

# **ILLINOIS DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN**

FOR THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

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# The Illinois Delegate Selection Plan For the 2024 Democratic National Convention

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## Section I

### Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

#### A. Introduction

1. Illinois has a total of 176 delegates and 12 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 Illinois, 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. Illinois will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Primary Election for apportioning delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of Illinois’s delegate selection process will occur on March 19th, 2024, with a Primary Election.

#### C. Voter Participation

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

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- a. Participation in the state's delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Pursuant to the Illinois Election Code, regular voter registration is open year-round except during the 27-day period just prior to an election, 16 days prior to the election for online registration, and during the 2-day period after each election (1 day after in Chicago). Voters may also register to vote during the Illinois' voter registration grace period which opens up 27 days prior to the primary election and includes registration and voting on Election Day. Grace period registration is only available "in-person" at sites authorized by each election authority. In counties with a population of less than 100,000 that do not have electronic poll books, election authorities may restrict locations for grace period registration. *(10 ILCS 5/4-50)*
- b. Illinois also permits no excuse absentee voting through vote by mail. *(Rule 2.1.1.a)*
- c. Voters declare their affiliation by signing an application for ballot and requesting a Democratic Primary Election ballot when voting in the Primary Election. Ballot applications reflecting a voter's party preference are publicly available and made part of a voter's publicly available voter history. Illinois does not require prior declarations of party affiliation as a prerequisite to participating in the Primary Election. *(Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.A.B)*
- d. 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)*
- e. At no stage of Illinois'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)*
- f. 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)*
- g. 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)*
- h. 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)*

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2. Illinois is participating in the state government-run presidential preference primary that will utilize government-run voting systems. The Democratic Party of Illinois has supported legislation to:
  - a. Maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible American who registers to vote has their personal information protected and secure; *(Rule 2.H.1)*
  - b. Implement transparent and accurate voter registration list maintenance procedures that comply with federal requirements and ensure that every eligible voter stays on the rolls; *(Rule 2.H.2)*
  - c. Promote the acquisition, maintenance, and regular replacement of precinct based optical scan voting systems, which are used throughout Illinois election jurisdictions; *(Rule 2.H.3)*
  - d. Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record, which are required by Illinois law; *(Rule 2.H.4)*
  - e. Implement risk limiting post-election audits such as manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records; *(Rule 2.H.5)*
  - f. Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures; *(Rule 2.H.6)*
  - g. Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately, with votes verifiable by voters; *(Rule 2.H.7)*
  - h. Provide educational materials to enhance public knowledge and confidence in election administration and counter disinformation; *(Rule 2.H.8)*
    - i. *Actively engaging with state and local officials to implement fair and honest election policies and practices; and (Rule 2.H.9)*
    - j. *Support adequate funding for state and local election administration. (Rule 2.H.10)*
3. In accordance with the Democratic Party's requirement to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection process, the Democratic Party of Illinois supported an amendment to the Illinois Constitution specifying that the right to register to vote or cast a ballot shall not be denied based on race, color, ethnicity, status as a member of a language minority, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, or income. The Amendment was approved by the voters in the November 2014 General Election. *(Rule 2.I and 2.I.1)*

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The Democratic Party of Illinois also supported several pieces of legislation that were enacted into law that have the effect of making it easier to vote; to expand access to voting, including by early voting, no excuse absentee voting, same-day voter registration, drop boxes and voting by mail; to ensure voting locations are accessible, fairly placed, and adequate in number, and have sufficient number of voting machines; speed up the voting process and minimize long lines; eliminate onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements; count and include in the final total ballots from voters who are eligible to vote but cast their ballots in the wrong precinct, for offices for which they are eligible to vote; facilitate military and overseas voting. (*Rules 2.I.1.a, 2.I.1.b, 2.I.1.c, 2.I.1.d, 2.I.1.e, 2.I.1.f*)

### **Public Act 97-0081**

Requires election authorities to have a sufficient number of ballots available for military personnel at least 46 days prior to any election at which federal officers are elected.

### **Public Act 97-0766**

Provides that a voter can cast a provisional ballot if the voter received an absentee ballot but did not return it to the election authority. Requires early voting and grace period registration locations at all State universities. Permits early voting and grace period voting until the Saturday prior to Election Day.

### **Public Act 98-051**

HB 226 17-year-olds to vote in a primary election if such individuals will be 18 years old on the date of the following general election.

### **Public Act 98-115**

Permit online voter registration through the State Board of Elections beginning June 2014. Allows voters to request an absentee ballot via the internet.

### **Public Act 98-0691**

2014 Voter Pilot Program: Expand early voting: (1) early voting would be extended through the Sunday before the election; (2) election authorities would be required to remain open until 7pm Mon.-Fri. the week before the election and 10am-4pm on the first and second Sunday before the election (currently 12-3). Voters would continue to have the option of voting in-person at the election authority on the Monday before the election; Extend grace period voting: (1) grace period voting would be mandated in any permanent voting location through the Monday prior to Election Day; and (2) on Election Day, election authorities would be required to permit voter registration in voting centers or the central location; Require universal voting centers on State university campuses on Election Day and require in-person absentee ballots to be cast at universal voting centers. The site would be set up for the precincts in or bordering the university; Allow vote-by-mail applications beginning the 90th day before an election (currently 40 days); Remove requirement to show photo ID when early voting.

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### **Public Act 101-0642**

Established Election Day as a state holiday. All government offices, with the exception of election authorities, shall be closed unless authorized to be used as a location for election day services or as a polling place.

### **Public Act 102-0015**

Provided that voters can sign on to a permanent vote-by-mail list, thereafter receiving official vote-by-mail ballots automatically for all subsequent elections. Provided that election authorities can establish curbside voting locations during the early voting period or on Election Day. Requires that election authorities establish one location to be located at an office of the election authority or in the largest municipality within its jurisdiction where all voters in its jurisdiction are allowed to vote on Election Day during polling place hours, regardless of the precinct in which they are registered.

4. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, the Democratic Party of Illinois has been and is supporting efforts to make voter registration easier, including supporting: *(Rule 2.1.2)*
  - a. Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration and automatic and same-day registration, all of which are currently permitted in Illinois; *(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, which is currently the law in Illinois; *(Rule 2.1.2.c)* and
  - d. Same-day or automatic registration of voters for the Democratic presidential nominating process, which is permitted in Illinois *(Rule 2.1.2.d)*
  
5. Illinois boasts of one of the most, if not the most, open and inclusive election systems in the nation. As referenced above, Illinois voters approved a Constitutional amendment protecting citizens voting rights against any future efforts to suppress the vote. Illinois imposes no onerous requirements, such as voter I.D. laws that can be found in other states. In Illinois, voters are permitted to change their party preference each time they vote, and voters need not declare their party in advance of voting by registering to vote as a member of a political party. The Democratic Party of Illinois has long championed both same day registration and party switching. *(Rule 2.J and Rule 2.J.1)*



**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. The state party is responsible for selecting the dates and times and locating and confirming the availability of publicly accessible facilities for all official meetings and events related to the process. The state party will consider any religious observations that could significantly affect participation. (*Rule 3.A,C & Reg. 4., Rule 2.K.9, Reg. 4.5.B*).

## Section II Presidential Candidates

### A. Ballot Access

A presidential candidate gains access to the Illinois presidential preference primary ballot by filing nominating petitions signed by not less than 3,000, but no more than 5,000, registered Illinois voters, which are the same signature minimum and maximum numbers that were in place on January 2, 1994. The filing period for Presidential candidate nominating petitions will be between January 3, 2024 and January 5, 2024. Pursuant to Section 7-10 of the Illinois Election Code, candidates may circulate petitions and gather signatures for a 90-day period preceding the last day for filing petitions. The first day to circulate nominating petitions is Oct 7, 2023. Petitions must be filed in the principal office of the Illinois State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd, Springfield, Illinois, 62704.

Presidential candidates are not required to file any fee to participate in the Primary Election. The Presidential preference “un-committed” will not automatically appear on the ballot. Write-in Presidential Candidates are allowed. (*Rule 1.A.7, Rule 1.A.8, Rule 11.C, Rule 14.A,C,D,E, Rule 15.A,B,D,E,H*)

### B. Other Requirements

1. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by January 5, 2024. (*Rule 13.D.1*)
2. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. (*Rule 6.I*)

## Section III Selection of Delegates and Alternates

### A. District-Level Delegates and Alternates

1. Illinois is allocated 96 district-level delegates and 0 district-level alternates. (*Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, & Appendix B*)
2. District-level delegates shall be elected by a Two-part primary (a presidential preference primary that includes the election of delegates) from each of Illinois' 17 Congressional Districts in effect at the time the Plan was adopted.

District level delegates will be selected at the March 19, 2024 Primary Election. Candidates for District Level delegates must file nominating petitions, a Statement of Candidacy, and a Presidential Preference form with Illinois State Board of Elections between January 3, 2024 and January 5, 2024. Illinois does not employ a pre-primary slating process. The rules regarding the replacement of delegates and filling of the delegate vacancies and delegate office are set forth in Section III.E of this plan.

Delegate candidates are not required to pay any fee to participate in the Primary election.

District Level Delegates will be elected based upon a proportional representation system reflecting the results of the Presidential preference primary election (including uncommitted) within each Congressional District.

3. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates and Alternates
  - a. Illinois's district-level delegates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving one-third (1/3) weight to each of the formulas in items 1, 2, and 3. (*Rule 8.A, Reg. 4.12, Reg. 4.11 & Appendix A*)

(1) Equal weight to total population and to the average vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2016 and 2020 presidential elections.

(2) Equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2020 presidential and the most recent gubernatorial elections.

(3) Equal weight to the average of the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2016 and 2020 presidential elections and to Democratic Party registration or enrollment as of January 1, 2024.

This formula is the same formula that the Democratic Party of Illinois has used since at least 1992 and has always produced the most inclusive Democratic representation

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because it includes the two most recent presidential elections, and most recent gubernatorial election.

- 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		
	Males*	Females*	Total
#1	4	3	7
#2	3	3	6
#3	3	3	6
#4	2	3	5
#5	4	4	8
#6	3	3	6
#7	4	4	8
#8	3	2	5
#9	3	4	7
#10	3	3	6
#11	3	2	5
#12	1	2	3
#13	3	3	6
#14	3	2	5
#15	2	2	4
#16	2	2	4
#17	2	3	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>96</b>

*\*Assuming no gender non-binary delegates are elected*

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4. District-Level Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
  - a. A district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which they are registered to vote. (*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 or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the Illinois State Board of Elections by January 5, 2024. 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. 4.22*)

Candidates must also file a nominating petition with the Illinois State Board of Elections containing not less than .5% (.005) of the qualified primary electors of the party in the congressional district [*10 ILCS 5/7-10(b)*], but in no event greater than 500. (*Delegate Selection Rules For the 2024 Democratic National Convention, Rule 15.C.*) The filing period will begin on January 3, 2024 and end on January 5, 2024. The filings are made at the principal office of the Illinois State Board of Elections at 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd, Springfield, Illinois. (*Rule 1.A.7, Rule 1.A.8 & Reg. 4.22, Rule 15.C*)

All candidate forms will be available through the State Party offices no later than September 13, 2023, located at 308 East Monroe Street, Springfield, IL 62701 or 70 East Lake Street, Suite 415, Chicago, IL 60601. The first date to circulate nominating petitions for nominating delegates is October 7, 2023.

District level delegate candidates must file copies of their Statement of Candidacy and their signed Pledge of Support with the State Democratic Party at 1201 Veterans Parkway, Springfield, Illinois. (*Reg. 4.22*)

5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates and Alternates
  - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than January 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., 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 January 10, 2024 at 12:00 p.m., which is prior to the date the Illinois State Board of Elections will certify the Primary Election ballot, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that approval be given a number of delegate candidates equal to or greater than the number of delegates allocated to the district. (*Rule 13.E.1, Reg. 4.23 & Reg. 4.24; Rule 13.D.2*)

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- c. 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 January 10, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.
  - 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.I & Reg.4.10.C)*
6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
- a. Presidential Primary - Proportional Representation Plan *(Rule 14.A, Rule 14.B & Rule 14.D)*

The Illinois presidential primary election is a "binding" primary. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential (or uncommitted) preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates and alternates selected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates.
  - 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. If a presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) qualifies to receive delegates but fails to slate a sufficient number of delegate candidates, the vacancies in those positions will be filled in a post-primary procedure. *(Rule 14.C)*
    - 1) The post-primary selection meeting will be convened by the State Central Committeeman and Committeewoman of the Congressional District within 30 days of the Primary Election. The meeting must occur within the Congressional District and be preceded by adequate public notice.

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- 2) Pursuant to Section 7-61 of the Illinois Election Code, vacancies in nomination for any office are filled by a weighted vote of the Democratic Party officials in the affected district. This ensures that the filling of vacancies in nomination best reflects the will of the voters. (10 ILCS 5/7-61). In Cook County, each Democratic Ward and Township Committeeman in the Congressional District will be entitled to cast a weighted vote based upon the total Democratic ballots cast at the Primary Election at which the Committeemen were elected. In the remainder of the State, each Democratic County Chair will be entitled to cast a weighted vote based upon the total Democratic ballots cast at the Primary Election at which the Committeemen were elected to fill the vacancy.
  - 3) Candidates must file a Statement of Candidacy and a signed Pledge of Support with the State Party no later than 10 days before the meeting, and each presidential candidate affected must file their approval no less than 5 days before the meeting.
  - 4) Each presidential candidate must approve at least three names for every position available. (*Rule 13.C.*)
  - 5) At such meeting the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be elected provided that a candidate must receive at least 50% + 1 of the total votes cast to be elected. If no candidate receives 50%+ 1, then all but the top two vote-getting candidates will be eliminated and another round of voting will occur.
  - 6) The State Party Chair will certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of unfilled delegates within 10 days of the date the positions were filled, but in no event later than May 3, 2024. (*Rule 14.C*)
7. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates and Alternates
- 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 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*)

In districts with an odd number of delegates, the first gender binary delegate selected for the winning presidential preference must be of the same gender as

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the advantaged gender in that district. Should a gender non-binary delegate attain more votes than a gender binary candidate that would otherwise be entitled to a delegate position, the gender non-binary delegate will be elected a delegate and shall not be counted as either male or female for equal division purposes. Following that determination, the allocation would continue alternating by gender for the winning presidential preference and any subsequent preferences. In districts with an even number of delegates, 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.

8. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the state's district-level delegates to the Democratic National Convention within 10 days after their certification of the election results by the Illinois State Board of Elections, which must occur no later than 30 days after the Primary Election. *(Rule 8.C & Call IV.A; Reg. 5.4.B & Reg. 5.4.C)*

### **B. Automatic Delegates**

1. 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)*



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- 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. Illinois is allotted 19 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 and signed Pledge of Support form, indicating support for a single Presidential Candidate, with the State Party Committee no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 12, 2024 at its offices located at 308 East Monroe Street, Springfield, IL 62701 and 70 East Lake Street, Suite 415, Chicago, IL 60601. A candidate may change his or her Presidential preference up until the candidate filing deadline. *(Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.18 & Reg. 4.17)*
  3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

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- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 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, by 5:00 p.m. on April 17, 2024, a list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least one (1) 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 5:00 p.m. on April 17, 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.I & Reg. 4.10.C)*
4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates
- a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. *(Rule 10.A.2, Rule 11.C, Rule 14.E & Rule 14.F)*
  - b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur at 12:00 pm on April 29, 2024 at 308 E Monroe St Springfield, IL 62701 or a publicly announced alternate location, 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 a committee consisting of a quorum of the district-level delegates. *(Rule 10.B)* Any motion requires a second. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected until all available PLEO delegate spots are filled.
5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. *(Call IV.A & Reg. 5.4.A)*

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### D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. The state of Illinois is allotted 32 at-large delegates and 12 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 or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the State Party no later than 5:00 p.m. April 12, 2024 at its offices located at 308 East Monroe Street, Springfield, IL 62701 and 70 East Lake Street, Suite 415, Chicago, IL 60601 . 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 a committee consisting of a quorum of the district level delegates, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. *(Rule 19.A)*
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
  - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 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 1:00 p.m. on April 29, 2024, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, one (1) name remains 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 1:00 p.m. on April 29, 2024.
  - 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

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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 state-wide primary vote. *(Rule 11.C)*
  - b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. *(Rule 14.E)*
  - c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner. *(Rule 14.F)*
  - d. If a presidential candidate otherwise entitled to an allocation is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, their allocation will be proportionally divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation. *(Rule 11.C)*
  - e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one (1) or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one (1) at-large alternate position. *(Rule 19.B, Call I.I & Reg. 4.31)*
5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates
  - a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur at 1:00 p.m. on April 29, 2024 at 308 E Monroe St Springfield, IL 62701, or a publicly announced alternate location, which is after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. *(Call III)*
  - b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by a committee consisting of a quorum of the district-level delegates. Any committee member may move the election of a candidate or candidates. Any motion requires a second. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected until all available at-large delegate and alternate delegate spots are filled. *(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

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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. The election of at-large alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. *(Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*
  - (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. *(Rule 6.C.1, Rule 11.A, Reg. 4.9 & Reg. 4.19)*
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 (including uncommitted status) and gender of the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.

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- (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)*
  - (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.
  - (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be of the same gender and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
- c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: the delegation chooses the alternate. *(Rule 19.D.1)*
- 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)*

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- (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 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)*
  - e. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same gender and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. *(Rule 19.E)*
2. Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: *(Call IV.D.2 & Reg. 4.35)*
    - 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. 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. Illinois has been allocated 6 members on each of the three (3) standing committees for the 2024 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of 18 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)*

#### C. Standing Committee Members

1. Selection Meeting
  - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Illinois's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on April 29, 2024. *(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 Illinois shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 14.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. *(Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.9)*
  - b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to Illinois. 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



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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 April 29, 2024, at 1:30 p.m, a minimum of (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members from among names submitted by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status). Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one (1) person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. (*Call VII.D.2*)
4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division
- a. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Illinois'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

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committee positions shall be designated for a male, and the next binary position, if one occurs, will be designated for a female, and the remaining binary positions, to the extent they occur, shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females, where applicable. For avoidance of doubt: there is no requirement that positions be assigned to gender non-binaries, but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used to exclude a gender non-binary from consideration for a committee position. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by gender, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.

(1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.

(2) The male and female membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided among the men and women as possible under the state allocation; the variance between men and women in any committee or among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. *(Call VII.E.2)*

(3) Gender non-binary committee members shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). *(Call VII.E.1)*

(4) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote- getter(s) of the appropriate gender.

### 5. Certification and Substitution

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

**Section V**  
**Delegation Chair and Convention Pages**

**A. Introduction**

Illinois will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and 6 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 April 29, 2024. *(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. Six 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 April 29, 2024. *(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

Illinois will select 19 persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2024 Presidential election.

### B. Selection of Presidential Electors

In Illinois, Presidential Electors are elected by the voters at the regular General Election in each presidential election year. Illinois elects presidential electors by congressional district and on a state-wide basis. Presidential electors are nominated by the State's established political parties at either the State convention of the political party, or by the State Central Committee of the political party. (10 ILCS 5/21-1(a)). The selection occurs on the date of the State Party convention or at a meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee which will occur on August 14, 2024. The State Party must certify the nomination of the selected electors to the Illinois State Board of Elections, the State's election authority, within two days of the date of selection. (10 ILCS 5/21-1(c)).

### 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. Illinois State law does not require Presidential Electors to vote for their party's nominee. In the selection of the Presidential Electors, however, the State Party will 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 by (1) requiring each person seeking nomination as a presidential electors shall submit a notarized statement affirming that he or she will vote for the Party's nominee; and (2) to publicly reaffirm such commitment before the State Convention, or State Central Committee, as the case may be. (Call VIII)

## Section VII

### General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

- A. The Democratic Party of Illinois 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 Illinois 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 Illinois 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 Illinois on all levels should be publicized fully and, in such manner, as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. *(Rule 4.B.3)*
  4. The Democratic Party in Illinois, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” *(Rule 4.B.4)*
  5. The Democratic Party in Illinois 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)*

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6. The Democratic Party in Illinois should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. *(Rule 4.B.6)*
  
- B. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.B)*
  
- C. Illinois’s delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, i.e. the number of men and women shall not vary by more than one. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all automatic delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division as determined by gender self-identification. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. *(Rule 6.C)*
  
- D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. *(Rule 13.A)*
  
- E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person’s presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. *(Rule 13.I)*
  
- F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. *(Rule 13.J)*
  
- G. Each delegate, alternate and standing committee member must be a bona fide Democrat, 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. Fifty percent plus one 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)*

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- 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 Democratic Party of Illinois hereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in Illinois, 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 Illinois. *(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 Illinois 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, Illinois has established goals for these groups. *(Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.8)*
- e. To encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the State Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, the State Party has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups, including the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth. *(Rule 6.A & Rule 7)*
  - (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. *(Rule 6.A.1)*
  - (2) For the delegate selection process, “Youth” is defined as any participant younger than 36 years old at the time of election. *(Reg. 5.3.A)*



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- (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. The Chair may appoint a new committee or use a previously organized body appointed by the State Democratic Chair. *(Rule 6.F)*
- 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

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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 September 5, 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. The National Committee and the State Party calculated the percentage of Democrats belonging to each group by using the following four-step process
  - a. Estimate the number of Democrats in the state by multiplying the size of the state's citizen voting-age population (CVAP) by the level of Democratic support in that state;
  - b. Estimate the number of eligible voters from each demographic group in the state by multiplying each state's CVAP by the percentage of the population belonging to each group in the state;
  - c. Estimate the number of Democrats in each demographic group in the state by multiplying the size of each group in each state by the level of Democratic support from each group in the state;
  - d. Estimate the prevalence of each demographic group among Democratic supporters in the state by dividing the estimates of the number of Democrats in each group in the state by the estimates of the number of Democrats in the state.

For estimates of the overall citizen voting-age population and the prevalence of each subgroup in the state, we used data from the Census Bureau's most recent American Community Survey (ACS) datasets . The ACS provides CVAP estimates split out by race and ethnicity, allowing us to combine steps For young voters and disabled voters, we estimated the percentage of eligible voters in those

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categories in the state by dividing the disabled and youth population size by the voting-age population size.

For LGBTQ+ goals, we used two widely-cited publications by the Williams Institute – one of which estimates the adult LGBTQ+ identification by state<sup>1</sup>, and the other examines political preferences and voting habits of LGBTQ+ people<sup>21</sup>.

Applying these percentages to the Illinois Delegation, the result would produce 40 African American delegates, 32 Hispanic delegates, 9 Asian American delegates, 0 Native American delegates, 11 LGBTQ+ delegates, 23 delegates with disabilities, and 56 Youth delegates.

Diversity is a high priority of the Democratic Party of Illinois. For this reason, the Democratic Party of Illinois wanted to continue to push its goals of diversity in the party. And has increased by an additional 15% the goals over the recommendations by the National Party. Accordingly, the application of the Party’s formula for establishing minority participation goals results in the following constituency percentage goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation.

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ+ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
*Party Increased Percent in Democratic Electorate	26.45%	20.7%	.5%	5.75%	6.9%	14.95%	36.80%
Numeric Goals for Delegates	47	36	1	10	12	26	65

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)*

<sup>1</sup> Conron, Kerith J, and Shoshana K Goldberg. “Adult LGBT Authors: Population in the United States - Williams Institute.” *Williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu*, Williams Institute - UCLA School of Law, July 2020, <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/LGBT-Adult-US-Pop-Jul-2020.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Mallory, Christy. “The 2020 LGBT Vote: Preferences and Characteristics of LGBT Voters,” *Williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu*, Williams Institute - UCLA School of Law, October 2019, <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020-LGBT-Vote-Oct-2019.pdf>

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### 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 September 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. *(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 no later than October 2, 2023. *(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 will encourage new voters who have not yet been registered through the automatic voter registration program to register or re-register at their new address. *(Rule 2.C)*
7. The Affirmative Action Committee will work with the State Party to provide education programs directly to Democratic voters to increase awareness and participation in the delegate selection process and to increase overall voter participation in the 2024 Presidential Election. *(Rule 4.B.5)*

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### 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 will utilize 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 State Party 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 meetings of the Democratic State Central Committee and meetings of the Illinois Delegation shall be effectively publicized, multilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. *(Rule 6.D)*
4. Not later than October 2, 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. Materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;
  - 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;

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- 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. *(Rule 6.H)*
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- 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 Democratic Party of Illinois 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.

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2. As such, the Democratic Party of Illinois 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. These accommodations will include notices and outreach in the LGBTQ+, disabled and youth communities working through university and young Democrat organizations and encouraging each presidential candidate to approve delegate candidates from the affected groups. In addition, the Democratic Party of Illinois will conduct participation seminars targeting the LGBTQ+, disabled and youth communities as part of its outreach program.
4. In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the State Party will identify leaders in targeted communities with which to engage to disseminate information on the delegates selection process and recruit delegates for consideration by presidential campaigns.

## Section IX Challenges

### A. Jurisdiction & Standing

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 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 before 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 on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 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



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

### **C. Challenges to Implementation**

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. *(Reg. 3.1.C)*
2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 15 days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has 21 days to render a decision. Within 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

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Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

## Section X Summary of Plan

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6 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on April 29, 2024.

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19 Presidential Electors will be selected by Illinois voters on November 5, 2024. Pursuant to Illinois law, Democratic presidential elector nominees will be selected by the State Convention of the Democratic Party of Illinois, or at a meeting of the Democratic Party of Illinois State Central Committee. 10 ILCS 5/21-1(a).

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### F. Timetable

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<b>2023</b>	
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March 15	List of Affirmative Action Committee members submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
March 22	The Affirmative Action Committee reviews the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
March 22	The Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is tentatively approved for public comment by the State Party Committee.
March 22	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.
April 21	Period for public comment on the State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
April 28	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program for submission to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
May 3	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 4	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.
September 4	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 no later than 30 days after their announcement.)
September 13	Presidential candidate and delegate petition forms are available from the State Party Committee Headquarters.
October 7	First day for presidential candidates to circulate nominating petitions.
December 16	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 <a href="http://www.ildems.com">www.ildems.com</a> .
<b>2024</b>	
January 3	First day for presidential candidates to file petition forms with the State Board of Elections.
January 3	First day for district-level delegates to file nominating petitions, statement of candidacy and pledge of support form with the State Board of Elections.
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January 5	Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition of candidacy and statement of candidacy with the State Board of Elections and a copy to the State Party.
January 5	District-level delegate deadline for filing nominating petitions, statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the State Board of Elections.
January 5	District-level delegate deadline for filing statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
January 8	State Party provides a list of district-level delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
January 10	Presidential candidates provide a list of approved district-level delegate candidates to the State Party.
January 11	The State Board of Elections certifies primary election ballot.
February 10	First date on which vote-by-mail ballots can be mailed to voters.
February 10	In-person voting begins for Presidential preference primary

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Date	Activity
March 19	<b>Presidential preference primary.</b>
April 13	Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the State Party.
April 15	State Party provides a list of PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
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January 10	Presidential candidates provide a list of approved district-level delegate candidates to the State Party.
April 19	The State Board of Elections certifies results of the primary.
April 25	State Party certifies elected district-level delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
April 29 12:00 PM	National Convention Delegation convenes. Pledged PLEO delegates selected.
April 29 1:00 PM	Presidential candidates provide an approved list of at-large and alternate candidates to the State Party. Following selection of PLEO delegates, State delegation selects at-large delegates and alternates
April 29 1:30 PM	Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to the State Party.
April 29	National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names convention pages.
May 1	State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (PLEOs and at-large), along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.
May 1	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members.
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(Reg. 2.2.B)

# Attachments

# **Attachment A: Affirmative Action Committee**





# Democratic Party of Illinois

March 15, 2023

James Roosevelt, Jr. & Minyon Moore  
Rules and Bylaws Committee, Co-Chairs  
Democratic National Committee

Dear Mr. Roosevelt and Ms. Moore:

To make sure that the Democratic Party of Illinois at all levels be an open Party that includes rather than excludes people from participation, and in order to develop and design the proposed Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program for Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2024 Democratic National Convention, an Affirmative Action Committee has been appointed by the Democratic Party of Illinois Chair effective March 1, 2023. (*Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention; Rule 6.F*)

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This letter certifies the Illinois Affirmative Action Committee's compliance with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7 of the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention, and that the names, demographic data and contact information of members were submitted to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee within 15 days of appointment. (*Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee, Reg. 2.2.J, Reg. 2.2.K*)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Hernandez", written in a cursive style.

Chair Elizabeth "Lisa" Hernandez  
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March 22	The Affirmative Action Committee reviews the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
March 22	The Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is tentatively approved for public comment by the State Party Committee.
March 22	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.
April 21	Period for public comment on the State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
April 28	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program for submission to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
May 3	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 4	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.
September 4	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 no later than 30 days after their announcement.)
September 13	Presidential candidate and delegate petition forms are available from the State Party Committee Headquarters.
October 7	First day for presidential candidates to circulate nominating petitions.
December 16	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 <a href="http://www.ildems.com">www.ildems.com</a> .
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January 3	First day for presidential candidates to file petition forms with the State Board of Elections.
January 3	First day for district-level delegates to file nominating petitions, statement of candidacy and pledge of support form with the State Board of Elections.
January 5	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
January 5	Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition of candidacy and statement of candidacy with the State Board of Elections and a copy to the State Party.
January 5	District-level delegate deadline for filing nominating petitions, statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the State Board of Elections.
January 5	District-level delegate deadline for filing statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
January 8	State Party provides a list of district-level delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
January 10	Presidential candidates provide a list of approved district-level delegate candidates to the State Party.
January 11	The State Board of Elections certifies primary election ballot.

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Date	Activity
February 10	First date on which vote-by-mail ballots can be mailed to voters.
February 10	In-person voting begins for Presidential preference primary
March 19	<b>Presidential preference primary.</b>
April 13	Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the State Party.
April 15	State Party provides a list of PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
April 15	State Party provides a list of PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
January 10	Presidential candidates provide a list of approved district-level delegate candidates to the State Party.
April 19	The State Board of Elections certifies results of the primary.
April 25	State Party certifies elected district-level delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
April 29 12:00 PM	National Convention Delegation convenes. Pledged PLEO delegates selected.
April 29 1:00 PM	Presidential candidates provide an approved list of at-large and alternate candidates to the State Party. Following selection of PLEO delegates, State delegation selects at-large delegates and alternates
April 29 1:30 PM	Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to the State Party.
April 29	National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names convention pages.
May 1	State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (PLEOs and at-large), along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.
May 1	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members.
May 1	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's Automatic Delegates.
August 14	The State Party Committee meets and elects the Presidential Electors.



# **Attachment B.3: Illinois Election Code - Relevant Statutes**

## State Statutes Relating to Delegate Selection and Presidential Electors

### [\(10 ILCS 5/\) Election Code](#)

Statutes related to the Delegate Selection Process:

- **Ballot access for presidential candidates:** 10 ILCS 5/7-10; 10 ILCS 5/7-10.1; 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2; 10 ILCS 5/7-11; 10 ILCS 5/7-12
- **Filing requirements for delegate and alternate candidates:** 10 ILCS 5/7-10; 10 ILCS 5/7-10.1; 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2; 10 ILCS 5/7-10.3; 10 ILCS 5/7-12
- **Timing of the presidential primary, caucuses, and/or the state convention:** 10 ILCS 5/2A-1; 10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1
- **Participation in the state's presidential primary or caucuses, including Party registration or enrollment provisions:** 10 ILCS 5/7-2
- **Any other stipulations made by the state regarding the selection process or the role of National Convention delegates:** 10 ILCS 5/7-14.1; 10 ILCS 5/7-14.2; 10 ILCS 5/7-59; 10 ILCS 5/7-8; 10 ILCS 5/7-9.1

Statutes related to the election of Presidential Electors:

- **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:** 10 ILCS 5/21-1; 10 ILCS 5/21-2; 10 ILCS 5/21-3; 10 ILCS 5/21-4; 10 ILCS 5/21-5; 10 ILCS 20/5; 10 ILCS 5/2A-2