

SOUTH DAKOTA DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

FOR THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Section I Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

1. South Dakota has a total of 19 delegates and 2 alternates. *(Call I & Appendix B)*
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention* (“Rules”), the *Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention* (“Call”), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2024 Democratic National Convention* (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of State, the state election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. *(Call II.A)*
3. Following the state Party Committee’s adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan, the state Party shall submit the Plan for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The state Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the state Party Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. *(Reg. 2.5, Reg. 2.6 & Reg. 2.7)*
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the state Party must be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. *(Reg. 2.9)*

B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. South Dakota will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the June 4, 2024 Democratic Primary for apportioning delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of South Dakota’s delegate selection process will occur on June 4, 2024, with a Democratic Primary which allows voters registered as Democratic, Independent, or No Party Affiliation to participate. In addition to the

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Democratic Presidential candidates, there may be a Democratic Primary for US House, all 105 Legislative candidates (both State House and State Senate have two-year terms), county commissioner races, and several other county positions.

C. Voter Participation

1. Participation in South Dakota's delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. *(Rule 2.A and Rule 2.C.)*
 - a. The deadline to register to vote in the June 4, 2024 Democratic Primary is 5:00 p.m. local time at least fifteen days preceding the election - May 20, 2024.
 - b. Participation in South Dakota's delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Voters declare their Party affiliation through the process of voter registration with their county auditor's office. When filling out a voter registration form, the voter must indicate in writing their Party preference. The information is then processed by the Secretary of State.
 - c. To encourage participation by youth in the delegate selection process, any individual who will have turned 18 by the date of the general election will be allowed to participate in the delegate selection process. *(Reg. 4.3.C)*
 - d. At no stage of State's delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation. *(Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4)*
 - e. Registered Democrats and Independents are eligible to vote in the South Dakota Democratic Primary. No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding election. *(Rule 2.E)*
 - f. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or State Chairs or Vice Chairs, who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in a process that is the first determining stage of the delegate selection process and in which all individual voters who wish to participate as Democrats are eligible to do so. *(Rule 2.F)*
 - g. No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. *(Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)*
2. **Voter Protection**

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- a. Maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible American who registers to vote has their personal information protected and secure; *(Rule 2.H.1)*
 - The SDDP works with the SD Secretary of State and the DNC to maintain voter rolls. Through VAN we require 2 factor-authentication for those who have access to VAN and take additional steps with those who maintain VAN.
 - The SDDP consistently educates voters on the voter registration process in South Dakota through voter registration drives. This includes information on how to register and how their voter information is processed and handled by the SD Secretary of State.

- b. Implement transparent and accurate voter registration list maintenance procedures that comply with federal requirements and ensure that every eligible voter stays on the rolls; *(Rule 2.H.2)*
 - The SDDP works with the SD Secretary of State and local county auditor offices to make sure that voter registration forms are submitted in a timely fashion.

- c. Promote the acquisition, maintenance, and regular replacement of precinct based optical scan voting systems; *(Rule 2.H.3)*
 - The SDDP works with local county officials and the SD Secretary of State's office to promote the usage and convenience of precinct based optical scan voting systems. This includes working with county commissioners to include and request funding for the usage of optical scan voting systems.

- d. Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record; *(Rule 2.H.4)*
 - During the 2019 Legislative session, Democrats worked with the Secretary of State to pass HB 1027 which will require all polling locations to have a paper lists with voters' registration information.

- e. Implement risk limiting post-election audits such as manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records; *(Rule 2.H.5)*
 - The SDDP encourages all candidates to call for a recount of the election results if their race falls within the margin of error to officially request a recount by the county auditor and Secretary of State. Once the recount is requested, the county auditor hand-counts official election ballots to determine accuracy and they also canvass voters in the legislative district to verify provisional ballots.

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- f. Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures; *(Rule 2.H.6)*
 - South Dakota uses paper ballots at polling locations that are then sealed by voters.

 - g. Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately, with votes verifiable by voters; *(Rule 2.H.7)*
 - South Dakota law enables all voters the ability to bring an aide to help vote and a private booth to vote in.

 - h. Provide educational materials to enhance public knowledge and confidence in election administration and counter disinformation; *(Rule 2.H.8)*
 - During the 2022 election, SDDP worked with local election officials, candidates, and media to ensure changes to the storage and transport of ballots were properly communicated and explained to voters to prevent rumors of improper election administration from spreading.

 - i. Actively engaging with state and local officials to implement fair and honest election policies and practices; and *(Rule 2.H.9)*
 - During the 2022 election, SDDP worked with local election officials to increase the operating hours of early vote locations in Native American communities and with election officials in our largest county to ensure changes to the storage and transport of ballots were proper.

 - j. *Support adequate funding for state and local election administration. (Rule 2.H.10)*
 - -South Dakota Senate Democrats unanimously worked to prevent a measure that would have limited funding sources for local election officials, with Democratic Sen. Troy Heinert, who is a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, said the limitation “could affect voter access and education efforts in Indian country.”
3. In accordance with the Democratic Party’s requirement to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection process, the South Dakota Democratic Party has taken steps to establish, with DNC assistance, year-round voter protection programs to support educational, administrative, legislative, and litigation-based efforts to protect and expand the vote and advance election fairness and security, including the six goals set forth below. *(Rule 2.I and 2.I.1)*
- a. Expand access to voting, including by early voting, no excuse absentee voting, same-day voter registration, drop boxes and voting by mail; *(Rule 2.I.1.a)*

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- South Dakota has one of the longest early vote windows in the country, 46 days. The first day of early voting begins 6 weeks before election day and ends the day before election day. A voter does not need an excuse to vote early or absentee. During the 2019 legislative session while Republicans worked to shorten the early vote window, Democrats were able to successfully argue to keep the early voting period at 46 days with the help of the Secretary of State, County Auditors, and various interest groups. Democrats worked during the legislative session to maintain and expand our current 4-week period of same day voting and voter registration. Democrats have also introduced bills to create an automatic voter registration process during previous legislative sessions.
 - The deadline to request a vote by mail ballot is 5:00pm on the day before the election. Ballot are mailed beginning 46 days prior to the election.
- b. Ensure that voting locations are accessible, fairly placed, and adequate in number, and have a sufficient number of voting machines; *(Rule 2.1.1.b)*
- Following lawsuits from the 2014 election cycle, the SDDP has successfully worked with the Secretary of State to open up 10 additional early voting locations across rural South Dakota. Through the use of HAVA funds and work with the state we have been able to achieve these goals. In 2022, SDDP worked with local election officials to increase the operating hours of early vote satellite locations in Native American communities.
- c. Speed up the voting process and minimize long lines; *(Rule 2.1.1.c)*
- The State Party actively encourages voters to cast their ballots early during the 46 day early voting period, or we encourage them to fill out and cast their vote using the no-excuse absentee voting period. We did not receive any reports of long lines as a barrier to access to the polls in 2022.
- d. Eliminate onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements; *(Rule 2.1.1.d)*
- The State Party consistently works with local election officials to ensure each person is allowed to vote using any state-issued picture ID card. This includes: A South Dakota driver's license or non-driver ID card, a passport or other picture ID issued by the United States government, a tribal photo ID, or a current student photo ID issued by a South Dakota high school or postsecondary education institution. We also conduct education efforts to let people know that they do not need an ID to register to vote in SD and can vote without an ID by signing an affidavit.

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- e. Count and include in the final total ballots from voters who are eligible to vote but cast their ballots in the wrong precinct, for offices for which they are eligible to vote; and *(Rule 2.1.1.e)*
 - Currently South Dakota law does not allow this process to happen unless there is a recount and the ballot is a provisional ballot. In 2022, SDDP collaborated with local party leaders to prioritize poll watchers in split precincts where this issue could come up, but no issues arose.
 - f. Facilitate military and overseas voting. *(Rule 2.1.1.f)*
 - The SDDP actively encourages overseas and military citizens to register and vote using South Dakota's Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) Electronic Voter Registration System and Absentee Ballot Application System. This system is in compliance with all federal and state voting laws and facilitates voting for citizens in this category.
4. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, the South Dakota Democratic Party is supporting efforts to make voter registration easier, including supporting: *(Rule 2.1.2)*
- a. *Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration and automatic and same-day registration; (Rule 2.1.2.a)*
 - The South Dakota Democratic state legislators have been submitting legislation for both online and automatic voter registration. Currently SD has four (4) weeks of same-day registration and voting that lasts until 15 days before the election. We actively promote and encourage voters and potential voters to go vote at that time.
 - b. *Pre-registration of high school students so that they are already registered once they reach voting age; (Rule 2.1.2.b)*
 - SDDP's Native Outreach Director is currently conducting a program visiting high schools on tribal reservations and encouraging high schoolers to register to vote. We also run a program called Young Elected Legislative Leaders (YELL) to engage high school-aged students in the political process, and encourage them to register to vote.
 - c. *Restoration of voting rights to all people who have served the time for their criminal conviction, without requiring the payment of court fees or fines; and (Rule 2.1.2.c)*
 - The SDDP actively registers voters who have served time for their criminal convictions. We conducted a significant paid organizing campaign to register voters in tribal communities, which included education about

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how previously incarcerated individuals can register to vote and vote. In previous cycles, SDDP staff have coordinated with law enforcement facilities to coordinate transportation for people with criminal convictions to vote in elections.

- d. *Same-day or automatic registration of voters for the Democratic presidential nominating process. (Rule 2.I.2.d)*
 - State law requires voters to be registered 15 days before an election. That deadline requires each County Auditor to receive a voter registration form fifteen (15) days before the election. The deadline to register to vote in the June 4, 2024 Democratic Primary is 5:00 p.m. local time at least fifteen days preceding the election - May 20, 2024. The SDDP has worked to pass legislation that would allow for both same-day or automatic registration. Voter registration forms will be available at all delegate meetings.
5. South Dakota Democratic Party has taken steps to ensure an open and inclusive process and resist attempts at voter suppression and disenfranchisement (*Rule 2.J and Rule 2.J.1*)
 1. Starting in 2010, the South Dakota Democratic Party has included registered Independents and NPA (No Party Affiliation) in the South Dakota Democratic Primary. While we traditionally do not have a great number of Democratic primaries for statewide office, this change evidences the value of inclusiveness with Independent voters, the fastest growing group of registered voters in South Dakota. While some Democratic activists have suggested that this has diminished the incentive to register as a Democrat, we have resisted those challenging this decision, and seeking to disenfranchise this group of voters in the selection of Democratic candidates on the primary ballot.
 2. The South Dakota Democratic Party (SDDP) stood ready to challenge error and fraud to vote absentee or vote early. We vigorously opposed HB 1178 in the 2019 SD Legislature which would have revised provisions regarding the beginning period for absentee voting. It essentially would have shortened the absentee voting period from 46 to 14 days. The Democratic Caucus of the SD Legislature was united in opposing this bill. Through the SDDP Communications Director, we enlisted the help of over 500 members of our *Rapid Response Team* to challenge this law. We joined with the GOP Secretary of State in opposing this change in access to early voting. While this did pass in the SD House in 2019, it was defeated in the Senate State Affairs 8-1.

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3. SDDP incorporated mechanisms with reasonable safeguards against error and fraud to vote absentee or vote early. We have a full-time Native Outreach Manager. This staff position is responsible for reaching out to South Dakota Tribal members and ensuring that they have access to the ballot through education, inclusion, year-round relationships, and emphasis on issues that matter to this important constituency.
4. The South Dakota Secretary of State website publicly reports the total statewide and county level results for each candidate in the first determining step which is the primary held on June 4, 2024. The results are further reported for each precinct within the county. The June 4, 2024 Primary results will determine the allocation of all national delegates, rounded to the nearest whole number, subject to recount.
5. The standard for an automatic recount in South Dakota is a margin not exceeding one-fourth of one percent of the total of votes cast for two slates of presidential delegates.
6. South Dakota voters who are unable to participate in person (such as those serving in the military, those with a disability or illness, or anyone who wishes to vote by absentee regardless of the reason) may vote by absentee. The deadline to submit an absentee ballot application is 5:00 p.m. on the day before the Election. South Dakota law required the ballot to be received by the county auditor before the polls close on Election Day.

D. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings

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

Section II

Presidential Candidates

A. Ballot Access

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

1. A presidential candidate gains access to the South Dakota presidential preference primary ballot by the candidate, the committee, or the group supporting the candidate notifying the South Dakota Secretary of State with a letter of intent stating that said candidate, committee or group intends to have the name of the candidate placed on the South Dakota presidential primary ballot. ([SDCL 12-5-3.14](#)) Presidential candidates file for the primary ballot with the Secretary of State in Pierre, South Dakota. A copy of this letter of intent should also be sent, either physically or digitally, to the State Democratic Chair for certification purposes. The deadline for submission of this letter is 5 pm central time on the last Tuesday in March (March 25, 2024) and may be filed after Jan. 1, 2024. This is established by state law. ([SDCL 12-6-4](#)) (Rule 1.A.7 & Rule 15.D)
 - a. Secretary of State Monae Johnson
State Capitol
500 Capitol Ave., Suite 204
Pierre, SD 57501
2. Once the letter of intent has been filed with the Secretary of State's office, the State Democratic Chair will submit a letter of certification for all candidates who have met the requirements set out by this plan and the South Dakota Secretary of State by 5 pm CST on the last Tuesday in March (March 25, 2024).
3. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) by March 8, 2024. (Rule 12.D.1)
 - a. South Dakota Democratic Party
ATTN: Jennifer Slaughter-Hansen, Chair
PO Box 1485
Sioux Falls, SD 57101
OR via email to info@sddp.org

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4. 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.I.)
5. Uncommitted does not automatically appear on the ballot as a presidential preference option. Write-in presidential candidates are not allowed in South Dakota. (Rule 11.C, Rule 14.A, Rule 14.C, Rule 14.D, Rule 14.E, & Rule 15.H)

B. Other Requirements

1. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by March 8, 2024. (Rule 13.D.1)
2. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I)

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Section III

Selection of Delegates and Alternates

A. Statewide Delegates and Alternates

1. South Dakota will elect a total of 14 delegates and 2 alternates. Of those delegates and alternates, 9 will be elected as district-level delegates and none as district-level alternates based on the results of the June 4, 2024 primary election. The remaining 5 delegates (2 PLEO and 3 At-Large) will be elected at the South Dakota Democratic Party State Convention on June 15, 2024 following the primary. Additional details regarding the convention will be made available nearer the convention date. *(Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, & Appendix B)*
2. South Dakota has one congressional district. South Dakota will hold its district-level election in Pierre (centrally located) on Sat. March 23, 2024.
3. The slate of district-level delegates for each presidential candidate shall be elected by a pre-primary Statewide Caucus held at noon CT on Sat. March 23, 2024 in Pierre, SD. The statewide primary election will be held on June 4, 2024.
4. Statewide Caucus to Select Delegates
 - a. The purpose of the statewide caucus to be held on March 23, 2024 in Pierre, SD is to select the delegate slate and priority order by which delegates will be apportioned according to the results of the June 4 Primary election. The number of men and the number of women in the state's total number of elected statewide delegates and alternates will not vary by more than one. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or the female category. *(Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9)*
 - b. At the Statewide Caucus, the first round of voting will determine the delegate with the highest rank and the first name on the delegate slate for each presidential candidate. Voting shall then alternate by gender until all 9 statewide district-level delegates are determined for each presidential candidate (5 women and 4 men, or 5 men and 4 women, assuming no gender non-binary delegates are elected).
 - c. At-large alternates for each presidential candidate will be nominated at the SDDP Convention on June 15, 2024. Alternates are only selected

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based on the results of the June 4, 2024 primary. There are no alternates selected at the State Convention for PLEO or district-level delegates.

- d. Delegates will be selected by a caucus of persons at the meeting who sign statements of support for that presidential candidate. (Rule 13.G)

5. District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements

- a. At the district-level statewide caucus, anyone registered as a Democratic voter by or on Monday, March 18, 2024 and registered to vote in South Dakota is eligible to participate.
 - i. Any registered Democrat in South Dakota can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party between Feb. 10 and 5pm CT on Monday, March 18, 2024. A delegate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline of Monday, March 18, 2024 to the South Dakota Democratic Party Office (PO Box 1485, Sioux Falls, SD 57101). Delegate filing forms will be made available by the State Party and advertised openly during the delegate selection process. A candidate can request a filing form by contacting the State Party. *(Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.23)*
 - ii. There is no filing fee. An example of the presidential preference form is provided in [Attachment 3](#) of this Delegate Selection Plan. The preference form will be available at all Democratic meetings and events and be promoted through social media and other forms of outreach to interested parties. The preference form may be printed and must have a signature. It may be mailed or scanned and emailed to the South Dakota Democratic Party and must arrive prior to 5 pm CT on Monday, Mar. 18, 2024. Address to: SDDP, PO Box 1485, Sioux Falls, SD 57101; or send via email to info@sddp.org. *(Rule 1.A.7, Rule 1.A.8 & Reg. 4.23)*

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

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- a. Not later than 12pm CT on Tue., March 19, the State Democratic Chair shall convey to each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s) a list of all persons who have filed to represent that presidential candidate at the Statewide Caucus on Sat., March 23, 2024.
- b. Each presidential candidate shall then provide to the SDDP, no later than 5pm CT on Friday, March 22, 2024, a list of all approved delegates. The presidential candidate must approve a number of delegate candidates equal to or greater than the number of delegates allocated to the state. Presidential candidates may not remove any candidate for a district-level delegate or alternate position from the list of bona fide supporters unless, at a minimum, three (3) names remain for every such position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. Since South Dakota will elect nine (9) district-level delegates, each presidential candidate must leave at least 27 delegate candidates on their list of bona fide supporters. (Rule 13.E.1)
- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than 5pm CT on Friday, March 22, 2024.
- d. National convention delegates 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. (Rule 13.E & Reg. 4.24)
- e. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan. (Rule 6.1 & Reg.4.10.C)

7. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. Presidential Primary - Proportional Representation Plan

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South Dakota has a presidential primary election and is a “binding” primary. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates and alternates selected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates. (Rule 14.A, Rule 14.B & Rule 14.D)

- b. For the June 4, 2024 primary, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner. (Rule 14.F)
- c. If a Presidential candidate qualifies in the June 4, 2024 primary to receive delegates, but did not slate a sufficient number of delegate candidates at the March 23 district-level caucus, the following procedure shall be used to fill these positions; (Rule 14.C)
 - i. Persons seeking to fill these district-level vacancies will file their declarations of candidacy and pledges of support no later than 12:00 pm CT on Mon., June 10, 2024 with the State Party Chair. The State Party Chair shall then convey, no later than 3:00 pm CT on Mon., June 10, 2024 a complete list of such delegate candidates to the appropriate presidential candidates or their authorized representatives.
 - ii. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, no later than 3:00 pm on Wed., June 12, 2024, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved. Presidential candidates, or their authorized representatives, may not remove any candidate for a district-level delegate or alternate vacancy from the list of bona fide supporters unless, at a minimum, three (3) names remain for every such position to which a presidential candidate is entitled.
 - iii. Selection of these district-level delegate or alternate vacancies occurs on June 15, 2024 by members of the South Dakota Democratic Party State Central Committee. This is after the election of district delegates or alternates on March 23, 2024.

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- iv. Only State Committee members who sign a statement of support for the respective presidential candidate are eligible to select the delegate and alternates. A majority of those voting will be required to elect delegates and alternates under this section.
8. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates and Alternates
 - a. To ensure the South Dakota delegates are equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-identification), delegate positions at the Statewide Caucus on Sat., March 23, 2023 will be designated for each presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting. This assignment of delegate positions will continue with the next highest vote-getting preferences in descending order, with positions assigned to either male and female alternating by gender as mathematically practicable, until the gender of each position has been assigned. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category. *(Rule 6.C., Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10)*
9. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the state's district-level delegates to the Democratic National Convention within 10 days after the election results are certified. In South Dakota, the Secretary of State will certify the primary election with the Election Board seven (7) days following the June 4, 2024 primary. *(Reg. 5.4.B & Reg. 5.4.C)*

B. Automatic Delegates

1. Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials
 - a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
 - (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; *(Rule 9.A.1, Call I.F, Call I.J, & Reg. 4.15)*
 - (2) Democratic President and Democratic Vice President (if applicable); *(Rule 9.A.2 & Call I.G)*
 - (3) All of State's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; *(Rule 9.A.3, Call I.H & Call I.J)*

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- (4) The Democratic Governor (if applicable); (*Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H & Call I.J*)
 - (5) “Distinguished Party Leader” delegates who legally reside in the state (if applicable); 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 an Automatic delegate at the 2024 National Convention. (*Call I.J*)
 - c. The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
 - (1) Not later than Tues., March 6, 2024, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the Automatic delegates who legally reside in State. (*Rule 9.A*)
 - (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the Automatic delegates from the categories indicated above. (*Call IV.B.1*)
 - (3) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of state’s Automatic delegates 10 days after the completion of the State’s Delegate Selection Process. (*Call IV.C*)
2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women and alternate men and alternate women within the state’s entire convention delegation (determined by gender self-identification), the entire delegation includes all pledged and automatic delegates, including those who identify as male or female. (*Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9*)

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

1. South Dakota is allotted 2 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

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leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. Automatic delegates who choose to run for PLEO delegate will be given equal consideration with big city mayors and state-wide elected officials. *(Rule 10.A.1 & Reg. 4.16)*

- b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by filing a signed declaration of candidacy with the State Party Chair, PO Box 1485, Sioux Falls, SD 57101, by noon central time on Monday, June 10, 2024. This statement of candidacy must designate the singular presidential preference of the individual. Individuals for pledged PLEO must also file along with their declaration of candidacy, a pledge of support for the presidential candidate said delegate-candidate favors, if they have not already made known his or her presidential preference as a candidate for district-level or at-large or district-level alternate. A pledge may be modified and an individual may submit an updated pledge of support before the filing deadline. Filing forms are available for candidates beginning April 1, 2024. Candidates may get these forms by contacting the SD State Democratic Party and they can be returned to the state Party in-person or by emailing info@SDDP.org. *(Rule 15.G, Reg.4.18 & Reg. 4.17)*
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), no later than 5pm central time on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 13.D)*
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by Friday, June 14, 2024 at 5pm central time, a list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least two (2) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. *(Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.24) (Rule 13.D.3, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.24)*
 - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than Friday, June 14, 2024 at 5pm central time. *(Rule 13.D)*
 - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan

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within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan. *(Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10.C)*

4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates
 - a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. *(Rule 10.A.2, Rule 11.C, Rule 14.E & Rule 14.F)*
 - b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur at the South Dakota Democratic Party State Convention on June 15, 2024 following the primary, after the election of district-level delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. *(Rule 10.A)* Voting delegates at the SDDP Convention are selected in compliance with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. This includes open and publicized meetings, and delegate apportionment based on each county's Democratic strength. *(Rule 10.B.1 & Reg. 4.18.A)*
 - c. These delegates will be selected at the SDDP Convention by a committee consisting of a quorum of elected district-level delegates.
 - d. The election of PLEO delegates shall be the second to last order of business at the Convention and shall be conducted as follows:
 - i. Explanation of the number of positions to be filled and review of affirmative action goals.
 - ii. Nominations for positions to be filled.
 - iii. This election shall not be by secret ballot.
 - e. Alternates are not selected at the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official level. *(Rule 10.A.3)*
5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. *(Call IV.A & Reg. 5.4.A)*

D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. The state of South Dakota is allotted three (3) at-large delegates and two (2) at-large alternates. *(Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.32)*
2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
 - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or uncommitted

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preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by noon central time on Monday, June 10, 2024. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. Filing forms are available for candidates beginning April 1, 2024. Candidates may get these forms by contacting the SD State Democratic Party and they can be returned to the state Party in-person or by emailing info@SDDP.org. (*Rule 13.A., Rule 13.B, Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.21, Reg. 4.22, & Reg. 4.29*)

- b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the South Dakota Democratic Party State Convention delegates, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (*Rule 19.A*)
 - c. Selection of the pledged at-large delegates will occur at the SD State Democratic Convention on June 15, 2024, after the election of district-level delegates and alternates and after the selection of PLEO delegates (*Rule 10.A*).
 - d. Two alternates will be selected at the SDDP Convention on June 15, 2024 for At-large Delegates. Alternates for each presidential candidate shall be elected. Alternates are selected by the same equal-division process as described in the district-level delegate selection process.
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 5pm central time on Monday, June 10, 2024, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 13.D*) (*Reg. 4.23.D & Reg. 4.29.C*)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair immediately following the selection of PLEO delegates at the June 15, 2024 SD Democratic Party Convention, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, two names remain for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (*Rule 13.D.4, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.24*)
 - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair no later than immediately following the selection of PLEO delegates.

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- d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in this Section.
4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
 - a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the state-wide primary vote. (Rule 9.B & Rule 11.C)
 - b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (Rule 14.E)
 - c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner. (Rule 14.F)
 - d. If a presidential candidate otherwise entitled to an allocation is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, their allocation will be proportionally divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 11.C)
 - e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one (1) or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one (1) at-large alternate position. (Rule 19.B, Call I.I & Reg. 4.31)
 5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates
 - a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur at the South Dakota Democratic Party Convention on June 15, 2024, after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. (Call III) (Rule 8.E & Reg. 4.13)
 - b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by: a committee consisting of a quorum of the district-level delegates. (Rule 10.B, Rule 11.B & Rule 11.B)
 - c. Priority of Consideration
 - (1) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian

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Americans and Pacific Islanders and women, if such priority of consideration is needed to fulfill the affirmative action goals outlined in the state's Delegate Selection Plan. *(Rule 6.A.3)*

- (2) To continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identify, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability. *(Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3, Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8)*
 - (3) The election of at-large delegates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. The election of at-large alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. *(Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*
 - (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for the purposes of equal division and full participation. *(Rule 6.C.1, Rule 11.A, Reg. 4.9 & Reg. 4.19)*
6. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within 10 days after their election. *(Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)*

E. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates

1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:
 - a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: *(Rule 19.D.3)*
 - (1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
 - (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and gender of the

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delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.

- (a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
 - (b) If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of a different gender, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 19.D.2, the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of a different gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. *(Reg. 4.34)*
 - (3) If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not certified to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies, or is no longer eligible to serve, they shall be replaced, after consultation with the State Party, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged. *(Rule 19.D.2)*
- b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: *(Rule 19.D.4)*
- (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.
 - (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be of the same gender and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
- c. The approval of a majority of the delegates will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates. *(Rule 19.D.1)*
- d. Certification of Replacements
- (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. *(Rule 19.D.3)*
 - (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the State's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. *(Call IV.D.1)*

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- (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. *(Call IV.D.1 & Reg. 4.33)*
 - (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet. *(Call IX.F.3.e, Call IX.F.3.c & Reg. 5.6)*
 - e. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same gender and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. *(Rule 19.E)*
2. Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: *(Call IV.D.2 & Reg. 4.35)*
 - a. Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. *(Call IV.D.2.a)*
 - b. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2024 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of Automatic delegates. *(Call, IV.D.2.b)*
 - c. Automatic distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. *(Call IV.D.2.c)*

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- d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an Automatic delegate. (*Call IX.F.3.e*)

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Section IV Selection of Convention Standing Committee Members

A. Introduction

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

B. Temporary Standing Committee Members

1. Temporary members for each of the Convention Standing Committees will be selected by the SDDP State Central Committee at a meeting on March 23, 2024. The meeting shall be open to the public and well publicized in accordance with this Plan. Members of the State Central Committee shall receive timely notice of the meeting, in accordance with State Party rules. *(Call VII.G.2)*
2. Any Democrat may apply for a position as a temporary member of the standing committee. Persons wishing to be considered must submit an application to the State Party Chair, PO Box 1485, Sioux Falls, SD 57101 or by email at info@SDDP.org, including the committee for which they wish to be considered, no later than noon central time on March 18, 2023.
3. A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each of the standing committees. The male and female membership of the standing committee shall be as equally divided among men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation; i.e. the variance between men and women on the committee among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. *(Call VII.E.2)* In the case of gender non-binary committee members, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the standing committee members shall be equally divided between men and 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)*

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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 SDDP State Central Committee in accordance with the provisions outlined above. *(Call VII.B.3 and Call VII.G.4)*

C. Standing Committee Members

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of South Dakota's National Convention delegates on June 15, 2024, at a meeting immediately following the adjournment of the 2024 State Convention on June 15, 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)*
 - c. Persons desiring to seek a standing committee position may file a statement of candidacy with the State Party by noon central time on Monday, June 10, 2024. Filing forms are available for candidates beginning April 1, 2024. Candidates may get these forms by contacting the SD State Democratic Party and they can be returned to the state party in-person or by emailing info@SDDP.org.
2. Allocation of Members
 - a. The members of the standing committees allocated to South Dakota shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 14.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. *(Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.9)*
 - b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to South Dakota. 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

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presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. *(Call VII.C.2)*

- c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. *(Call VII.C.3)*
 - d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three (3) standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. *(Call VII.C.4)*
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. *(Call VII.D.1)*
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by 5pm central time on June 12, 2024, a minimum of (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members from among names submitted by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status). Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one (1) person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. *(Call VII.D.2)*
4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division
 - a. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve South Dakota's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and that their respective male and female members are equally divided between the men and women determined by gender self-identification. *(Rule 6.1 & Reg. 4.10)*
 - b. South Dakota will use the following provisions to achieve equal division of its standing committee members.

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- (1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.
- (2) The male and female membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided among the men and women as possible under the state allocation; the variance between men and women in any committee and among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. *(Call VII.E.2)*
- (3) Gender non-binary committee members shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). *(Call VII.E.1)*
- (4) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate gender.

5. Certification and Substitution

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

Section V Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

A. Introduction

South Dakota will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and three (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 immediately following adjournment of the State Convention on June 15, 2024. *(Call IV.E & Call VII.B.1)*
 - b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. *(Rule 3.C)*
2. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. *(Call IV.E)*

C. Convention Pages

1. Three (3) individuals will be selected to serve as South Dakota'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 immediately following adjournment of the State Convention on June 15, 2024. *(Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7)*
2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect, as much as possible, the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion guidelines in the state plan. In the case of gender non-binary pages, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the pages shall be equally divided. *(Reg. 5.7.A)*
3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as South Dakota's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. This certification shall be made not later than the time the state certifies its standing committee members. *(Call IV.F.3 & Reg. 5.7.B)*

Section VI Presidential Electors

A. Introduction

South Dakota will select three (3) persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2024 Presidential election.

B. Selection of Presidential Electors

1. The Presidential Electors shall be selected by the voting delegates of the 2024 South Dakota Democratic Convention on June 15, 2024 (location TBD). Each of the candidates shall be nominated by a delegate to the Convention. Democratic electors must be elected by a majority vote of the votes cast at the Convention and shall be certified to the South Dakota Secretary of State by the officers of the convention within three days of the close of the convention. ([SDCL 12-5-22](#)).
2. The electors of President and Vice President shall, at twelve noon on the day which is or may be directed by the Congress of the United States, meet at the seat of government of this state and then and there perform the duties enjoined upon them by the Constitution and laws of the United States ([SDCL 12-24-4](#)).

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 State 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 States, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States:
 - a. Verify that the elector is a registered Democratic voter
 - b. Record in writing that the elector will vote for the Democratic Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominee
 - c. South Dakota state law does not require electors to vote for the Party's nominee

Section VII

General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

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

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practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in a timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. *(Rule 4.B.6)*

- B. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.B)*
- C. South Dakota’s delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, i.e. the number of men and women shall not vary by more than one. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all automatic delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division as determined by gender self-identification. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. *(Rule 6.C)*
- D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. *(Rule 13.A)*
- E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person’s presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. *(Rule 13.I)*
- F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. *(Rule 13.J)*
- G. Each delegate, alternate and standing committee member must be a bona fide Democrat, including being registered as a Democrat, who is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribes to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. *(Rule 13.H, Call VII.A.4 & Reg. 4.25)*
- H. 40% of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. *(Rule 16)*
- I. South Dakota does not allow proxy voting. Delegates must be present in-person to cast a vote at meetings related to delegate selection, unless such meeting has been designated as a virtual meeting, in which case they may cast their vote virtually. A county party may send alternates to the State Convention if duly filed by the proper deadline. *(Rule 17 & Reg. 4.30)*

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- J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.A)*
- K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.B)*
- L. All steps in the delegate selection process, except the filing of presidential candidates as allowed by rule 15.D, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs or as otherwise allowed. *(Rule 1.F & Rule 12.B)*
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention, the State Democratic Party hereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in South Dakota, a full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action and outreach and inclusion plans toward that end; that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention; and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention. *(Call II.B)*

Section VIII

Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program

A. Statement of Purpose and Organization

- 1. Purpose and Objectives
 - a. To make sure that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by South Dakota. *(Rule 5.A)*
 - b. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.B)*

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- c. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in State should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). *(Rule 4.B.1)*

- d. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or disability, South Dakota 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 South Dakota Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, the State Party has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups, including the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth. *(Rule 6.A & Rule 7)*
 - i. The goal of the program 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 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

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- a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair by March 1, 2023. *(Rule 6.F)*
- b. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State's Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and contact information of the members no later than 15 days after their appointment. *(Reg. 2.2.J)*
- c. The Committee shall consist of members who are regionally diverse and represent the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (See [Attachment 1](#) at the end of this document).
- d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
 - i. Helping develop and design the proposed Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair. *(Rule 6.F)*
 - ii. Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.
 - iii. Implementing a specific outreach and financial assistance program for persons of low and moderate income to encourage their participation and representation in the national convention delegation. *(Rule 6.G)*
 - iv. Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. *(Rule 6.E)*
- e. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the

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

3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program shall begin on July 3, 2023 with the distribution of the press kits and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 1.F)*

B. Representation Goals

1. In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the state’s Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. *(Rule 6.A)*

2. In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state’s Democratic electorate. The State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. *(Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8.C.iii)*

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ+ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
Percent in Democratic Electorate	2	5	11	1	6	14	33
Numeric Goals for Delegation	1	1	2	1	1	3	6

3. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and Automatic) shall be compared with the State Party’s representation goals to achieve an at-large selection process that helps to bring about a representative balance. *(Rule 11.A)*

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4. Although the selection of the at-large delegation may be used to fulfill affirmative action goals established by this Plan, the State Party will conduct outreach and inclusion activities such as recruitment, education and training at all levels of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 6.A.3)*

C. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process

1. Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted across the state beginning in September 2023. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate and alternate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting electorate. The State Party will also conduct media outreach to educate about the Delegate Selection Process. *(Rule 3.A, Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)*
2. A speakers' bureau of volunteers from the State Party, including the Affirmative Action Committee, composed 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 (like South Dakota College Democrats, High School Democrats, YELL - Young Elected Legislative Leaders), County Democratic Parties, and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies. Materials will be shared with the Oceti Sakowin Caucus of the South Dakota Democratic Party, which meets monthly.
4. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the State Party and Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them to county parties no later than July 3, 2023. *(Rule 1.H)*

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5. Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded. *(Rule 2.A)*
6. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated voters and new voters to register or enroll, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters who wish to register or to change their party enrollment status. *(Rule 2.C)*
7. The Affirmative Action Committee will develop a State Party strategy to be implemented beginning July 3, 2023 that will provide educational programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. *(Rule 4.B.5)*

D. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process

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

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3. A priority effort, as described in the Delegate Selection Media Plan, shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
 - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be posted on and made available to social and specialty media directed toward the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.
 - b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of informational meetings, caucuses, and State Party meetings involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized, multilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. *(Rule 6.D)* (see [Attachment 2](#) for specific dates and locations).
4. The State Party will post the initial draft of the South Dakota Delegate Selection Plan on its website by April 25, 2023 and invite public comment. Upon approval of the South Dakota Delegate Selection Plan by the DNC's Rules and Bylaws Committee, the State Party will make the finalized version of the Delegate Selection Plan and other information about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the resources through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:
 - a. materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;
 - b. a summary explaining the role of the 2024 Convention in nominating the Party's Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;
 - c. a summary of the State Party's delegate selection process including all pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process;

E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the State Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. *(Rule 6.H)*

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2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by March 11, 2024 which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in South Dakota's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate pledged to the presidential candidate. *(Rule 6.H.1)*
3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. *(Rule 6.H.2)*
4. Presidential candidates shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegates, alternates and standing committee members shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and that the number of men and the number of women in their respective delegations shall not differ by more than one (as determined by gender self-identification). Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate, alternate, and standing committee candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations to promote and achieve the state's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and equal division for their respective delegations. *(Rule 6.C., Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10)*

F. Outreach and Inclusion Program

1. The State Democratic Party is committed to help achieve full participation of those groups of Americans who have historically been explicitly denied the right to vote or who have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices that have denied them voting rights and full participation in the delegate selection process and other Party meetings, events and elections, along with other groups of Americans who are also underrepresented in Party affairs.
2. As such, the State Democratic Party has developed outreach and inclusion programs and is committed to fully implementing the programs so that all persons who wish to participate as Democrats understand they are welcome and encouraged to be a part of the delegate selection process and in the Party at the local, state and national levels.

3. The State Party will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with disabilities. The State Party will be working with the Affirmative Action committee to ensure people with disabilities are included throughout the process and encouraged to participate. In addition, the State Party will be choosing locations and providing materials in compliance with ADA laws throughout the delegate selection process.
4. In addition to the education, publicity, and other steps described above, the State Party will follow the Affirmative Action Plan ([Attachment 1](#)) and Delegate Selection Media Plan ([Attachment 2](#)). Both documents describe in detail further efforts to include underrepresented communities in the delegate selection process.

Section IX Challenges

A. Jurisdiction & Standing

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2024 Democratic National Convention (Reg. Sec. 3)*, and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2024 Democratic National Convention.” (*Call Appendix A*)
2. Under Rule 21.B. of the *2024 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of State Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (*Rule 21.B & Call Appendix A*)
3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2024 Democratic National Convention. (*Call Appendix A & Reg. 3.1*)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2024 Democratic National Convention.” (*Call Appendix A*)
5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the *Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention*. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th

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day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (*Call VII.B.5*)

6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (*Appendix A*), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of 15 Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (*Appendix A, Sec. 2.A*), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

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

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

C. Challenges to Implementation

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

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3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. (*Rule 6.B*) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than 30 days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (*Reg. 3.4.C*)
4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

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**Section X
Summary of Plan**

A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

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

The “first determining step” of South Dakota’s delegate selection process will occur on June 4, 2024, with a primary.

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

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates District-Level Alternates	9	0	3/23/24	<p>Selecting Body: A statewide caucus of anyone in attendance registered as a Democratic voter by or on Monday, March 18, 2024 and registered to vote in South Dakota</p> <p>An individual can qualify as a candidate for statewide delegate or alternate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party between Feb. 10 and 5pm CT on Monday, March 18, 2024. Delegate filing forms will be made available by the State Party and advertised openly during the delegate selection process. A candidate can request a filing form by contacting the State Party.</p>
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	5	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2024 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	2	**	6/15/24	<p>Selecting Body: A committee consisting of a quorum of the district-level delegates</p> <p>PLEOs interested in serving as delegates must sign a pledge of support for the presidential candidates by filing a signed declaration of candidacy with the State Party Chair, PO Box 1485, Sioux Falls, SD 57101, by noon central time on Monday, June 10, 2024.</p>
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	3	2	6/15/24	<p>Selecting Body: A committee consisting of a quorum of the district-level delegates</p> <p>Individuals interested in running as an At-large Delegate must sign a pledge of support for the presidential candidates by filing a signed declaration of candidacy with the State Party Chair, PO Box 1484, Sioux Falls, SD 57101, by noon central time on Monday, June 10, 2024.</p>
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	19	2		

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

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

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

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	3/23/24	<p>Temporary members for the Convention Standing Committees will be selected by the SDDP State Central Committee at a meeting on March 23, 2024.</p> <p>Any Democrat may apply for a position as a temporary member of the standing committee. Persons wishing to be considered must submit an application to the State Party Chair, PO Box 1485, Sioux Falls, SD 57101 or by email at info@SDDP.org, including the committee for which they wish to be considered, no later than noon central time on March 18, 2023.</p>
1	3	6/15/24	<p>The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of South Dakota’s National Convention delegates on June 15, 2024, at a meeting immediately following the adjournment of the 2024 State Convention on June 15, 2024.</p> <p>Persons desiring to seek a standing committee position may file a statement of candidacy with the State Party by noon central time on Monday, June 10, 2024.</p>

C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on 6/15/24.

3 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on 6/15/24.

D. Selection of Presidential Electors

Three (3) Presidential Electors will be selected by the voting delegates of the 2024 South Dakota Democratic Convention on 6/15/24.

E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

Presidential candidates file for the primary ballot with the Secretary of State in Pierre, South Dakota. A copy of this letter of intent should also be sent, either physically or digitally, to the State Democratic Chair for certification purposes. The deadline for

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submission of this letter is 5 pm central time on the last Tuesday in March (March 25, 2024) and may be filed after Jan. 1, 2024. This is established by state law. (*Rule 15.D*)

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by 3/8/24.

F. Timetable

Date	Activity
2023	
2/28/2023	Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair and submitted to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (RBC).
3/6/2023	Materials are sent to the Affirmative Action Committee for review.
4/6/2023	Affirmative Action Committee concludes work on Affirmative Action Plan.
4/25/2023	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press releases are sent announcing the public comment period.
5/25/2023	Period for public comment on the State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
6/3/2023	SDDP State Central Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program for submission to the DNC. Press releases are sent announcing the approval of the Plan.
6/3/2023	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is submitted to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. (Extension approved by Rules and Bylaws Committee from May 3 deadline).
7/3/2023	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, are sent to all state media.
10/1/2023	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process.
2024	
1/1/2024	Presidential candidates can begin filing with the South Dakota Secretary of State and SD Democratic Chair.
2/10/2024	First day individuals can submit or modify a pledge of support for a presidential candidate and submit a declaration of candidacy to be a district-level delegate for that candidate.

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3/6/2024	The Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the Automatic delegates who legally reside in State.
3/8/2024	Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of their authorized representative(s).
3/18/2024	Deadline to submit or modify a pledge of support for a presidential candidate and submit a declaration of candidacy to be a district-level delegate for that candidate.
3/18/2024	Deadline to apply for a position as a temporary member of a standing committee.
3/19/2024	The State Chair conveys to each presidential campaign a list of all persons who have filed to represent that presidential candidate at the Statewide Caucus on Sat., March 23, 2024.
3/22/2024	Each presidential candidate shall provide to the SDDP a list of all approved delegates.
3/23/2024	South Dakota has one congressional district. The slate of delegates and alternates for each presidential candidate shall be elected by a pre-primary district-level election in Pierre on Sat. March 23, 2024. Temporary members for the Convention Standing Committees will be selected by the SDDP State Central Committee at a meeting on March 23, 2024.
3/25/2024	Deadline for presidential candidates file for the primary ballot with the Secretary of State in Pierre, South Dakota.
3/25/2024	The State Democratic Chair will submit a letter of certification for all candidates who have met the requirements set out by this plan and the South Dakota Secretary of State by 5 pm CST on the last Tuesday in March.
3/26/2024	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.
4/1/2024	First day individuals can file for PLEO delegate or at-large delegate or alternate positions. First day persons desiring to seek a standing committee position may file a statement of candidacy with the State Party.
4/2/2024	The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the DNC Secretary the election of the state's district-level delegates.
4/19/2024	Vote-by-mail and in-person early voting begins for the Democratic Primary.
5/20/2024	The deadline to register to vote in the June 4, 2024 Democratic Primary is 5:00 p.m. local time at least fifteen days preceding the election - May 20, 2024.
6/4/2024	South Dakota holds its Democratic primary. This date is established in state statute.

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6/10/2024	<p>Deadline for persons seeking to fill any district-level vacancies following the primary election file with the State Chair, who will then convey a complete list of such delegate candidates to the appropriate presidential campaigns.</p> <p>Deadline for an individual to file as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate.</p> <p>Deadline for an individual to file as a candidate to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions.</p> <p>The State Democratic Chair shall convey to each presidential campaign a list of all persons who have filed for at-large delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate.</p> <p>Deadline for persons desiring to seek a standing committee position to file a statement of candidacy with the State Party.</p>
6/11/2024	<p>In South Dakota, the Secretary of State will certify the primary election with the Election Board seven (7) days following the June 4, 2024 primary.</p>
6/12/2024	<p>Each presidential campaign must file with the State Democratic Chair a list of approved candidates to fill any district-level vacancies following the primary.</p> <p>The State Democratic Chair shall convey to each presidential campaign a list of all persons who have filed to be a PLEO delegate pledged to that presidential candidate.</p> <p>Each presidential campaign must submit to the State Democratic Chair at least one name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee.</p>
6/14/2024	<p>Each presidential campaign must file with the State Democratic Chair a list of all candidates for PLEO delegate they have approved.</p>
6/15/2024	<p>South Dakota Democratic Party State Convention.</p> <p>At-large alternates for each presidential candidate will be nominated at the SDDP Convention.</p> <p>Selection of district-level delegate vacancies occurs by members of the South Dakota Democratic Party State Central Committee.</p> <p>Pledged PLEO delegates will be elected at South Dakota Democratic Party State Convention, prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates.</p> <p>Pledged at-large delegates will be elected at the SD State Democratic Convention, after the selection of PLEO delegates.</p> <p>Two at-large alternates for each candidate will be selected at the SDDP Convention.</p>

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	<p>Immediately following the selection of PLEO delegates, presidential candidates must submit approved at-large delegate candidates and alternates.</p> <p>The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur at the South Dakota Democratic Party Convention after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected.</p> <p>The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of South Dakota's National Convention delegates at a meeting immediately following the adjournment of the 2024 State Convention.</p> <p>The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held immediately following adjournment of the State Convention on June 15, 2024.</p> <p>Three individuals will be selected to serve as South Dakota's Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair immediately following adjournment of the State Convention.</p> <p>South Dakota will select three persons at the State Convention to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2024 Presidential election.</p>
6/18/2024	The State Chair certifies to the RBC whether each presidential campaign used best efforts to ensure PLEO delegate candidates and at-large delegate and alternate candidates meet the goals of the Affirmative Action section of this plan.
6/18/2024	The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair, standing committee members, and Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection.
6/25/2024	The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of state's Automatic delegates 10 days after the completion of the State's Delegate Selection Process.
6/25/2024	The State Democratic Chair certifies to the DNC Secretary the election of the state's pledged PLEO delegates and at-large delegates.

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Attachments

Attachment 1 - South Dakota Democratic Party Affirmative Action Plan - Component of the Delegate Selection Plan

Committee Members

Name	Gender	Age	Constituency	Geographic	Email
Julian Beaudion	Male	37	African American	East River	julian.beaudion05@gmail.com
Kameron Nelson	Male	32	LGBTQ+, Youth	East River	kameronnelson@gmail.com
Alli Moran	Female	32	Native American, Cheyenne River, Youth	West River	allijmoran@gmail.com
Peri Pourier	Female	40	Native American, Pine Ridge	West River	peri.pourier@gmail.com
Jack Fonder	Male	40	LGBTQ+	East River	jack@transformationprojectsd.org
Troy Heinert	Male	50	Native American, Rosebud	West River	troyheinert@yahoo.com
Kathey Wilson	Female	68	Native American, Pine Ridge	West River	Wilson.kathey@yahoo.com
Shere Wright	Female	41	Native American, Rosebud	West River	sherewright@gmail.com

The Mission of the Affirmative Action Committee is Outreach, Inclusion, and Education.

Committee goals: to adopt and implement an approved affirmative action program, providing for outreach and education to give priority to South Dakota’s underrepresented communities in South Dakota including (but not limited to) Native Americans, Hispanics, African Americans, Muslim Americans, Disabled, Youth (defined as delegates under 36) and LGBTQ. Members of the Affirmative Action Committee are all registered Democrats, representing different age groups, geographic areas, and specific underrepresented communities. These committee members will assist the South Dakota Democratic Party’s leadership and staff to promote the Affirmative Action Plan which will implement the Affirmative Action Goals in the Delegate Selection Plan.

Steps	Deadline for Completion	Office responsible for completion

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Starting Feb. 1, 2023 invite membership to the Affirmative Action Committee (AAC); follow-up and adjust committee members as needed.	02-28-2023	Executive Director
Submit Affirmative Action Committee members to DNC	02-28-2023	State Chair
Write an Affirmative Action Plan with input from staff and State Chair. Adjust plan as committee recommends.	3-15-2023	State Chair, Executive Director
Communicate Delegate Selection Plan, including Affirmative Action Plan, to State Central Committee, Executive Board, and to the public via website and other social media platforms. Seek input and adjust.	04-25-2023	SDDP Staff
Create handouts for delegate selection to simplify the process and encourage participation in minority communities. Provide copies for each Affirmative Action Committee member and each county party.	07-03-2023	SDDP Staff
Distribute to key locations including (but not limited to) Tribal Offices, Multi-Cultural Centers, Disability Community Outreach Centers and promote both on standard media and social media platforms. Additionally, promote at Native American community events.	07-03-2023 through 03-14, 2024.	Affirmative Action Committee Members

The South Dakota Democratic Party will work with our Affirmative Action Committee to promote attendance to select delegates for each Presidential candidate. A statewide caucus will be held in Pierre on Sat., March 23, 2024 to select delegates for each Presidential candidate.

This memo is to declare that the composition of the Affirmative Action Committee complies with Rules 5.C., 6.A., and 7 and the names, demographic data and contact information of the members were properly submitted to the Rules and Bylaw Committee 15 days after their appointment and to certify compliance with Rule 6.F - the Affirmative Action Committee has reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action outreach plan, including any numerical goals established. This submission was done to Party Affairs (PartyAffairs@dnc.org) through email. Jennifer Slaughter-Hansen, Chair of the South Dakota Democratic Party

June 3, 2023

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Attachment 2 - South Dakota Democratic Party Delegate Selection Media Plan Timeline and Responsibilities

Date	Responsibility
April 25, 2023	The Executive Director will send an electronic copy attachment of the Delegate Selection Plan to each member of the State Central Committee, the State Executive Board, the Affirmative Action Committee, the Chair of SD College Democrats, the Chair of the SD High School Democrats, the SD Young Democrats, and the Oceti Sakowin Caucus, and invite public comment from each of these groups. The plan will also be posted and circulated online for a period of public comment.
May 25, 2023	Public comment time period of the Delegate Selection Plan ends. The Executive Director will include any comments whether posted on the website or made in writing in Appendix 2.a of the Delegate Selection Plan following this Media Plan.
June 3, 2023	At the regularly scheduled meeting of the State Central Committee of the SDDP (McGovern Day meeting) the Chair will review the Delegate Selection Plan and the Affirmative Action Goals. At this meeting of the SCC Article X of the SDDP Constitution will be affirmed: "The State Central Committee shall adopt a specific plan of affirmative action and delegate selection for national convention delegates in compliance with South Dakota law and rules of the Democratic National Committee."
July 3, 2023	Staff and Affirmative Action Committee members will begin outreach with Democratic County Parties to conduct outreach in counties statewide.
July 3, 2023	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and in the Delegate Selection Media Plan are sent to all state media. Focus will include specialty media for tribal communities and "How to Become a Delegate" handouts available in Spanish or any other translation deemed necessary to reach underserved communities.
August 31- Sept. 4, 2023	South Dakota State Fair in Huron, SD. A promotional document, explaining the Delegate Selection process will be available at the Democratic Building. This same document will be made available to any other county fairs where county Democratic parties have booths or buildings.
Sept. 16 2023	At the regularly scheduled meeting of the State Central Committee held in September, the State Chair will continue to promote and explain the process. Member(s) of the Affirmative Action Committee will attend and promote the mission of inclusion of underrepresented communities. The SDDP typically has a high number of Tribal members in attendance at this particular event. Party staff will promote the event through social media and invitations which are mailed directly to past attendees.
Dec. 16, 2023	At the regularly scheduled meeting of the State Central Committee (SCC) to be held in Mitchell, SD, the SCC will adopt the 2024 Calendar and 2024 SDDP Budget. This vote will provide for final budgetary planning for the media plan, Statewide Caucus on March 23, 2024 and State Convention on June 15, 2024.
March 16-20, 2024	Staff will issue press releases and use social media to promote the interest in the statewide caucus to be held March 23, 2024 in Pierre, SD.

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June 4 -June 14, 2024	Staff will issue press releases and use social media to promote interest in the SDDP 2024 Convention and to explain PLEO and At-Large Delegates who will be selected at Convention.
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Note: **A copy of the press release** distributed by party staff on behalf of the State Central Committee (SCC) announcing its adoption of the Plan and summarizing the major components of the Plan will be added to this document following its adoption on June 3, 2023 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the SCC. *(Reg. 2.2.D)*

Soliciting Comments - For a period of 30 days, starting April 25, 2024, the Delegate Selection Plan will be posted: *We welcome your comments on our draft delegate selection plan. You can review our plan by reading the document here [link to PDF of plan]. Comments? Thoughts? Please fill out our comment form!*

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Attachment 3 - Delegate and Standing Committee Member Filing Forms



Statement Of Intent And Pledge Of Support For Candidates For District-Level Delegate To The 2024 Democratic National Convention Chicago, IL | August 18-22, 2024

Please file this form with the SDDP between February 10th and 5pm CT on March 18th, 2024 to be considered for a district-level delegate position.

(Please print or type)

Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____

County _____ Legislative District _____

Title _____

(Elected/Public Office or Party Leader – Not Required)

Occupation _____ Employer _____

- Demographic Information: Male, Female, Non-Binary, African American, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Caucasian, Hispanic, Native American, Tribal affiliation, Officially enrolled, Disabled, LGBTQ+, Muslim American, Youth (Under 36), Labor Affiliation, Other.

I hereby notify the Chair of the Democratic Party of South Dakota that I wish to be a candidate for district-level delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention and I pledge to support _____ for President.

I understand that I must attend the Statewide Caucus on March 23, 2024 in Pierre. If elected at the Statewide Caucus I am willing to attend, at my own expense, the National Democratic Convention in Chicago, Illinois from August 19 to 22.

Potential District-Level Delegates must attend the Statewide Caucus on Saturday, March 23, 2024 in Pierre. Nine (9) delegates will be elected on March 23 for each Presidential Candidate. SD has a "binding primary" meaning that the primary vote on June 4, 2024 will determine the percentage of delegates seated for the national convention. Any presidential candidate falling below 15% shall not be awarded delegates.

I certify that I am a registered Democratic voter in South Dakota or will turn 18 years of age and register to vote as a Democrat in South Dakota on or before the November 5th, 2024 general election. I declare that all the information that I have provided is true.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

This form can be submitted by mail at PO Box 1485, Sioux Falls, SD 57101 or by email at info@sddp.org with the subject line "Delegate Candidate Form". Deadline for consideration is 5pm CST on Monday, March 18th, 2024.

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Statement Of Intent And Pledge Of Support For Candidates For Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegate To The 2024 Democratic National Convention Chicago, IL | August 19-22, 2024

Please file this form with the SDDP between April 1st and noon CT on June 10th, 2024 to be considered for a PLEO delegate position.

(Please print or type)

Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____

County _____

Title _____

(Elected/Public Office or Party Leader)

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Demographic Information:

- Male, Female, Non-Binary, African American, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Caucasian, Hispanic, Native American, Tribal affiliation, Disabled, LGBTQ+, Muslim American, Youth (Under 36), Labor Affiliation, Other, Officially enrolled: Yes No

I hereby notify the Chair of the Democratic Party of South Dakota that I wish to be a candidate for Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention and I pledge to support _____ for President.

I understand that I must attend the SDDP Convention on June 15, 2024 in Pierre. If elected at the Convention I am willing to attend, at my own expense, the National Democratic Convention in Chicago, Illinois from August 19 to 22.

I certify that I am a registered Democratic voter in South Dakota or will turn 18 years of age and register to vote as a Democrat in South Dakota on or before the November 5th, 2024 general election. I declare that all the information that I have provided is true.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

This form can be submitted by mail at PO Box 1485, Sioux Falls, SD 57101 or by email at info@sddp.org with the subject line "Delegate Candidate Form". Deadline for consideration is noon CT on Monday, June 10th, 2024.

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Statement Of Intent And Pledge Of Support For Candidates For At-Large Delegate To The 2024 Democratic National Convention Chicago, IL | August 19-22, 2024

Please file this form with the SDDP between April 1st and noon CT on June 10th, 2024 to be considered for an at-large delegate position.

(Please print or type)

Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____

County _____

Title _____

(Elected/Public Office or Party Leader - Not Required)

Occupation _____ Employer _____

- Demographic Information: Male, Female, Non-Binary, African American, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Caucasian, Hispanic, Native American, Tribal affiliation, Officially enrolled, Disabled, LGBTQ+, Muslim American, Youth (Under 36), Labor Affiliation, Other.

I hereby notify the Chair of the Democratic Party of South Dakota that I wish to be a candidate for at-large delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention and I pledge to support _____ for President.

I understand that I must attend the SDDP Convention on June 15, 2024 in Pierre. If elected at the Convention I am willing to attend, at my own expense, the National Democratic Convention in Chicago, Illinois from August 19 to 22.

I certify that I am a registered Democratic voter in South Dakota or will turn 18 years of age and register to vote as a Democrat in South Dakota on or before the November 5th, 2024 general election. I declare that all the information that I have provided is true.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

This form can be submitted by mail at PO Box 1485, Sioux Falls, SD 57101 or by email at info@sddp.org with the subject line "Delegate Candidate Form". Deadline for consideration is noon CT on Monday, June 10th, 2024.

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DNC Convention Standing Committees Nomination 2024 Democratic National Convention Chicago, IL | August 19-22, 2024

Deadline for nomination: 12pm CT on June 10, 2024.

(Please print or type)

Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____

County _____

Title _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Presidential Preference _____

Demographic Information:

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American/Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Binary | <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian | <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim American |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (Under 36) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Affiliation |
| | Tribal affiliation _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| | Officially enrolled: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

The SDDP National Delegates shall elect 3 Standing Committee Members to assist the Democratic National Convention Committee in carrying out the work of the Convention.

I hereby notify the Chair of the Democratic Party of South Dakota that I wish to be nominated as (choose one):

- Platform Standing Committee Member (1 position):** *The Platform Committee shall be responsible for drafting and recommending the Platform of the Democratic Party to the Democratic National Convention.*
- Rules Standing Committee Member (1 position) -** *The Rules Committee shall issue a report to the DNCC recommending the Permanent Rules of the Convention, the Convention agenda, the permanent officers of the DNCC, amendments to the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States, and resolutions providing for the consideration of any other matter not provided for in the Permanent Rules of the Convention and not contained in the reports of other standing committees.*
- Credentials Standing Committee Member (1 position) -** *The Credentials Committee shall determine and resolve questions concerning the seating of delegates and alternates to the Convention. This committee does not have authority over the allocation and distribution of convention credentials.*

I certify that I am a registered Democratic voter in South Dakota or will turn 18 years of age and register to vote as a Democrat in South Dakota on or before the November 3rd, 2020 general election. I declare that all the information that I have provided is true. I **pledge to support the Democratic Nominee for President. I will cover the cost of my own transportation, housing and meals to the DNCC.**

Date: _____ Signature: _____

This form can be submitted by mail at PO Box 1485, Sioux Falls, SD 57101 or by email at info@sddp.org with the subject line "DNC Page Nomination". Deadline for consideration is noon CT on June 10, 2024.

Attachment 4 - Relevant Sections of South Dakota Codified Law for Delegate Selection Process

CHAPTER 12-24

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

12-24-1 Elector's notice to Governor of readiness to perform duties--Certificate of names presented to electors.

12-24-2 Replacement of elector failing to appear.

12-24-3 Notice to and powers of elector chosen to fill vacancy.

12-24-4 Time and place of performance of constitutional duties by electors.

12-24-5 Compensation and mileage of electors.

12-24-1. Elector's notice to Governor of readiness to perform duties--Certificate of names presented to electors.

Each elector of President and vice president of the United States shall, before the hour of eleven o'clock in the morning of the day fixed by the act of Congress to elect a President and vice president, give notice to the Governor that he is at the seat of government and ready at the proper time to perform the duties of an elector; and the Governor shall forthwith deliver to the electors present a certificate of all the names of the electors.

Source: SL 1890, ch 84, § 13; RPolC 1903, § 1961; RC 1919, § 7325; SDC 1939, § 16.1602; SL 1968, ch 81.

12-24-2. Replacement of elector failing to appear.

If any elector named in the Governor's certificate fails to appear before nine o'clock in the morning of the day of election of President and vice president as aforesaid, the electors there present shall immediately proceed to elect by ballot, in the presence of the Governor, a person to fill such vacancy. If more than one person voted for to fill such vacancy shall have the highest and an equal number of votes, the Governor, in the presence of the electors attending, shall decide by lot which of such persons shall be elected.

Source: SL 1890, ch 84, §§ 13, 14; RPolC 1903, §§ 1961, 1962; RC 1919, § 7325; SDC 1939, § 16.1602.

12-24-3. Notice to and powers of elector chosen to fill vacancy.

Immediately after such choice is made, the name of the person so chosen shall forthwith be certified to the Governor by the electors making such choice; and the Governor shall cause notice to be immediately given, in writing, to the elector chosen to fill such vacancy; and the person so chosen shall be an elector and shall meet the other electors at the same time and place, and then and there discharge all and singular the duties enjoined upon him as an elector by the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this state.

Source: SL 1890, ch 84, § 15; RPolC 1903, § 1963; RC 1919, § 7326; SDC 1939, § 16.1603.

12-24-4. Time and place of performance of constitutional duties by electors.

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The electors of President and vice president shall, at twelve noon on the day which is or may be directed by the Congress of the United States, meet at the seat of government of this state and then and there perform the duties enjoined upon them by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

Source: SL 1890, ch 84, § 12; RPolC 1903, § 1960; RC 1919, § 7324; SDC 1939, § 16.1601.

12-24-5. Compensation and mileage of electors.

The electors shall receive the same compensation per diem and the same mileage as members of the Legislature.

Source: SL 1890, ch 84, § 16; RPolC 1903, § 1964; RC 1919, § 7327; SDC 1939, § 16.1604.

12-5-22. Majority required for nomination by convention--Certification to secretary of state.

Nominations by a state convention shall be made by a majority vote of the votes cast and shall be certified to the secretary of state by the officers of the convention, within three days of the close of the convention. No certification may be received by the secretary of state later than the second Tuesday in August.

Source: SL 1929, ch 118, § 55; SL 1933, ch 100; SL 1937, ch 120, § 5; SDC 1939, § 16.0240; SL 1939, ch 77; SL 1941, ch 78; SL 1951, ch 91; SL 1965, ch 86; SL 2007, ch 74, § 14.

12-5-3.14. Notice by candidates or supporters of intention to enter presidential primary.

Any candidate, committee, or group supporting a candidate in any presidential primary, shall, by the last Tuesday in March prior to the presidential primary election, notify the secretary of state of an intention to have the name of the candidate placed on the presidential primary election ballot or submit a slate of candidates or both.

12-6-4. Petition required to place candidate's name on primary ballot--Time and place of filing.

Except as provided by § 12-5-4 and as may be otherwise provided in chapter 12-9, no candidate for any office to be filled, or nomination to be made, at either or both the primary or general election, other than a presidential election, may have that person's name printed upon the official primary election ballot of that person's party, unless a petition has been filed on that person's behalf after December thirty-first and by the last Tuesday of March at five p.m. local time before the date of the primary election. If the petition is mailed by registered mail by the last Tuesday of March at five p.m. local time before the primary election, the petition shall be considered timely submitted. A nominating petition for national convention delegates and alternates as provided in § 12-5-3.11 shall be filed in accordance with the provisions of this section. Nominating petitions for all party and public offices except legislative and judicial offices shall be filed in the office of the county auditor of the county in which the person is a candidate. Nominating petitions for legislative and judicial office whether elected in one or more counties, and all other party and public offices to be voted on in more than one county shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State.

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Source: SDC 1939, § 16.0210; SL 1939, ch 75; SL 1957, ch 83, § 1; SL 1961, ch 93, § 1; SL 1971, ch 84; SL 1973, ch 74, § 3; SL 1977, ch 108, § 1; SL 1986, ch 115, § 5; SL 1997, ch 75, § 6; SL 2007, ch 81, § 9; SL 2015, ch 77, § 1 rejected Nov. 8, 2016; SL 2017, ch 69, § 2.

12-6-4.1. Earliest time for circulating petitions or certificates.

No petition or certificate of nomination covered by this chapter may be circulated prior to the first day of January of the year in which the election will be held.

Source: SL 1977, ch 108, § 5; SL 2015, ch 77, § 4 rejected Nov. 8, 2016.

Attachment 5 - Examples of Presidential Candidate Filing Letters

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January 6, 2020

BY FIRST CLASS MAIL & EMAIL

The Honorable Steve Barnett
Secretary of State
Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 204
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070
Email: sdsos@state.sd.us

Kea Warne
Deputy Secretary for Elections
Secretary of State's Division of Elections
Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 204
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070
Email: elections@state.sd.us

Secretary Barnett & Deputy Secretary Warne:

I write pursuant to South Dakota Codified Laws § 12-5-3.14 to request the placement of my name, Joseph R. Biden, on the presidential preference primary for the Democratic Party, set for June 2, 2020.

I announced my candidacy for President on April 25, 2019, and filed a declaration of candidacy with the Federal Election Commission on the same date. Before I became a candidate for President in 2020, I served as a United States Senator from Delaware from 1973 through 2009. I was nominated by the Democratic Party to be its candidate for Vice President in 2008 and 2012, and proudly served as Vice President with President Barack Obama for eight years. I am honored to seek the 2020 nomination of the Democratic Party for President, and I meet the requirements for the office of President that are set forth in the United States Constitution.

I appreciate the important role your office plays in administering the elections that are the foundation of our democratic system, and will be as helpful as possible. Should you require any additional information from my campaign, please do not hesitate to ask. Carla Frank

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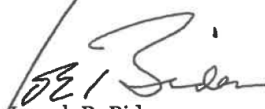


(cfrank@joebiden.com) and Patrick Moore (pmoore@joebiden.com) are leading our ballot access efforts and will respond expeditiously to any inquiries.

I respectfully request that you acknowledge in writing your receipt of this letter and share your intent to place my name on the ballot.

Please accept my best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Very truly yours,



Joseph R. Biden

Cc: Randy Seiler, Chair, South Dakota Democratic Party (by email at randy@sddp.org); Nikki Gronli, Vice Chair, South Dakota Democratic Party (by email at nikki@sddp.org); Sunny Gaughen, Deputy Executive Director, South Dakota Democratic Party (by email at sunny@sddp.org) .

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The Honorable Steve Barnett
Secretary of State
Attn: Kea Warne, Division of Elections
500 E Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Secretary Barnett,

As an announced candidate for the 2020 Democratic Presidential nomination, I am submitting this letter to you, pursuant to Section 12-5-3.14 of the South Dakota Codified Laws, to express my intention to participate in the 2020 South Dakota Democratic Presidential Primary and to appear on the 2020 South Dakota Democratic Presidential Primary ballot. I plan to actively campaign in South Dakota and look forward to discussing the issues that matter to South Dakotans.

I would ask that you please send written confirmation to my national campaign headquarters (attention Matt Berg, Director of Ballot Access and Delegates, mattberg@berniesanders.com) that my name will be included on the ballot in South Dakota.

Please do not hesitate to contact my staff at my national campaign headquarters if you have any questions, or if we can provide any additional information.

Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bernie Sanders".

Bernie Sanders
United States Senator
Vermont

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