



Montana Delegate Selection Plan

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Section I: Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

1. Montana has a total of 22 delegates and 2 alternates. (Call I & Appendix B)
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention (“Rules”), the Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention (“Call”), the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2024 Democratic National Convention (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of Montana, the Montana election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. (Call II.A)
3. Following the adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan by the State Party Committee, it shall be submitted 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. (Regs. 2.5, 2.6 & 2.7)
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the State Party will be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. (Reg. 2.9)

B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. Montana will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the primary for apportioning delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention. The two Montana Democratic Party Executive Board districts described in the Rules of the Montana Democratic Party (Preamble, Section B5) will be recognized as the districts used for delegate selection, and delegates will be allocated accordingly.

Western District: Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Madison, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli Sanders, Silver Bow, and Pondera (split) Counties

Eastern District: Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Garfield, Golden Valley, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, McCone, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera (split) Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux and Yellowstone Counties

2. The “first determining step” of Montana’s delegate selection process will occur on June 4th, 2024, with a primary election.

C. Voter Participation

1. Participation in Montana delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. (Rule 2.A & Rule 2.C)

- a. Currently, Montana law allows that regular registration closes 30 days before any election. Late registration begins the next day, and ends at the close of polls on Election Day (except from noon until 5:00 P.M. on the day before Election Day). Late registration can only be done at the county election administrator's office. Voters in Montana do not register by party.
- b. An individual participating in the Delegate selection process will publicly declare their party Preference by filing a Democratic Affirmation Statement with the county chairperson of the county in which they are registered to vote.
- c. Individuals who are 18 by the November 2024 General Election are allowed to participate in the delegate selection process.
- d. At no stage of the Montana 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)
- e. No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding elections. (Rule 2.E)
- f. Secret Ballots will be prohibited during the delegate selection process except for the first determining step. (Rule 2.F)
- g. No person shall vote in more than one meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. (Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)

2. Montana is participating in the state government-run presidential preference primary that will utilize government-run voting systems. The State Party has taken provable positive steps to:

- a. Promote the acquisition, maintenance and regular replacement of accessible precinct based optical scan systems, wherever possible. (Rule 2.H.1)
- b. Seek enactment of legislation, rules, and policies at the state and local level to ensure that direct recording electronic systems include a voter verified paper trail. (Rule 2.H.2)
- c. Seek enactment of legislation, rules and policies at the state and local level to ensure that both optical scan and direct recording electronic systems include recognized security measures. These measures include automatic routine manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records following every election and prior to certification or results where possible; parallel testing on election day; physical and electronic security for equipment; banning use of wireless components and connections except where required to provide a voter with a disability a secure and approved means to access voting material and exercise the right to vote; public disclosure of software design; use of transparent and random selection for all auditing procedures; and effective procedures for addressing evidence of fraud or error. (Rule 2.H.3)

3. The Montana Democratic Party prioritizes voter and election security and has taken steps to accomplish the following goals.

- 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
 - i. MDP works with the MT Secretary of State and the DNC to maintain the voter file. We do monthly voter file updates and daily updates during early vote for both primary and general elections.
 - ii. We require two factor authentication for VAN access and strongly recommend using an app or a security key rather than text messages. We take additional steps for active users.
- b. Implement transparent and accurate voter registration list maintenance procedures that comply with federal requirements and ensure that every eligible voter stay on the rolls
 - i. MDP works with MT Secretary of State and counties to ensure that voter registration forms are submitted in a timely fashion. During the 2020 Coordinated Campaign the party hired a voter protection team to ensure that every eligible voter that wanted to vote could vote in 2018. Year round our Blue Bench team and Data Director are in frequent contact with county election offices.
- c. Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record
 - i. HB 297 passed during the 2005 Legislative Session requires the use of paper ballots in all elections.
- d. Implement risk limiting post-election audits such as manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records
 - i. The MT Secretary of State starts an automatic recount if there is a certified tie by either the SoS or the election administrator (13-16-201 MCA). A canvassing board may petition a recount if the board finds an error in a precinct(s) affecting the vote totals (13-15-403 and 13-16-201(1)(f) MCA). An unsuccessful candidate can request a manual recount if the margin of defeat does not exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of the total votes cast.
- e. Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures
 - i. Absentee ballots are returned in a security envelope that requires the voter to sign the seal of the envelope for their vote to count. Voting at the poll requires showing either a photo id or something with your name and address. Voters are required to sign the precinct register. After the voter has completed their ballot, if their county uses a voting system they bring the ballot there, if not they return the ballot to the election judge.
- f. Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately
 - i. Every polling place has at least one AutoMARK machine that allows voters that have a mobility or visual disability to vote privately and independently. If a voter does not want to or cannot use the AutoMARK machine, the election judge may help them complete their ballot or they can bring an individual that is not their employer or affiliated with their union to assist them but the election judge has to approve that person. A voter with a disability may also designate an agent to help them vote through the Designation of Agent by Individual with Disability form.

3. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings

- a. The dates, times and places for all official Party meetings and events related to the Montana delegate selection process must be scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings will 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 delegate selection process. The scheduling of meetings shall consider any religious observations that could significantly affect participation. (Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.5.B)

Section II: Presidential Candidates

A. Ballot Access

1. In accordance with 13-10-404 MCA, before an individual intending to qualify as a presidential candidate may qualify for placement on the ballots, the individual shall qualify by one or more of the following two methods:

- a. The individual has submitted a declaration for nomination that is signed by the candidate to the Secretary of State by March 11th, 2024 pursuant to 13-10-201(2) MCA and has been nominated on petitions (available at the Secretary of State's office with the verified signatures of at least 500 qualified electors from the State of Montana. Presidential Candidate filing opens with Montana Secretary of State on January 11th, 2024.
 - i. Petitions of nomination for the presidential preference primary election and the affidavits of circulation required must be presented to the election administrator of the county in which the signatures are gathered at least one week before the primary election filing deadline prescribed in 13-10-201(7)(b) MCA. For 2024, the deadline to submit petitions to the county election administrator is the last week of May, 2024 (TBD). A filing fee is not required. The election administrator shall verify the signatures in the manner prescribed in 13-27-303 through 13-27-308 MCA and must forward the petitions to the Secretary of State.
- b. The individual has submitted a declaration for nomination to the Secretary of State by March 11th, 2024 pursuant to 13-10-201(2) MCA, and the Secretary of State has determined, by the time that declarations for nomination are to be filed, that the individual is eligible to receive payments pursuant to the federal Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account Act, 26 U.S.C. 9031, et seq. Presidential Candidate filing opens with Montana Secretary of State on January 11th, 2024.

2. Other Information

- a. "Uncommitted" does not automatically appear on the Montana Primary Election ballot, however, ballots include "no preference" and a blank write-in space as described in 13-10-403 MCA.
- b. The Secretary of State's Contact information is as below:
 - Mail: Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen, P.O. Box 202801, Helena, MT 59620

- Fax: (406) 444-3976
- Phone: (406) 444-2034

3. Other Requirements

- Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Party Chair, the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by May 22nd, 2024. (Rule 13.D.1)
- Each presidential candidate shall use his or her best efforts to ensure that his or her respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.1)

Section III: Selection of Delegates and Alternates

A. District-Level Delegates

- Montana is allocated 10 district-level delegates and 0 district-level alternates. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, Appendix B & Reg. 4.32)
- District-level delegates shall be allocated by a Presidential preference primary on June 4th, 2024, elected by a post-primary caucus held on June 8th, 2024, at a location to be determined. Presidential preference will be determined based on June 4th primary results.
- Apportionment of District-Level Delegates and Alternates
 - Montana’s district-level delegates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2020 presidential and gubernatorial elections. (Rule 8.A.2)
 - The state’s total number of district-level delegates will be equally divided between men and women. For an odd total number of district-level delegates, the overall variance between men and women cannot exceed one. (Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9)
 - The district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following table:

District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males*	Females*	Total	Males	Females	Total
Western District	3	3	6	0	0	0
Eastern District	2	2	4	0	0	0
Total	5	5	10	0	0	0

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

- The apportionment of delegates to be elected from each tier to the next tier (e.g., precincts, counties, etc.) shall be based on a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2020 presidential and gubernatorial elections. (Rule 8.B)

4. District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements

- A district-level delegate candidate may run for election only within the district in which he or she is 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 no preference) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including no preference status) with the Montana Democratic Party at Party Headquarters (303 N. Ewing, Helena, Montana 59601) or by email (dnc2024@montanademocrats.org) by 5:00 P.M. on June 7th, 2024. A delegate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the June 7th filing deadline. All required forms will be found online starting May 24th, 2024 at www.montanademocrats.org. (Rule 13.B Rule 13.C, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.22)

5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates

- a. The Montana Democratic Party Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than June 7th, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., a list of all persons who have filed for delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 13.D.& 13.F)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the Montana Democratic Party Chair by June 7th, 2024 at 9:00 P.M. a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate men and three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate women to be selected. (Rule 13.E.1 & Reg. 4.25)
 - i. Contact information for the Montana Democratic Party Chair for this purpose is as follows:
 - Phone: (406) 442-9520
 - Email: chair@montanademocrats.org
- 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 June 7th, 2024 at 9:00 P.M. (Rule 13.D)
- d. National convention delegate 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 at that level pledged to that presidential candidate (including no preference status). (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 (including no preference status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates meet the affirmative action 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 as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan. (Rule 6.I.E & Reg. 4.10.C)

6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. ***Presidential Primary - Proportional Representation Plan*** (Rules 14.A, 14.B & 14.D)

The Montana presidential primary election is a "binding" primary. Accordingly, delegate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential (or no preference) preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates 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. If no presidential preference reaches the 15% threshold, the threshold will be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the frontrunner.” (Rule 14.F)

c. ***County and District-Level Delegate Selection***

The County-Level Delegate Selection Plan for Montana provides for allocation of delegate positions to presidential preferences through a primary/convention system. Following the primary election, supporters of candidates receiving sufficient votes to qualify for delegates to the national convention will gather in county conventions on June 6th, 2024, to choose delegates to the state convention. Each county will have a set number of delegates previously determined by the State Chair. The state convention will be held on June 8th, 2024, at a location to be determined.

The number of delegates to be elected from each county shall be determined by the State Chair and apportioned on the basis of a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2020 Presidential and Gubernatorial elections. The county with the least delegates according to this formula shall be entitled to a minimum of one (1) delegate for each presidential candidate receiving 15% or more of the votes cast in that county in the presidential primary election. Counties with proportionally more delegates according to the formula shall be entitled to proportionally larger delegations, up to a maximum of 30 delegates from any one county.

The county conventions will be held in the county seat at a public place which would be most likely to encourage the participation of all Democrats and shall begin at a reasonable hour and shall be run by the county chair in accordance with state party rules.

No person shall participate in more than one county convention. Each person may vote for delegates supporting only one presidential candidate.

The procedure for selecting delegates to the District and State Conventions shall be as follows:

- i. Any registered voter having publicly declared to be a Democrat from the county may participate in the county convention if they have filed with the County Democratic Central Committee by at least the opening of the convention on forms designated by the State Chair. Such forms shall include a statement of support for the candidate of his or her choice and a public affirmation of their Democratic affiliation.
- ii. The county chair will designate appropriate areas of the convention facility as sites for the caucuses of the supporters of the respective presidential candidates, as well as a nominating caucus identified as “no-preference,” providing each has met the threshold set for that county. The Chair will announce the amount of time allowed for caucusing and will insure that all caucuses will be held simultaneously. The county chair may appoint a temporary chair for each caucus.
- iii. Caucuses for each presidential candidate will be held to elect district and state delegates and alternates. No caucus will be held for any presidential candidate who has not earned at least one delegate from Montana. Any

Democratic resident of the county who is a qualified voter and has completed the forms prescribed in Section III.A.6.C(i), may be elected as a delegate to the District and State Conventions. Each caucus will elect the number of state delegates and alternates allowed to it as determined by the share of votes received in the county by its presidential candidate, and as announced after the primary election by the State Chair. Following nominations, the caucus chair will present to the caucus the list of nominees (ballot should be used) and announce the number of delegates to be elected from the list. The caucus chair and secretary or a committee appointed by them will tabulate the election results. Beginning with the person receiving the highest number of votes and proceeding to the person with the next highest total, the chair and secretary will certify the election as state delegates of that number of people allowed to this particular presidential candidate. Proceeding in a like manner, the chair and secretary will certify an equal number of people elected as alternates for this presidential candidate.

- iv. The election of delegates and alternates having been completed, the caucus chair will then present the list of state delegates and alternates to the county chair. A tie for the last delegate position will be broken by a run-off election between/among those who tied.
- v. The county caucus having completed its work, the county chair and secretary will sign certificates of election for all delegates and alternates. (These certificates will be provided by the State Chair and will include a statement of support for their candidate.) After verifying that the proper number of delegates and alternates have been elected and that the presidential preference of each is clearly stated, the county chair shall immediately forward the certificates to the Montana Democratic Party.
- vi. Should any delegate elected to the District or State Presidential Delegate Conventions be unable to attend, they may designate an elected alternate from the same caucus to attend in their place by submitting the name of such alternate in writing to the State Chair. In the absence of such designation, the alternate from the caucus who received the most votes shall attend. In the event there is no alternate, the State Chair may select one upon consultation with the candidate's agent.

7. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates

- a. To ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) the gender of the first binary delegate elected in each district will be designated. At the time of election of delegates in the district the binary gender advantage will alternate as delegate positions are filled and the alternation shall continue across presidential preferences in order of vote-getting preference. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category. (Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10)
- b. The delegate positions shall be pre-designated so that the gender of the first position to be filled by the winning presidential candidate is pre-determined. Once the allocation of district delegates among presidential preference(s) has been calculated, the remaining delegate positions can be assigned to the presidential preference(s), in order of vote

- won, alternating by gender.
- c. The 10 delegates and 0 alternates are apportioned to districts as follows:
 - Western District - 6 delegates, 0 alternates
 - Eastern District - 4 delegates, 0 alternates
 - d. The above apportionment is based on a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2020 presidential and gubernatorial elections.
 - e. The Montana primary election is a “binding” primary.
 - f. Accordingly, delegate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential or no preference status of the primary voters in each district. Therefore, the national convention delegates elected 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 preference falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates.
 - g. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the vote received at each level of the delegate selection process by the front-runner.
 - h. The procedure for electing district-level delegates to the Democratic National Convention is as follows:
 - i. The State Chair will call to order the state convention and announce the number of delegates and alternates to be selected favoring each presidential candidate from each district as determined by the primary election. The State Chair shall appoint a chair and secretary and said officers shall assume the operation of the convention.
 - ii. The convention chair will designate appropriate areas of the convention facility as sites for the simultaneous caucuses of the supporters of the respective presidential candidates, as well as a caucus identified as “no-preference” (if “no preference” has qualified in the primary for an allocation of delegates). The chair will announce the amount of time allowed in caucusing and will insure that all caucuses will be held simultaneously.
 - iii. Each delegate will attend the district caucus of the presidential candidate they were elected to represent. No delegate may participate in more than one caucus and no one other than a delegate or a seated alternate may nominate or vote in the caucus proceedings. The State Chair may appoint a temporary chair for each caucus. The agenda for each caucus will include selection of a permanent chair, nominations for national delegates and elections of delegates and alternates as applicable. Each caucus will proceed to elect the number of national delegates to which it is entitled, as announced by the State Chair.
 - iv. In any matter put to a vote before the caucus, each delegate will cast one vote. Each ballot shall bear the name or identification code of the person casting it.
 - v. Candidates receiving the most votes will be elected until the proper number of delegates are selected. The caucus chair shall sign certificates of election (provided by the State Chair) for the number of delegates allotted to their caucus. The candidates for delegate who received the highest number of votes after the last certified delegate shall be certified as alternate delegates from that caucus, until the number of alternate positions

for each caucus, as determined by the State Chair, have been filled. A tie for the last delegate position will be broken by a run-off election between/among those who tied.

- vi. After the election of delegates and any other business brought before the caucus, the caucus chair will adjourn the caucus and direct the caucus participants to return to the state convention.
- vii. All delegates elected as a “no-preference” delegate shall attend the “no-preference” caucus. In any matter put to a vote before the caucus, each delegate will cast one vote. Each ballot shall bear the name or identification code of the person casting it. Those present will elect a number of delegates to the national convention as announced by the State Chair and in the same manner as other caucuses. Any Democrat may be elected as a delegate from the “no-preference” caucus so long as they are a resident of Montana and have not been nominated for national delegate by, nor participated in, any other caucus at the state convention. A candidate for delegate from this caucus must announce at the time of their nomination their “no-preference” status.
- viii. Each caucus chair shall clearly indicate on the certificate of election the presidential preference of any elected delegate and alternate.
- ix. All caucuses having completed their work, the convention chair will accept all certificates of election as delegates or alternates from the various caucus chairs. After verifying that the proper number of delegates and alternates have been elected, and that the presidential preference of each is clearly stated, the convention chair shall also sign all certificates of election and immediately deliver them to the State Party Chair. The convention chair shall then direct the delegates to convene at the state convention for such business as may be properly brought before it.

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

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:
 - i. 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)
 - ii. Democratic President and Democratic Vice President (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.2 & Call I.G)
 - iii. All of Montana’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)
 - iv. The Democratic Governor (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H. & Call I.J)
 - v. “Distinguished Party Leader” delegates who legally reside in the state (if applicable); [Persons who qualify as “Distinguished Party Leader” delegates are: all former Democratic Presidents or Vice Presidents, all former Democratic Leaders of the U.S. Senate, all former Democratic

Speakers of the U.S. House of Representatives and Democratic Minority Leaders, as applicable, and all former Chairs of the Democratic National Committee.] (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 Automatic delegate at the 2024 National Convention (Call I.J)
- c. The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
 - i. Not later than March 6th, 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 Montana. (Rule 9.A & Call IV.B.1)
 - ii. Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the Automatic delegates from the categories indicated above. (Rule 9.A & Call IV.B.1)
 - iii. The State Democratic Party 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 & Reg. 5.5)

2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women within the state's entire convention delegation (determined by gender self-identification), the entire delegation includes all pledged and Automatic delegates, including those who identify as male or female. (Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)

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

1. Montana is allotted 3 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (Call I.D, Call I.E. & Appendix B)
2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
 - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. If an automatic delegate chooses to run for a PLEO delegate position, they 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 a signed pledge of support of the presidential candidate of their choice (including no preference) with the State Party Chair no later than one half hour after completion of the selection of the district-level delegates on June 8th, 2024. Pledge of support forms will be available online at www.montanademocrats.org and during the convention. Forms may be returned to dnc2024@montanademocrats.org or to appropriate staff at the convention. (Rules 10.A, Rule 15, Reg. 4.18 & Reg. 4.17)
 - c. If persons eligible for pledged PLEO delegate positions have not already made known their presidential preference (or no preference status) as candidates for district-level or at-large delegate positions, their preference shall be ascertained through the following alternative procedure by filing a signed pledge of support for a presidential candidate

(including no preference status) with the State Chair. (Rule 10.A & Reg. 4.17)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. The State Democratic Party Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), no later than one hour after completion of the selection of the district-level delegates on June 8th, 2024, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 10.A & Rule 13.D)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Party Chair, no later than one half hour after the State Democratic Party Chair has conveyed a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate on June 8th, 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)
- c. A presidential candidate can disapprove using the same process as for district-level candidates. Approved lists shall be returned via email to appropriate state democratic party staff. Staff point of contacts will be communicated to each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s) prior to the convention.
- d. 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 one half hour after the State Democratic Party Chair has conveyed a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate on June 8th, 2024. (Rule 13.D)
- e. The State Democratic Party Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including no preference status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action 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 & F)
- b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur on June 8th, 2024, at a location to be determined, after the election of district-level delegates 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)
- d. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged party leader and elected official 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. If an automatic delegate chooses to run for a PLEO delegate position, they will be given equal consideration with big city mayors and state-wide elected officials. The provisions of Call II C apply to PLEO delegate eligibility to ensure equal division between men and women in the entire delegation.

- e. Selection of these delegates will occur an hour and 30 minutes following the selection of district-level delegates on June 8th, 2024, at a location to be determined and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. District-level delegates who support a presidential preference shall meet in a statewide caucus for that presidential preference to nominate the pledged party leader and elected official delegates such presidential candidate may have been allocated. Each delegate will have an equal (un-weighted) vote.

5. The State Democratic Party 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)

D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. The state of Montana is allotted 4 at-large delegates and 2 at-large alternates. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.34)

2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

- a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or no preference preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including no preference status) with the State Party no later than thirty minutes after completion of the selection of the PLEO delegates on June 8th, 2024. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify his or her singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the June 8th filing deadline. Pledge of support forms will be available online at www.montanademocrats.org and during the convention. Forms may be returned to dnc2024@montanademocrats.org or to appropriate staff at the convention. (Rule 13.A, Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F., Regs. 4.31, Reg. 4.21)
- b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the State Convention, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (Rule 19.A)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. The State Democratic Party Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than one hour after completion of the selection of the PLEO delegates on June 8th, 2024, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 13.D, Rule 13.D.4, Regs. 4.24.D)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, not later than thirty minutes after the State Democratic Party Chair has conveyed a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate on June 8th, 2024, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that, at a minimum one name remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 13.D, Rule 13.D.4, Regs. 4.24.D)
- 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 thirty minutes after the State Democratic Party Chair has conveyed a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate on June 8th, 2024. Approved lists shall be returned via email to appropriate state democratic party staff. Staff point of contacts will be communicated to each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s) prior to the convention. (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 (including no preference status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action 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 at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in Section III.D.3.b of this Plan. (Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10.C)

4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the statewide primary vote. (Rule 11.C)
- b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a statewide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (Rule 14.E)
- c. If no presidential preference reaches the 15% threshold, the threshold will be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the frontrunner. (Rule 14.F)
- d. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, then those at-large slots that would have been allocated to the candidate will be proportionally divided among the remaining preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 11.C)
- e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one at-large alternate position. (Rule 19.B & Regs. 4.33)

5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

- a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur one hour and thirty minutes after the completion of the selection of all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates on June 8th, 2024, at a location to be determined. (Call III)
 - i. Delegates to the state convention who support a presidential preference shall meet in a statewide caucus to nominate the at-large delegates such candidate may have been allocated. Each delegate shall cast an equal (un-weighted) vote.
 - ii. Nominations made in the candidate caucuses shall be submitted to the entire state.
- b. Priority of Consideration
In the selection of the at-large delegation, priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Islanders and women. (Rule 6.A.3)
 - i. 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 to other groups by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. (Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3, Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8)

- ii. The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action section of this plan. (Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C & Reg. 4.9)
- iii. 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 Party 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 ten (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)
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including no preference 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.
 - iii. In the case where the presidential candidate has only one alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
 - iv. If a presidential candidate has only one alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of the opposite 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 A.2, the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of the opposite gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (Reg. 4.36)
 - v. 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)
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including no preference 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: (Rule 19.D.1)
 - i. When a majority of the delegation declares that a permanent vacancy exists, the delegation chooses the alternate.
 - ii. Any delegate may choose their temporary replacement from the alternates in the delegation.
 - d. Certification of Replacements
 - i. 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)
 - ii. 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 Montana Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (Rule 19.D.3 & Call IV.D.1)
 - iii. 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)
 - iv. 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.c & Call IX.F.3.e & Reg. 5.6)
 - e. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or no preference status), of the same sex 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: (Rule 18.E & Reg. 4.33)

- a. Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. (Call IV.D.2.a)
- b. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of Automatic delegates. (Call IV.D.2.b)

- c. Automatic distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.5, shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. (Call, IV.D.2.c)
- d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an Automatic delegate. (Call IX.F.3e)

Section IV: Convention Standing Committee Members

A. Introduction

1. Montana has been allocated 1 member on each of the three standing committees for the 2024 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of 3 members. (Call VII.A & Appendix D)
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. (Call VII.A.3)
2. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. (Rule 1.G)

B. Temporary Standing Committee Members

1. Temporary members for the Convention Standing Committees, will be selected by the Montana Democratic Party Executive Board at a meeting prior to the convention. The meeting shall be open to the public and well publicized in accordance with this Plan. Members of Montana Democratic Party Executive Board shall receive timely notice of the meeting, in accordance with State Party rules. (Call VII.G.1)
2. Any Democrat may apply for a position as a temporary member of the standing committees. Persons wishing to be considered must submit an application by available at www.montanademocrats.org to dnc2024@montanademocrats.org, by April 5th, 2024 at 5:00pm. The Montana Democratic Party will promote the opportunity to apply to be a temporary standing committee via our website and directly to our action network across the state.
3. The male and female membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided among men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation. In the case of gender non-binary committee members, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the standing committee members shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). (Call VII.E.1)
4. Temporary members serve only in the event that the respective standing committee is called to meet prior to completion of the state's delegate selection process and subsequent selection of permanent standing committee members. No temporary member may continue to serve after the selection of the permanent standing committee members unless they are elected as a permanent member. (Call VII.G.3)
5. Temporary members selected after the first determining step has occurred in a state shall reflect

the Presidential preferences so established. *(Call VII.G.3)*

6. The State Chair shall certify the temporary standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. Substitutions in a state's list of temporary members may only be made up to ten (10) days prior to the time the standing committee meets. Substitute temporary standing committee members will be selected at a meeting of the Montana Democratic Party Executive Board in accordance with the provisions outlined above. *(Call VII.B.3 and Call VII.G.4)*

C. Standing Committee Members

1. Selection Meeting

- a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Montana's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on June 8th, 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 Montana shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including no preference 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 Montana. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. *(Call VII.C.2)*
- c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. *(Call VII.C.3)*
- d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three 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 15 minutes before the June 8th, 2024 meeting of the National Convention delegates, a minimum of one (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 no preference status). Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one 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 no preference status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Montana's affirmative action goals and that their respective members are equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10)
- b. The first binary gender position on each standing committee shall be assigned by binary gender as self-identified. For example, the first binary position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a *[male]*, and the next binary position, if one occurs, will be designated for a *[female]*, and the remaining binary positions, to the extent they occur, shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females, where applicable. For avoidance of doubt: there is no requirement that positions be assigned to gender non-binaries but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used to exclude a gender non-binary from consideration for a committee position. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by gender, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee. (Call VII.E.2)

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. (Call VII.B.4)

Section V: Delegation Chair and DNC Pages

A. Introduction

Montana will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and 3 to serve as Convention Pages. (Call IV.E, Call IV.F.1 & Appendix C)

B. Delegation Chair

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on June 8th, 2024. (Call IV.E)
 - 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)
1. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after his or her selection. (Call IV.E)

C. Convention Pages

1. Three (3) individuals will be selected to serve as Montana's Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place June 8th, 2024 after the delegation chair is elected. (Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7)
2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the affirmative action guidelines in the Affirmative Action 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 Montana 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

Montana will select three (3) persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2024 Presidential election. Electors must vote for their party's Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates pursuant to 13-25-304 MCA.

B. Selection of Presidential Electors

The Presidential Electors shall be selected by the Montana Democratic Party Executive Board during its scheduled meeting at the Delegate Selection Convention on June 8th, 2024. Any member of the State Central Committee may nominate a candidate for the Presidential Elector position by

filing their name, residence, and reason for nomination with the State Chair or Vice Chair by June 1st, 2024.

C. Affirmation

1. Each candidate for Presidential Elector shall certify in writing that they will vote for the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees. (Call VIII)
2. In the selection of the Presidential Electors, the Montana Democratic Party will take the following steps to ensure the persons selected are bona fide Democrats, who are faithful to the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United State, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party. (Call VIII)
 - i. A candidate for Presidential Elector must sign a pledge of support for the Democratic Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates.
 - ii. The Executive Board will vote on the merits of each nomination.
 - iii. Review the nomination.

Section VII: General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

1. The Montana Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the “six basic elements” as listed below. 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. (Rules 4.A & 4.C)
 - a. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Montana 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, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). (Rule 4.B.1)
 - b. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party in Montana 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)
 - c. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in Montana 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)
 - d. The Democratic Party in Montana, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.4)
 - e. The Democratic Party in Montana 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 Montana 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 of Montana. 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)

- f. The Democratic Party in Montana 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)
2. Discrimination on the basis of ‘status’ in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B)
3. Montana’s delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women. 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. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. (Rule 6.C)
4. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or no preference status at all levels which determine presidential preference. (Rule 13.A)
5. 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)
6. 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)
7. All delegates, alternates and standing committee members must be bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe 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 & Reg. 4.25)
8. No less than forty percent (40%) of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. (Rule 16)
9. No proxy voting will be allowed. (Rule 17 & Reg. 4.32)
10. 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.B)
11. 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)

12. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rule 1.F & Rule 12.B)
13. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention, Montana thereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the state a full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action 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 candidates for Presidents or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention. Furthermore, voters in the state will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by said Convention, and for electors pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States. (Call II.B)

Section VIII: Affirmative Action, Outreach and Inclusion Plan

A. Statement of Purpose and Organization

1. Purpose and Objectives

- a. To assure that the Democratic Party at all levels is an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by Montana. (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 Montana 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, economic status or physical 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/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability, Montana 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 Montana Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for Native Americans African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, the Montana Democratic Party has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups, including LGBT Americans, people with disabilities and youth. (Rule 6.A, Rule 7, & Reg. 4.8)
 - i. 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)

ii. For the delegate selection process, “Youth” is defined as any participant younger than 36 years old at the time of the election. (Reg. 5.3.A)

iii. 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)

iv. 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 will be appointed by the State Democratic Chair on March 1, 2023. (Rule 6.F)
- b. The State Democratic Party 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 no later than 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.J)
- c. The Committee shall consist of members from each delegate district representing the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan.
- d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
- e. Helping develop and design the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs and making recommendations to the State Chair. (Rule 6.F)
 - i. Reviewing the proposed Inclusion Programs and making recommendations to the State Democratic Party Chair.
 - ii. Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action section of this Plan.
 - iii. Implementing a financial assistance program for delegates and alternates. (Rule 6.G)
 - iv. Ensuring, on behalf of the State Democratic Party, 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)
- f. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Democratic Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.

2. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan shall begin by September 15th, 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. 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)

- 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 and furthermore, 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)

Group	Percentage of Montana Voting Age Population	Voting Strength within the Party	Percentage of Democratic Electorate	Times Delegate Number (24)	Number of Delegates
Black/African American	0.7%	100%	2%	0.24	1
Native American	6.5%	85.2%	13%	2.82	3
Hispanic	3.1%	100%	7%	0.77	2
Asian/Pacific Islanders	1%	100%	0%	0.33	1
LGBT	5%	76%	9%	1.82	2
People with Disabilities	16.00%	50%	18%	1.44	4
Young Voter (18-36)	21.8%	57%	29%	5.49	6

* Percentages for Montana voting age population or turnout & voting strength within the Party are based on 2020 CVAP Estimate

- 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 goals to achieve an at-large selection process that helps to bring about a representative balance. (Rule 11.A)
- Use of the at-large delegation to achieve the affirmative action goals established by this Plan does not obviate the need for the State Party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training. (Rule 6.A.3)

C. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process

1. Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in November 2023. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with physical 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 populace. (Rule 3.A, Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)

2. A speakers bureau of volunteers from the Affirmative Action Committee comprised of

individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information concerning the process.

3. The State Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and making sure that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.

4. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process; an explanation of how, where and when persons can register to vote; and delegate district maps. 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 relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than March 4th, 2024. (Rule 1.H)

5. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration procedures. (Rule 4.B.5)

D. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process

1. Special attention shall be directed at 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. Newspapers, radio and television will be utilized to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, this information should provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Special effort shall be directed to the major daily newspapers, radio and television stations by the State Democratic Chair, Affirmative Action Committee members and staff. Regular releases during the delegate selection process to all other media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services should complete timely coverage. (Rule 4.B.3 & Rule 6.D)

3. A priority effort shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.

- a. Information about the delegate selection process will be provided to minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and publications, and women's organizations, student newspapers, LGBTQ press, disability press, and any other specialty media in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan.

- b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort by reaching out to constituency and specialty media outlets. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all events included in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized, multilingual where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. (Rule 6.D)

4. Not later than September 15th, 2023, a press kit shall be made and provided to each daily and weekly newspaper as well as to the electronic media. The press kit will include:

- a. a summary of all pertinent rules related to the state's delegate selection process;
- b. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district;
- c. a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2020 Convention; and
- d. materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate candidates.

E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the Montana Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rule 6.H)

2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by May 13th, 2024 which indicates the specific steps he or she will take to encourage full participation in Montana's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. (Rule 6.H.1)

3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H.2)

4. Presidential candidates (including no preference status) shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegations within the state's delegate, alternate and standing committee delegations shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and that the respective delegations of each presidential candidate shall be equally divided between men and women. Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate and alternate candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations in order to achieve the affirmative action goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (Rule 6.C, Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10)

F. Inclusion Programs

1. To achieve full participation of other groups that may be under-represented in Party affairs, including members of the LGBT community, people with disabilities and youth, the Montana Democratic Party has adopted and will implement Inclusion Programs.

2. The State Party has taken reasonable steps to determine the composition of members of the

LGBT community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state's Democratic electorate.

3. In securing this level of full participation, the State Party will conduct the education and publicity outreach efforts outlined in Sections B and C of this section respectively.

4. The State Party will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with disabilities. Including, but not limited to, ensuring all party conventions and events are held in facilities that are accessible.

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 2020 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 Plans. (Rule 20.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 2020 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (*Appendix A*), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.

7. Any group of fifteen (15) Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (*Appendix A, Sec. 2.A*), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

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

1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than thirty (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 Montana Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within fifteen (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 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 fifteen (15) days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has twenty-one (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 twenty-one (21) day period. (Reg. 3.4.C., Reg. E & Reg. H)
3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan 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 section of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.4.C)
4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

Section X: Summary of Plan

A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

1. Montana will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the primary apportioning its delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

- a. The “first determining step” of Montana’s delegate selection process will occur on June 4th, 2024 with a primary election.
- b. Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body	Filing Requirements
District-Level Delegates	10	0	June 8 th , 2024	State Delegate Selection Convention - District Selection	Individuals interested in serving as delegates must sign a pledge of support for the presidential candidates by filing a signed declaration candidacy with the State Party Chair
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates	5	0	N/A	By Virtue of Respective public or Party office as Provided in Rule 9.A of the 2024 Delegate Selection Rules	Automatic by virtue of the respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2024 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates	3	0	June 8 th , 2024	Quorum of District-Level Delegates	PLEOs interested in serving as delegates must sign a pledge of support for the presidential candidates by filing a signed declaration candidacy with the State Party Chair
At-Large Delegates	4	2	June 8 th , 2020	State Delegate Selection Convention	Individuals interested in serving as delegates must sign a pledge of support for the presidential candidates by filing a signed declaration candidacy with the State Party Chair
Total	22	2			

* Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A of the *2024 Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact number of Automatic PLEO Delegates is

subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

**Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) alternates are selected with the At-Large alternates.

2. Written requirements for becoming a delegate

a. District-Level Delegate

- i. File a statement of candidacy with the State Democratic Party by 5:00 P.M. June 7th, 2024.
- ii. You must live in the district you are running to represent.
- iii. District-level delegates will be selected by a convention of previously selected county delegates within each Montana Democratic Party Executive Board District. County delegate selection conventions will be held June 6th, 2024. Each county will have a number of delegates based on equal performance of the Democratic vote for President and Governor in the 2020 Election.

b. Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates

- i. Be elected a member of the State's Democratic National Committee Delegation or be elected as a Democratic President, Vice-President, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, or Governor. All former Democratic Presidents, Vice Presidents, Leaders of the U.S. Senate, Speakers of the U.S. House of Representatives and Democratic Minority Leaders and former DNC Chairs are also Automatic delegates

c. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates

- i. Be a Democratic big-city mayor, statewide elected official, state legislative leader, state legislator, or other state, county or local elected official or party leader.
- ii. File a statement of candidacy and a signed pledge of support for Presidential candidate of your choice no later than one half hour after the completion of the selection of district-level delegates on June 8th, 2024.

d. At-Large Delegates & Alternates

- i. File a statement of candidacy with the State Party headquarters no later than one half hour after the completion of the selection of the PLEO delegates on June 8th, 2024 (the statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and district-level delegates will be the same).
- ii. The election will occur on June 8th, 2024 after pledged Party leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected.
- iii. Alternates will be selected in the same fashion as delegates following the selection of delegates.
- iv. At-large delegates will be elected at a statewide convention of delegates from each county and cast equal (un-weighted) votes for alternates based on the declared preference of each delegate and proportional to the primary election percentages. Preference shall be given to achieve goals outlined in the Affirmative Action Plan.

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

1. Standing committee members will be selected by the state's National Convention delegates as

summarized below:

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	June 8 th , 2024	Members will be elected by the National Convention delegates at a meeting immediately following the Delegate Selection Meeting. Presidential candidates submit names immediately after the selection of At-Large delegates on June 8 th .

C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

1. The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on June 8th 2024.
2. Three (3) Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on June 8th, 2024.

D. Selection of Presidential Electors

1. Montana will select three (3) persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2020 Presidential election. Electors must vote for their party's Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates pursuant to 13-25-304 MCA
2. The Presidential Electors shall be selected by the Montana Democratic Party Executive Board during its scheduled meeting at the Delegate Selection Convention on June 8th, 2020.
3. 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)

E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

1. A presidential candidate may gain access to the Montana presidential ballot through one or more of the following methods:
 - a. The candidate submits a declaration for nomination to the Secretary of State and nominating petitions (available at the Secretary of State's office) with the verified signatures of at least 500 qualified electors from the State of Montana by March 9th, 2020 pursuant to 13-10-201(2) MCA .
 - i. Petitions of nomination for the presidential preference primary election and the affidavits of circulation required must be presented to the election administrator of the county in which the signatures are gathered at least one week before the primary election filing deadline prescribed in 13-10-201(6)(b) MCA. For 2024 the deadline to submit petitions to the county election administrator is the last week of May, 2024 (TBD). A filing fee is not required. Presidential Candidate filing opens with Montana Secretary

of State on January 11th, 2024.

- b. The candidate submits a declaration for nomination to the Secretary of State by March 11th 2024, and the Secretary of State determines, by the time that declarations for nomination are to be filed, that the individual is eligible to receive payments pursuant to the federal Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account Act, 26 U.S.C. 9031, et seq. Presidential Candidate filing opens with Montana Secretary of State on January 11th, 2024.

2. Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by March 20th, 2020.

F. Timetable

Date	Activity
2023	
28-Feb	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
31-Mar	Affirmative Action Committee Members sent to RBC Co-Chairs
April	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft/review proposed Affirmative Action Plan.
1-May	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are tentatively approved with public comment to date.
3-May	Montana Delegate Selection Plan is submitted to DNC rules and bylaws committee
13-Sep	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan, are sent to all state media.
2024	
11-Jan	Presidential Candidate filing opens with Montana Secretary of State
11-Mar	Deadline for filing a declaration of nomination with the Secretary of State
22-May	Presidential candidates must certify to State Chair their authorized representative(s)
Last week of May	Deadline for nominating petitions due to county election administrators (TBD)
4-Jun	Montana Primary Election
6-Jun	County delegate selection conventions
7-Jun	Statement of candidacy for district-level delegates due by 5:00 P.M. State Chair submits names to Presidential candidates by 7:00 P.M.

	<p>Presidential candidates must file a list of approved candidates for district-level delegates by 9:00 P.M.</p>
8-Jun	<p>District-level delegates selected by convention of county-level delegates within district</p> <p>Statement of candidacy for PLEO delegates due one half hour after completion of district-level delegate selection</p> <p>Presidential candidates must file a list of approved candidates for PLEO delegates one hour after completion of district-level delegate selection</p> <p>PLEO delegates selected by a quorum of district-level delegates</p> <p>Statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and alternates due thirty minutes after completion of PLEO delegate selection</p> <p>Presidential candidates must file a list of approved candidates for at-large delegates and alternates one half hour after completion of PLEO delegate selection</p> <p>At-large delegates and alternates selected by convention of county-level delegates statewide</p> <p>Standing Committee Members selected by convention of National Convention Delegates</p> <p>Delegation Chair selected by a quorum of National Convention Delegates</p> <p>Convention pages selected by State Chair</p>
18-Jun	<p>State Chair certifies all National Convention Delegates to DNC Secretary</p>

Exhibits to the Affirmative Action Plan

A. Members of the Affirmative Action Committee

Chairwoman

Diane Sands – LGBT

Members

Representative Donavon Hawk – Native American, LBGT

Carl Donovan – Disabled, LGBT

Barbara Bessette – Native American

Jacob Torgerson – Youth, Native American, LGBT

Wilmott Collins – African American

Faith Scow – Youth

B. Media Outlets to be Contacted Regarding the Delegate Selection Process

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Major Daily Newspapers, Radio and Television Station

Beaverhead County	Dillon Tribune KDBM-AM/FM	Chouteau County	The River Press The Mountaineer
Big Horn County	Big Horn County News	Custer County	Mile City Star KATL-AM KMTA-AM/KMCM-FM KYUS-TV
Blaine County	Chinook Opinion The Harlem News	Daniels County	Daniels County Leader KCGM-FM
Broadwater County	The Townsend Star	Dawson County	Ranger-Review KXGN-TV KDZN-FM KGLE-AM KXGN-AM
Carbon County	The Record Carbon County News KRBN-AM	Deer Lodge County	Anaconda Leader KGLM-FM
Carter County	The Ekalaka Eagle	Fallon County	Fallon County Times
Cascade County	Great Falls Tribune High Plains Warrior KFBB-TV KRTV-TV		

	KTGF-TV		KFLN-A
	KXGF-AM/KAAC-FM		
	KEIN-AM/KLFM-FM	Fergus County	Lewistown News-Argus
	KMON-AM/FM		KLCM-FM
	KQDI-AM/FM		KXLO-AM
	The Ag Almanac		
	The Eagle		
	Cascade Courier		
Flathead County	Hungry Horse News	Lewis & Clark Co.	Independent Record
	The Daily Interlake		Montana Magazine
	KCFW-TV		KTVH-TV
	KALS-FM		KBLL-AM/FM
	Bigfork Eagle		KCAP-AM/FM
	KGEZ-FM		KHKR-
	AM/FM		
	KOFI-AM/FM		KMTX-AM/FM
	Kalispell News		Associated Press
	KJJR-AM/KBBZ-FM	Montana Broadcasters Assoc.	
	Whitefish Pilot		
		Liberty County	Liberty County News
Gallatin County	Bozeman Daily Chronicle		
	Montana Newspapers Assoc.	Lincoln County	Tobacco
Valley News			
	KCTZ-TV		The Western News
	KUSM-TV		KLCBAM/KTNY-
	FM		
	KBMN-AM		
	KBOZ-AM/FM	Meagher County	Meagher County News
	KGLT-FM		
	KUUB-AM/FM	Mineral County	Mineral Independent
	KYBS-FM		
	High Country Independent Press	Missoula County	The Missoulian
	Three Forks Herald		The Missoula
	Independent		
	KGWV-AM/FM		Seeley Swan
	Pathfinder		
	KWYS-AM		KECI-TV
	The West Yellowstone News		KPAX-TV
	Lone Peak Lookout		KTMF-TV
			KGRZ-TV
Glacier County	Glacier-Reporter		KGVO-AM
	Cut Bank Pioneer Press		KLCY-AM/KYSS-
	FM		
	Western Breeze		KMSO-FM
			KUFM-FM

Granite County	The Philipsburg Mail		KYLT-AM/KZQQ-FM
Hill County	The Havre Daily News		KOJM-AM/KPQX-F KXEI-FM
Judith Basin County	Judith Basin Press	Musselshell County	Roundup Record Tribune & Winnett
Jefferson County	Boulder Monitor Whitehall Ledger	Park County	Livingston KPRK-AM
Lake County	Lake County Leader KERR-AM	Phillips County	Phillips County KMMR-FM
News	KQRK-FM	Pondera County	Independent- Observer The Valerian The Prairie Star
Prairie County	The Terry Tribune	Powell County	KDRG-AM/KDRF-FM
Pioneer		Sweet Grass County	The Big Timber
Ravalli County	Ravalli Republic The Bitterroot Star KLYQ-AM/KBMG-AM	Teton County	Choteau Acantha Fairfield Sun Times
Richland County	Sidney Herald-Leader	Toole County	Shelby Promoter KSEN-AM/KZIN-FM
Roosevelt County	Culbertson Searchlight KTYZ-AM/KTYZ-FM	Treasure County	Hysham Echo
Rosebud County	The Independent-Enterprise KIKC-AM/FM	Valley County	Glasgow Courier KLTZ-AM/KLAN-
Gazette		Wibaux County	The Wibaux Pioneer-
Sanders County	Clark Fork Valley Press The Plainsman Sanders County Ledger	Yellowstone County	The Billings Gazette The Billings Times The Outpost Big Sky Business
Sheridan County	Plentywood Herald KATQ-AM/FM		KOUS-TV

Silver Bow County	Montana Standard KTVM-TV	KTVQ-TV KULR-TV KBLG-AM/KRKK-
FM	KXLF-TV KBOW-AM/KOPR-FM KJLF-FM	KCTR-AM/FM KEMC-FM KGHL-AM/KDIX-
FM	KMSM-FM KXTL-AM/KQUY-FM The Butte Weekly	KOHZ-FM KURL-AM KUUS-AM/KZLS-
FM		
Stillwater County	Stillwater County News	KYYZ-FM KKUL-AM/FM Montana Ag
Network		Laurel Outlook

Constituency and Specialty Media Outlets and Targeted Groups:

Tribal Newspapers & Newsletters:	Glacier Reporter, Browning Crow Tribal News, Crow Agency Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, Havre Northern Cheyenne Newsletter, Lame Deer Char-Koosta News, Flathead Agency
Youth Newspapers:	MSU Exponent UM Kaimin
Other Constituency Newsletters:	Montana Human Rights Network AFL-CIO Montana Farmers Union Montana Seniors Citizens Association