

Rules for Election of Democratic National Committee Members

1 Pursuant to the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the State of
2 Washington, Democratic National Committee Members shall be elected by the State
3 Central Committee for terms of four (4) years during each presidential election year.
4 The following rules shall apply to such elections:
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6 1. Four (4) members of the Democratic National Committee shall be elected by the
7 State Central Committee at its first quarter meeting in each Presidential Election
8 year. No more than two (2) of a binary gender shall be elected with a maximum
9 difference between Male and Female positions being no more than one (1).
10 Nominations and voting for these four (4) positions shall be conducted at the
11 same time on one ballot for each round. The highest vote recipients who receive
12 a majority shall be elected, provided that no more than two (2) persons of any
13 binary gender category shall be elected, and that there can be no more than a
14 difference of one (1) between Male and Female gender categories.
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16 2. All Candidates for the Democratic National Committee members shall be
17 nominated and seconded by members of the State Central Committee, or by a
18 Democrat holding a valid proxy for the meeting in which the vote is taken.
19 Candidates must be registered voters of the State of Washington. A candidate
20 need not be present to be elected but if not present must have filed a letter of
21 intent with the State Chair prior to the meeting.
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23 3. Each candidate may use up to five (5) minutes on their own behalf for
24 nominating and seconding speeches and a speech by the candidate, to include
25 the time spent by the Chair in reading the letter for a candidate not in
26 attendance. The five (5) minutes be allocated at the candidate's discretion.
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28 4. After all candidates are nominated, the State Central Committee shall vote as
29 follows:

30 a. *First ballot round:* To be counted in the first round, a ballot must have
31 exactly four (4) positions filled with names of properly nominated candidates
32 with no duplications and must vote for no more than two (2) of the same binary
33 gender and the number of males and females cannot differ by more than one (1).
34 The vote shall not be weighted. In order to be elected, a candidate must have a
35 simple majority of the votes of those casting valid ballots. The highest vote
36 recipients who also receive a majority of votes on the first ballot shall be
37 declared elected to the extent that positions are available.
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39 b. The candidates for the remaining positions will be the top unelected vote
40 recipients, provided
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42 i. The number of candidates advancing to the next ballot shall not exceed
43 twice the number of positions available.

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- 44 ii. With respect to binary gender candidates, no more than twice the number
45 of positions for a binary gender shall advance to the next ballot.
46 iii. In the event that two candidates of the same binary gender have already
47 been elected, then no candidates from that gender may advance to the
48 next ballot.

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50 Already elected members who have received a majority are ineligible to receive
51 additional votes.

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53 *c. Second and Subsequent Ballot Rounds:* Voting procedures will be repeated
54 from the first round of balloting except with the constraints placed on the
55 number of available candidates as provided in sub-section b.

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57 Balloting will continue until all four (4) members have been elected according to
58 the above rules.

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60 5. Only State Committee Members from Counties and Legislative Districts or their
61 proxies may vote

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