.8*)

## D. 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. (*Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.*)

May 23, 2024	County caucuses	Caucus locations TBA, 5pm PT/5pm MT
June 22, 2024	State convention for national delegate selection	University of Idaho, Moscow, 2pm-6pm PT

## Section II Presidential Candidates

## A. Ballot Access

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

- 1. Being registered with the Federal Election Commission as a Democratic presidential candidate, and;
- 2. By running a multi-state campaign, and;
- 3. Notifying the State Party Chair in writing of their intent to participate and remit a filing fee of \$2,500 through USPS mail or wire transfer sent to the Idaho Democratic Party, 413 W Idaho St STE 200, Boise, ID 83702, prior to April 15, 2024.
- 4. Candidates may file with the state party at any point from the adoption of this plan until the deadline of April 15th.

## 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 *March 15, 2024*. (*Rule 13.D.1*)
- 2. Each presidential candidate 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.I*)

## Section III Selection of Delegates

#### A. District-Level Delegates

- 1. Idaho is allocated 15 district-level delegates. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, & Appendix B)
- 2. District-level delegates and alternates shall be elected by a Caucus and Convention System;
  - a. <u>Purpose of County Caucuses</u>: The first step in Idaho's process is that caucuses are held in each county (the "County Caucuses") on May 23, 2024 from 5pm-8pmPT/5pm-8pm MT. The purpose of the County Caucuses are to (1) determine the allocation of National Delegates based on the presidential preference of participants, and (2) to elect delegates to the state convention ("State Delegates"). As set forth below, the expressed presidential preference at the County Caucuses determines the number of State Delegates and National Delegates to which each presidential preference that meets the 15% threshold is entitled.
  - b. <u>Presidential Preference Ballot</u>: Attendees will receive one presidential preference ballot with all qualified presidential candidates. Presidential candidates must receive at least 15 percent of the vote in each County Caucus to receive a proportional allocation of State Delegates.
  - c. <u>State Delegate Selection Ballot</u>: Attendees will receive one State Delegate selection ballot. Attendees will vote for the number of State Delegate candidates allocated to their County. Attendees will participate in the delegate selection of their presidential preference. Attendees will be required to sign their name to this ballot.
  - d. <u>Ties</u>: In the event of a tie vote affecting who will serve as the State Delegate or alternate, the winner will be decided by a coin toss conducted by the County Caucus Chair (or designee) with the volunteers and observers witnessing the outcome.
  - e. <u>Determination of National Delegates Allocated to Presidential Preferences at</u> <u>County Caucuses</u>: The allocation of National Delegates at the County Caucuses is determined as follows. Following the close of voting at the County Caucuses, the County Caucus Chair will send all results to the State Chair. The State Chair will allocate the winning presidential preferences to the number of National Delegates to which such preferences are entitled under these rules. The National Delegate allocation will fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference of the county participants in each Congressional District. Provided, however, that any presidential preference receiving less than 15 percent of the vote in a Congressional District shall not be entitled to any National Delegates for that Congressional District. The allocation of National Delegates shall be determined by totaling the votes of all presidential preferences that are at or above the 15 percent threshold following the County Caucus vote and allocating the available delegates

proportionately among them. If no presidential preference reaches the 15 percent threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the vote received in that Congressional District by the front-runner minus 10 percent.

- f. Selection of National Delegates at the State Convention: The apportioned county delegations will go on to elect District level delegates at the Idaho Democratic Party State Convention to be held in Moscow, Idaho June 22 and 23, 2024. The Delegate selection elections will be held on Saturday, June 22 from 2:00-6:00 pm PT. In accordance with the agenda of the Idaho Democratic State Convention, on June 22, the State Convention Chair 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. In the case of absent delegates, duly certified and registered alternates 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 22, 2024 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.
- 3. Detailed Procedures for County Caucuses and State Convention;

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 2016 Presidential election and the 2020 Presidential 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 482. The number of delegates allotted to each county is shown in Table 1-1 on page 14.

<u>Notice</u>. The Idaho Democratic State Caucuses and Convention shall be effectively publicized by the State Party 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 in the delegate selection process.

- (a) Designation by County Chair. On or before March 1, 2024 the Democratic County Chair in each county in the State of Idaho shall prepare and forward the State Chair a notice stating that on May 23, 2024, at the hour of 5pm PT/5pm 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 presidential preference selection and selecting delegates to the State Convention who in turn will select delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.
- (b) Notice by the 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 alternative news outlets (e.g. blogs) as are designated in this plan.

- (c) Notice by the 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 Monday, May 20, 2024. 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 County Chair's county and shall include the following information.
  - (i) The time and place of the county caucus;
  - (ii) The qualifications of those persons permitted to participate in the process;
  - (iii) The purpose of the caucus: 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.
  - (iv) Directions to the Idaho Democratic Party website, idahodems.org/2024delegate, for further information on the delegate selection process.
- (d) Notification of Publicity by County Chair. Not later than ten days following the County Chair shall send to the State Chair copies of the newspaper and 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, May 20, 2024, 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.

4. Conduct of Caucuses. On May 23, 2024 5pm-8pmPT/5pm-8pm MT at locations TBA pursuant to the notice given as provided above, County Chairs of each county shall convene the County Caucus, oversee the registration and certification of participants, the handling and counting of ballots and signed pledge forms received, and submit a list of state delegates to the State Chair no later than the Tuesday immediately following the caucus, May 28, 2024. In the case of a county divided between two congressional districts the county chair provide separate ballots based on

which congressional district the attendee resides in. Similar to any primary, a voter will vote on both ballots, place it in the box, and leave.

5. Qualifications of Participants. The delegate selection process is open to all those registered as Democrats or Unaffiliated. 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 2024 General Election, November 5, 2024, and provided that such person signs the following pledge either online or in-person:

"I am or will be a qualified elector by November 5 for the 2024 general election. I reside in \_\_\_\_\_\_ County, and I am a 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:

6. 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 in Table 1-1 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.

7. Selection of Delegates to State Convention

- (a) <u>Presidential Preference Ballot</u>: Attendees will receive one presidential preference ballot with all qualified presidential candidates. Presidential candidates must receive at least 15 percent of the vote in each County Caucus to receive a proportional allocation of State Delegates.
- (b) <u>State Delegate Selection Ballot</u>: Attendees will receive one State Delegate selection ballot. Attendees will vote for the number of State Delegate candidates allocated to

their County based on Table 1-1 on Page 16. Attendees will participate in the delegate selection of their presidential preference.

- (c) Division of Delegates. On the basis of such determination by the May 23, 2024 Presidential Caucus vote, those in attendance shall vote for their preferred candidate for President of the United States. Each presidential candidate in that county that meets the 15 percent threshold on the Democratic Ticket shall receive the proportional number of delegates for that county. Attendees shall receive one ballot;
  - Ballot will include presidential preference (vote for one option) and State Delegate election (vote for the number of delegate candidates allotted to that county under their chosen presidential preference)
- (d) 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.
- (e) County Delegates and alternate positions will be awarded based on highest votes received down to lowest votes.
- (f) County Delegate positions will be allocated after all presidential preference ballots are counted, recorded and reported to the State Party. County Delegate ballots will be tallied and positions assigned based on presidential preference results and allocated proportional to presidential preference results of those candidates that meet the 15 percent threshold.
- (g) Thresholds. The allocation of National Delegates shall be determined by totaling the votes of all presidential preferences that are at or above the 15 percent threshold following the County Caucus vote and allocating the available delegates proportionately among them. If no presidential preference reaches the 15 percent threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the vote received in that Congressional District by the front-runner minus 10 percent.
- (h) Election of State Convention Delegates. 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 intends to run for State Delegates shall submit their pledge and nomination form for the Delegate Selection ballot to the State Party no later than 5:00 pm MT, May 1, 2024, 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. Voting shall be by ballot at the county caucus. Each voter shall vote for as many names as there are spots allocated to that county, and each person who casts his ballot must name a different candidate for each position available, no attendee may vote multiple times for one candidate. The county chairperson shall tally the votes they receive and allocate them based on the proportional results of the presidential preference ballot. Both delegates and alternates and others nominated shall be designated as #1, 2, etc. in order of the number of votes received.
- (i) 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.

- (j) 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 chairpersons, party caucus chairs, state 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.
- (k) Certification. Within five days following the adjournment of the County Delegate Selection Caucus, the County Chair shall certify online at idahodems.org/2024delegate 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. 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 Credentials 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.
- (I) 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 , 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.
- (m) 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.

(n) The 2024 Idaho State Democratic Party Convention will provide opportunities for candidates running for national delegate to purchase voluntary advertising packages such as program ads. Participants for convention will also be able to purchase meal tickets and memorabilia ranging in prices from \$25-\$75 for their convenience.

Table 1-1 Delegate Allocations by Idaho County

	County	Delegates Allocated
CD1	Ada CD1	89
CD1	Adams	1
CD1	Benewah	2
CD1	Boise	2
CD1	Bonner	14
CD1	Boundary	2
CD1	Canyon	43
CD1	Clearwater	2
CD1	Gem	3
CD1	Idaho	3
CD1	Kootenai	41
CD1	Latah	18
CD1	Lewis	1
CD1	Nez Perce	12
CD1	Owyhee	1
CD1	Payette	4
CD1	Shoshone	3
CD1	Valley	5
CD1	Washington	2
CD1	Sub-Total CD1	246

	County	Delegates Allocated	
CD2	Ada CD2	109	
CD2	Bannock	25	
CD2	Bear Lake	1	
CD2	Bingham	7	
CD2	Blaine	15	
CD2	Bonneville	23	
CD2	Butte	1	
CD2	Camas	1	
CD2	Caribou	1	
CD2	Cassia	3	
CD2	Clark	1	
CD2	Custer	1	
CD2	Elmore	4	
CD2	Franklin	1	
CD2	Fremont	2	
CD2	Gooding	2	
CD2	Jefferson	3	
CD2	Jerome	3	
CD2	Lemhi	2	
CD2	Lincoln	1	
CD2	Madison	4	
CD2	Minidoka	3	
CD2	Oneida	1	
CD2	Power	2	
CD2	Teton	5	
CD2	Twin Falls	16	
CD2	Sub-Total CD2	236	
	TOTAL	482	

8. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates and Alternates

- a. State's district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2020 presidential and the 2016 Presidential election. (*Rule 8.A, Reg. 4.12, Reg. 4.11 & Appendix A*) The Idaho Democratic Party does not hold closed primaries and does not require voters to register with a party to participate in their partisan primaries. Many of Idaho's unaffiliated voters regularly vote for Democratic candidates and since the 2016 Presidential election the percentage of their vote has been growing. Therefore this is the fairest way to apportion district level delegates to the 2024 Delegate Selection Plan.
- b. The number of men and the number of women in the state's total number of district-level delegates and alternates will not vary by more than one. (*Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9*)
- c. The district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following table, assuming no gender non-binary delegates or alternates:

District	Delegates		
District	Males	Females	Total
#1	3	4	6
#2	4	4	7
Total	7	8	15

- 9. District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements
  - 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 May 24th, 2024 and can be submitted online at idahodems.org/2024delegate or hand delivered/mailed postmarked to arrive before the deadline to the state party at 413 W Idaho St STE 200, Boise, ID 83702. (*Rule 13.H*)
  - b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party by May 31st, 2024
    8pm PT. (see example below) Candidacy filings can be submitted online at idahodems.org/2024delegate or hand delivered/mailed postmarked to arrive before the deadline to the state party at 413 W Idaho St STE 200, Boise, ID 83702. A delegate 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)

- c. 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 21st, 2020 8pm PT 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.
- 10. 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 3, 2024 5pm MT*, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (*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 14, 2024 5pm MT, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) separate individuals for each position for delegate and three (3) separate individuals for each alternate position to be selected. (*Rule 13.E.1, Reg. 4.23 & Reg. 4.24*)
  - Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate and alternate 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 14 5pm MT, 2024 5pm PT.
  - d. National convention delegates 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. 4.23*)
  - 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 6.1 & Reg.4.10.C*).

- f. District level delegates will be selected at the State Convention on June 22nd, 2024 between 2 and 4 pm PT.
- 11. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
  - a. Presidential Primary Proportional Representation Plan (*Rule 14.A, Rule 14.B & Rule 14.D*)

Idaho is a caucus/convention state. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference of the caucus participants in each district. Therefore, the national convention delegates elected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the caucus vote won in that district by each preference according to the final preference at the first determining step, except that preference falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates. (Rule 2.K.5, Rule 14.B & Reg. 4.28)

- 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*).
- c. Delegates will be selected by a caucus of persons from the respective district who sign a statement of support for the presidential candidate that they are running to represent. Delegates will be divided into caucuses respective of their district, as verified by roll call, and cast signed ballots (Rule 13.G)
- 12. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates
  - a. To ensure the district-level binary-gendered 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, but do count towards the total delegate allotment. (*Rule 6.C., Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10*)

(1) The highest-vote getting delegate candidate for the district's winning presidential preference will be the first delegate assigned. Following that determination, the state will then designate the remaining positions for that presidential preference and any subsequent preferences alternating by gender, as mathematically practicable.

13. 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 ten (10) days after their election. (*Rule 8.C & Call IV.A*)

## B. Automatic Delegates

- 1. Idaho currently has 4 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*)
    - (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*)
    - (4) The Democratic Governor (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H & Call I.J)
    - (5) "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates who legally reside in the state (if applicable); (*Rule 9.A.5, Call I.G & Reg. 4.14*)
  - 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 2024 National Convention. *(Call I.J)*
  - c. The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
    - (1) Not later than March 6, 2024, 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 and alternate men and alternate 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 Delegates (PLEOs)

- 1. Idaho 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 preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party by **5pm May 31st, 2024**. Candidacy filings can be submitted online at idahodems.org/2024delegate, mailed or hand delivered to the Executive Director of the Idaho Democratic Party at 413 W Idaho St STE 200, Boise, ID 83702 beginning on **May 24th.** 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 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), no later than 5pm June 3rd, 2024, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 13.D*)
  - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, **30 minutes**

after the election of District Level Delegates on June 22, 2024, 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. 4.24*)

- 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 30 minutes after the receipt of the list on June 22, 2024. (*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 6.1 & 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 on June 22, 2024 at the University of Idaho between 2pm-6pm PT, 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/or 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 by 5pm within ten (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 5 at-large delegates and 2 at-large alternates. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.32)
- 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 and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates with the State Party by filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party, by **May 31st at 5pm.** (see example below) Candidacy filing forms are available starting **May 24th**, **2024** and can be found and submitted online at idahodems.org/2024delegate, 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. 4.21, Reg. 4.22, & Reg. 4.29*)
- 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, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (*Rule 19.A*)
- c. Upon a delegate's or alternate's selection at one level, any statement of candidacy by that individual for another level is nullified and that individual is ineligible to be considered for election at another level. (*Reg. 4.29*)
- 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
  - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), **by 5pm MT June 3rd, 2024,** a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 13.D*) (*Reg. 4.23.D & Reg. 4.29.C*)
  - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, by June 22, 30 minutes after the election of PLEO Delegates, 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. 4.24*)
  - 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 30 minutes after the election of PLEO delegates.

- 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 statewide division of preferences among caucus participants, according to the final expression of preference at the first determining step of the process. The state-wide party run caucus vote is to be held on May 23, 2024 (*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. 4.31*)
- 5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates
  - a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur between 2pm-6pm PT on June 22, 2024 at the University of Idaho, 875 Perimeter Dr, Moscow, ID 83844, which is after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. All voting will be by the state convention delegates by voice vote and/or raise of hands. (*Call III*)
  - b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the delegates of the state convention. (*Rule 10.B, Rule 11.B & Rule 11.B*)

- d. 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 and women, 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 or disability. (*Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3, Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8*)
  - (3) The election of at-large delegates 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. 4.19*)
- 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 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. 4.34*)
- (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*)
- b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 19.D.4)
  - 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 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.
- c. The alternate who receives the highest number of votes will become the delegate ensuring the replacement is the same gender, has the same presidential preference and prioritizes someone with the same political subdivision.
- d. 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. 4.33*)
- (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 a 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*)
- 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. 4.35)* 
  - 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 2024 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. **[If applicable]** 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. Idaho has been allocated (1) member(s) on each of the three (3) standing committees for the 2024 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 2024 Democratic National Convention. (*Call VII.A.3*)
- 3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. (*Rule 1.G*)

## B. Temporary Standing Committee Members

- 1. Temporary members for the Convention Standing Committees, will be selected by the State Central Committee at their regular meeting during the Frank and Bethine Church Gala on March 9, 2024. The meeting shall be open to the public and well publicized in accordance with this Plan. Members of the 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 committees. Persons wishing to be considered must submit an application to the State Party at idahodems.org/2024delegatre or hand delivered/mailed postmarked to arrive before the deadline to 413 W Idaho St STE 200, Boise, ID 83702, including the committee[s] for which they wish to be considered, no later than March 8, 2024.
- 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 Idaho's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on June 22, 2024 at the University of Idaho. (*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 Idaho shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates 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 Idaho. 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 22, 2024 by time all other National Delegate positions have been filled, 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 . Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one (1) person for each slot awarded to such candidates for members of standing committees. (Call VII.D.2)
- 4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division
  - a. Presidential candidates shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Idaho'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 those who identify as non-binary but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used to exclude those who identify as 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 and among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. (Call VII.E.2)
- (3) Those who identify as 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

Idaho will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and 3 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 22, 2024 8pm PT. *(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. 3 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 22, 2024 8pm PT at the University of Idaho. (*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

Idaho will select 4 persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2024 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 22, 2024 8pm PT at the University of Idaho. 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, 2024 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)

There is no state law that requires electors to vote for the Party's nominee.

### 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.

### 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 Idaho 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 Idaho 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 Idaho on all levels should be publicized fully and, in such a 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 Idaho, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on "status." (*Rule 4.B.4*)
  - 5. The Democratic Party in Idaho 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 Idaho 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 a 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. Idaho'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 a 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 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, including 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. 4.25)
- 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. 4.30*)

- 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, except the filing of presidential candidates as allowed by rule 15.D, 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 or as otherwise allowed. (*Rule 1.F & Rule 12.B*)
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention, the State Democratic Party hereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in Idaho, 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 2024 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 Idaho. (*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 Idaho 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 both seen and unseen, Idaho 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/Latines, 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*)
  - 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, 2023. Member of the 2024 Idaho Affirmative Action Committee:

Brandon Connolly (Afro-Latino, LGBTQ) Kathy Packard (Rural) Hayden Paulsen (Youth, LGBTQ)

Cecile Perez (Hispanic, LGBTQ, Youth) Jata Ghandi (Youth, LGBTQ, Person of Color, Disabled) Dan Barker (Native American) Jeannine Smith (LGBTQ) Florina Ruvio (Latina) Pedro Manuel Mariontez Ortez (Hispanic, LGBTQ, Youth) Trish Carter-Goodheart (Native American) Ian Bott (LGBTQ, Youth, Disabled)

- 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 the State Party staff and volunteers available on a priority basis and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.
- 3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program shall begin on *November 15, 2023*, with the distribution of the press

kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. (*Rule* 1.F)

#### B. Representation Goals

- 1. 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*)
- 2. In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, 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*)
- 3. Idaho demographic data was researched using 2020 census data. That and other demographic trend research was utilized when creating goal percentages for our affirmative action categories.

	African Americans	Hispanics /Latine	Native America ns/ Indigeno us	Asian America ns and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ+ America ns	People with Disabiliti es	Youth	Labor	Veterans
Percent in Democratic Electorate	1%	19%	2%	2%	7%	17%	38%	3%	15%
Numeric Goals for Delegates	1	5	1	1	2	5	10	1	4

- 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*)
- 5. 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

1. Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in November 2023. 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. All distributed materials should be in English and Spanish if the district [crosses a certain threshold of Hispanic/Latine population] (*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 and will be available 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 ensuring 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 *February 1, 2024*. (*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 who 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 *February 1st, 2024* that will provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for voter registration and deadlines for changing party affiliation, or who are unaware of the process for running for delegate, so that all Democratic voters understand

the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation, e.g., 2022's Idaho Voting Project. (*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 *county caucuses and state convention* shall be effectively publicized to encourage the participation of minority groups. Parties will make a good faith effort to publicize this information in an accessible manner and multilingually where necessary. (*Rule 6.D*)
- 4. Not later than *August 1, 2023*, 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. Simple, clear, concise, and easily understood materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates; including a code of conduct regarding gender identity and inclusive language;
- b. A summary explaining the role of the 2024 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 bilingual literature where applicable, providing staff or volunteers in affirmative action areas such as college campuses, tribal reservations, areas with dense Hispanic/Latine 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 **5pm MT** *March* **15th**, **2024** which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in Idaho'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.I & 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 financial feasibility of \$235 or less in expenses.
- 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 recruit attendees and delegate candidates.

# Section IX Challenges

### A. Jurisdiction & Standing

- Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2024 Democratic National Convention (Reg. Sec. 3), and the "Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2024 Democratic National Convention." (Call Appendix A)
- 2. Under Rule 21.B. of the 2024 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 <u>before</u> the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2024 Democratic National Convention. *(Call Appendix A & Reg. 3.1)*
- 4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention initiated <u>on or after</u> 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 2024 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 2024 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 2024 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 within15 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 ten (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 ten (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

Idaho will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Presidential Caucus Election run by the Idaho Democratic Party apportioning its delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

The "first determining step" of Idaho's delegate selection process will occur on May 23, 2024 with a Presidential Caucus Election.

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

Tura	Delession	0 ltown oto o	Date of	Selecting Body		
Туре	Delegates	Alternates	Selection	Filing Requirements and Deadlines		
District-Level Delegates			June 22, 2024 2pm-6pm PT	Congressional District State Delegates		
District-Level Alternates	15	0		file online prior to May 31, 5pm MT		
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	4	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2024 Delegate Selection Rules.		
Pledged Party Leaders			June 22, 2024	State Convention Delegates		
and Elected Officials 3 (PLEOs)		0	2pm-6pm PT	file in-person or online prior to May 31, 5pm PT		
At-Large Delegates	5	2	June 22, 2024 2pm-6pm PT	State Convention Delegates		
At-Large Alternates				file in-person or online prior to May 31, 5pm PT		
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	27	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 *2024 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)

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	March 9, 2024	March 8, 2024, 5pm MT (temporary members)
1	3	June 22, 2024	May 31, 2024 5pm MT (official committee members)

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

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on June 22, 2024 8pm PT

3 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on June 22, 2024 8pm PT

### D. Selection of Presidential Electors

4 Presidential Electors will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on June 22, 2024 8pm PT.

### E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

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

- 1. Being registered with the Federal Election Commission as a Democratic presidential candidate, and;
- 2. By running a multi-state campaign, and;
- 3. Notifying the State Party Chair in writing of their intent to participate and remit a filing fee of \$2,500 through USPS mail or wire transfer sent to the Idaho Democratic Party, 413 W Idaho St STE 200, Boise, ID 83702, prior to April 15th, 2024.

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by March 15, 2024. (*Rule 15.D*)

### F. Timetable

Date	Activity				
2023					
March 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.				
March 11	List of Affirmative Action Committee members submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.				
March 15	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.				
May 20	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is tentatively approved for public comment by State Party Committee.				
May 20	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.				
June 19	Period for public comment on State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.				
June 18	State Party Chair reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Plan for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Email notifications are sent to State Central Committee members with FINAL Plan for approval.				
June 28	State Central Committee meets to approve proposed Delegate Selection, Affirmative Action, and Outreach and Inclusion Plans. Zoom meeting, 5:30pm MT/4:30pm PT				
June 29	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.				
August 1	State Party will make information about the Delegate Selection process available on their website, idahodems.org				
November 15	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.				
2024					
February 1	State Party sends off delegate selection education materials and press kits to county parties and media list.				
February 1	State Party publicizes delegate selection education materials on website and social media.				
February 1	Education and outreach programs for the Delegate Selection process begin				
February 1	Request form for those who cannot participate in person will become available at idahodems.org				
March 1	Final date for County Chairs to file their County Caucus location with the State Chair				
March 2	Last day for public notice to be published announcing County Caucus locations and delegate selection information				
March 8	Final date for Temporary Standing Committee members to file nominations. Due at 5pm MT				
March 9	Temporary Standing Committee members are elected at the State Central Committee meeting				
March 15	Last day for affiliated voters with other political parties to change their affiliation to unaffiliated or Democrat prior to the May 23, 2024 County Caucus				
March 15	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.)				
March 15	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.				
April 15	Presidential candidate deadline for remitting their Declaration of Candidacy and \$2,500 filing fee with the State Democratic Party				
May 1	Last day for an applicant to apply to be a state delegate on the ballot. Due 5:00pm MT				

Date	Activity				
May 10	Last day to pre-register to vote. Voter registration forms will be available at county caucus locations.				
May 16	Requests close for those who cannot participate in person to request a ballot				
May 23	County Caucuses to select presidential preference and to elect delegates to State Convention 5pm - 8pmPT/5pm - 8pm MT (Thursday)				
May 23	Ballots from those who cannot participate in person are due to the State Party by 8pmPT/8pmMT				
May 24	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 [idahodems.org/2024delegate].				
May 31	District-level delegate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the State Party. Due 5pm				
June 3	State Party will share final list of candidates filed for District Level, At-Large, and PLEO by 5pm MT				
June 14	Presidential campaigns return list of approved candidates for District Level Delegates				
June 22	Following the election of District Level Delegates Presidential campaigns return list of approved candidates for PLEO, following the election of PLEO delegates Presidential campaigns return a list of approved At-Large delegates and alternate candidates				
June 22	State Convention convenes. District-level delegates selected.Following selection of district-level delegates, Pledged PLEO delegates selected. State Convention selects at-large delegates and alternates. Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to the State Party. 2-6pm PT				
June 22	National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names convention pages.				
June 22	State Party Committee meets and elects the Presidential Electors.				
June 22	State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (PLEOs and at-large), along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.				
June 22	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members.				
June 22	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of the state's Automatic Delegates.				
June/July	Standing Committees meet				
August 19-22	2024 Democratic National Convention				

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### Attachments

### A. Affirmative Action Committee [to be submitted to RBC within 15 days after their appointment]

1. List of Affirmative Action Committee Members

[List the members of the Affirmative Action Committee and indicate relevant demographic data about each member (i.e. African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, gender, LGBTQ+, youth, people with disabilities, seniors, ethnics, labor, and any other applicable Democratic constituency group as set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program).]

- 2. Statement from the State Chair confirming that the composition of the State Affirmative Action Committee complies with Rules 5.C, 6.A., and 7 and that the names, demographic data and contact information of members was submitted to the RBC 15 days after their appointment. (*Reg. 2.2.K*)
- B. [As specified in Reg. 2.2, the following documentation must accompany the state's Delegate Selection Plan at the time it is formally submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee.]
  - 1. A summary of the process for selecting delegates, alternates, standing committee members, the delegation chair and convention pages, and Presidential Electors, along with related deadlines. [It is recommended that this information be incorporated as part of the state's Delegate Selection Plan see Section X. of the Model Plan.] (Reg. 2.2.A)
    - 2. A timetable reflecting all significant dates in the state's delegate selection process. [It is recommended that this information be incorporated as part of the state's Delegate Selection Plan - see Section I. of the Model Plan.] (Reg. 2.2.B)
    - 3. A copy of the press release distributed by the State Party Committee announcing its adoption of the Plan and summarizing the major components of the Plan. (*Reg. 2.2.D*)
    - 4. A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying the following:
      - a. **The Plan** as submitted to the RBC was approved by the State Party Committee. (*Reg. 2.2.C*)
      - b. **The proposed Plan**, including all attachments and appendices, was placed on the State Party website during the 30-day public comment period. (*Reg. 2.2.E*)

- c. **Compliance with Rule 1.C** which requires a 30-day public comment period prior to the adoption of the Plan by the State Party Committee, provided that the State Party has published specific guidance for the submission of public comments. *(Reg. 2.2.F)*
- 5. A statement from the Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee certifying **compliance with Rule 6.F.,** which requires that the Affirmative Action Committee has reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action outreach plan, including any numerical goals established. (*Rule 6.F & Reg. 2.2.1*)
- 6. A copy of all written public and online comments submitted through the process provided above about the Plan. [Include information identifying each person and/or organization making the comment and where appropriate, a description of the person or group so represented, if such information has been provided or is available to the State Party.] (Rule 1.C & Reg. 2.2.G)
- 7. **A blank copy of forms** to be filed with the state and the State Party by delegate and alternate candidates. (*Rule 1.A.7, Rule 1.A.8 & Reg. 2.2.H*)
- 8. Copies of all state statutes and other relevant legal authority reasonably related to:
  - a. The Delegate Selection Process [For example, include any and all state statutory requirements related to: ballot access for presidential candidates; filing requirements for delegate and alternate candidates; timing of the presidential primary, caucuses, and/or the state convention; participation in the state's presidential primary or caucuses, including Party registration or enrollment provisions; and any other stipulations made by the state regarding the selection process or the role of National Convention delegates.] (Reg. 2.2.L)
  - b. The election of Presidential Electors *[i.e., state statutory requirements related to the selection of Presidential Electors, including whether the Electors are required to vote for the Party's nominee and how that is enforced.]* (Call VIII)
- 9. A copy of all **presidential candidate qualifying forms** to be filed with the state and the State Party. *(Reg. 2.2.M)*
- 10. A copy of the **State Delegate Selection Media Plan**, describing how the State Party will communicate information about the process to all available and appropriate sources, including social and specialty media directed toward Democratic constituency groups as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.
- C. [For Caucus States]

- 1. Attach a copy of the **State Party's proposed budget** outlining State Party's financial plan and demonstrating the technical ability to successfully run the delegate selection process. (*Rule 2.K.2*)
- 2. Attach a copy of the **State Party's Caucus Plan** specifically describing how the caucus process will be implemented and how each level of the caucuses will be conducted.

### D. [For States in receipt of a 12.A Waiver]

1. A copy of the terms for providing a base voter file to presidential candidates qualified under Call Article VI.