



# **SOUTH DAKOTA DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN**

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# The State Delegate Selection Plan For the 2020 Democratic National Convention

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**Delegate Selection Plan**  
**For the 2020 Democratic National Convention**

**Section I**  
**Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process**

**A. Introduction**

1. South Dakota has a total of 21 delegates and 2 alternates. *(Call I Art. I, Sec. C.2 & 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 2020 Democratic National Convention* (“Rules”), the *Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (“Call”), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of South Dakota, South Dakota 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 2, 2020 Democratic Primary for apportioning delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of South Dakota’s delegate selection process will occur on June 2, 2020, the date of the Democratic Primary which allows voters registered as Democratic, Independent, or NPA (No Party Affiliation) to participate. In addition to the Democratic

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

3. 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. 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. *(Rule 2.A and Rule 2.C.)*
4. South Dakota will hold seven (7) Regional Caucuses throughout the state on March 14, 2020 to elect delegates for each Presidential candidate to represent that region at the statewide caucus to be held the following Saturday, March 21, 2020 in Pierre, SD (centrally located).
5. Each of the seven Regions is comprised of five legislative districts as indicated in the table below. A physical map of the Regions is provided in Attachment 3 of the Delegate Selection Plan.

Region	Legislative Districts
1	1, 2, 3, 22, 23
2	4, 5, 7, 8, 25
3	9, 10, 11, 14, 15
4	6, 12, 13, 16, 17
5	18, 19, 20, 21, 26
6	24, 27, 28, 29, 30
7	31, 32, 33, 35, 35

6. Each of the seven Regional caucuses are balanced in Democratic Strength giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2016 presidential and the most recent South Dakota 2018 gubernatorial elections. Anyone registered as a Democratic voter by or on March 14 and registered to vote in one of the five legislative districts in that specific Region are eligible to participate. Each of the seven regional caucuses will have a responsible Democrat, familiar with voter registration and equipped with voter registration documents to update any participant’s voter registration to reflect their Democratic registration

preference. A notary will be available at each location to properly certify the voter registration document.

7. The following Saturday, on March 21, 2020, the Statewide Caucus in Pierre will determine the priority order by which each Presidential candidate's delegates will be selected based on the June 2, 2020 Primary.
  - a. Priority will be determined by nominations from the floor. In the first round, all nominations will be recorded. Following the end of nominations, delegates will vote for their top choice. Once that first delegate has been elected, nominations will continue, alternating by gender, until all delegates have been selected.
8. South Dakota has registration by party. Republicans have a closed primary. The Democratic Party allows Independents or NPA (No Party Affiliation) to vote in the Democratic Primary.
9. 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.
10. Transportation costs to either the seven Regional caucuses on March 14, 2020 or to the Statewide Caucus on March 21, 2020 will be the responsibility of those attending. The South Dakota Democratic Party (SDDP) will encourage county parties to help to defray the costs of eligible Democrats to attend these caucuses as well as provide sponsorship from the SDDP for any potential delegates to defray costs. Under no circumstances will a potential delegate be denied exercising their right to attend these caucuses due to prohibitive costs.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. No person shall vote in more than one regional caucus.
14. All participants must be present at the Statewide Caucus on March 21, 2020. There may be an option to participate remotely by phone or other electronic means. Remote participation will consist of a teleconferencing option for attendees using a webcam or telephone services. This service will be free to use by the attendees and the SDDP will provide dial-in

information to those elected at the Region Caucuses. Likewise, pledges may participate in one of the Regional Caucus on March 14, 2020 remotely by phone or other electronic means.

**C. Voter and Election Security** - The South Dakota Democratic Party has taken steps to seek enactment of legislation, rules, and policies at the state and local level to enhance voter and election security, to accomplish the following seven goals:]

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

6. 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.
7. Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately. *(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.

**D. Voter Protection** - 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)*

1. Expand access to voting, including by early voting, no excuse absentee, same-day voter registration, and voting by mail; *(Rule 2.I.1.a)*
  - 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. We worked during the legislative session to maintain and expand our current 4-week period of same day voting and voter registration. Also, Democrats have also introduced bills to create an automatic voter registration process during previous legislative sessions.
2. Ensure that voting locations are accessible, fairly placed, and adequate in number, and have a sufficient number of voting machines; *(Rule 2.I.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.
3. Speed up the voting process and minimize long lines; *(Rule 2.I.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. Due to a continued effort, we are seeing higher early voting numbers that result in shorter wait times for voting on election day.

4. 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.
  
5. 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. The SDDP is currently working with county commissions around the state, namely on reservations to move away from precinct voting in favor of voting centers. Due to the transient population of Native Americans on reservations voters often don't live where they are registered. Additionally, reservations are rural and spacious - meaning their voting precinct closest to them may not be the one they vote at. By enacting voting centers voters will be able to cast votes at any polling location in their county.
  
6. 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.

**E. Voter Registration** - The South Dakota Democratic Party is supporting efforts to make voter registration easier, including supporting: *(Rule 2.1.2)*

1. Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration and automatic and same-day registration; *(Rule 2.1.2.a)*
  - The SDDP in coordination with our elected state legislators has been submitting legislation over the past couple of years for both online and automatic voter registration. The SDDP has been in conversation with various activist groups to possibly put both of these issues on the ballot. Currently SD has 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.

2. Pre-registration of high school students so that they are already registered once they reach voting age; (Rule 2.1.2.b)
  - The SDDP directs field staff to present information about voting and the electoral process to high school students in their areas. Following the end of the presentations, the field staffer encourages and registers students to vote if they are of age, and they also pre-register students that will be 18 prior to the election. Additionally, the SDDP has been working with local school boards to encourage them to promote voter registration in school whether it be registration forms in school classrooms or administrative offices.
3. 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. In previous cycles, SDDP staff have coordinated with law enforcement facilities to coordinate transportation for people with criminal convictions to vote in elections.
4. Same-day or automatic registration of voters for the Democratic presidential nominating process. (Rule 2.1.2.d).
  - Currently 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 for the June 2, 2020 primary will be 5 pm on May 19, 2020. The SDDP has been working to pass legislation that would allow for both same-day or automatic registration. Voter registration forms will be available at all delegate meetings.

**F. 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 basically 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.

3. SDDP incorporated mechanisms with reasonable safeguards against error and fraud to vote absentee or vote early. We plan to hire a dedicated staffer for Tribal Organizing. This staff position would have primary responsibility 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 2, 2020. The results are further reported for each precinct within the county. The June 2, 2020 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.
7. Military Vote by Absentee Request Online:
  - a. In 2008 the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE) was passed and South Dakota became the first system specifically designed for uniformed and overseas voters. This UOCAVA system was named after the Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting Act, which turned a 60-day process into a 24 hour transaction. The UOCAVA system allows all military and overseas voters to submit their absentee ballot application electronically and receive their absentee ballot electronically.
  - b. The UOCAVA system was used for the first time in the 2010 general election and continued to be used in the 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018 elections.

- c. The UOCAVA system requires the voter to print their absentee ballot and mail the ballot back to the county auditor. For military voters, the US Department of Defense provides expedited mail service for free from anywhere in the world.

## **G. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings - General Provisions**

1. The dates, times and places for all official Party meetings and events related to the state's delegate selection process will be scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings will begin and end at reasonable hours. In addition, the scheduling of meetings shall consider any religious observations that could significantly affect participation. The South Dakota Democratic Party is responsible for selecting the dates and times and locating and confirming the availability of publicly accessible facilities for all meetings and events related to this process. *(Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.)*
2. Working with the Affirmative Action Committee the South Dakota Democratic Party will provide for the proper education and outreach to ensure accessibility, including specifically for people with disabilities and for people with limited English proficiency in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and Sections 203 and 208 of the Voting Rights Act. *(Rule 2.K.9)*

## **Section II**

### **Presidential Candidates**

#### **A. Ballot Access**

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. 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 CST on the last Tuesday in March. (March 31,2020) and may be filed after Jan. 1, 2020. This is established by state law. (SDCL 12-6-4) (Rules 1.A.7)
  - a. Secretary of State Steve Barnett  
ATTN: Kea Warne, Deputy Sec. of State, Election Services  
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 31,2020).
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 10, 2020. (Rule 12.D.1)
  - a. South Dakota Democratic Party  
ATTN: Randy Seiler, Chair  
PO Box 1485  
Sioux Falls, SD 57101  
OR via email to [info@sddp.org](mailto:info@sddp.org)
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.)

### **Section III**

#### **Selection of Delegates and Alternates**

##### **A. Statewide Delegates and Alternates**

1. South Dakota will elect a total of 16 delegates and 2 alternates. Of those delegates and alternates, 10 will be elected as district-level delegates and 2 as district-level alternates based on the results of the June 2 primary election. The remaining 6 delegates (2 PLEO and 4 At-Large) will be elected at the South Dakota Democratic Party State Convention on June 20, which will take place via virtual meeting. Additional details regarding the virtual meeting 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 and 35 state legislative districts. The South Dakota Democratic Party has divided its organization on its Executive Board into seven Regions, each comprised of five legislative districts. On Sat. March 14, 2020, each of the seven Regions will hold a Regional Caucus and elect delegates to represent that Region at the Statewide Caucus to be held in Pierre (centrally located) on Sat. March 21, 2020.

3. The slate of delegates and alternates for each presidential candidate shall be elected by a pre-primary Statewide Caucus held on March 21, 2020 in Pierre, SD. The statewide primary election will be held on June 2, 2020.
4. Apportionment of Regional Delegates to Attend the Statewide Caucus
  - a. South Dakota has one Congressional District. The South Dakota Democratic Party delegates and alternates are first apportioned among the seven Regional Caucuses based on a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2016 presidential and the most recent gubernatorial elections. (See supporting document Attachment 4). This method will ensure the most inclusive method for allocating delegates representing each of the seven Regional Caucuses and will fairly represents Democratic voter strength in each of the seven regions. The following table reflects regional delegate allocation. At the first regional level caucus only, elected regional delegates need not be equally divided between men and women.

<b>Regions and Legislative Districts</b>	<b>Allocation of Delegates <u>for each</u> Presidential candidate</b>
Region 1 Legislative Districts 1, 2, 3, 22, & 23	6
Region 2 Legislative Districts 4, 5, 7, 8, & 25	7
Region 3 Legislative Districts 9, 10, 11, 14, & 15	8
Region 4 Legislative Districts 6, 12, 13, 16, & 17	9
Region 5 Legislative Districts 18, 19, 20, 21, & 26	6
Region 6 Legislative Districts 24, 27, 28, 29, & 30	6
Region 7 Legislative Districts 31, 32, 33, 34, & 35	6

5. Statewide Caucus to Select Delegates
  - a. The purpose of the statewide caucus to be held on March 21, 2020 in Pierre, SD (centrally located) is to select the delegate and alternate slate and priority order by which delegates will be apportioned according to the results of the June 2 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 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). Once the slate of 9 delegates has been determined, the delegates will elect for each presidential candidate two alternates of different genders (1 male and 1 female, assuming no gender non-binary alternate is elected).
- c. Alternates for each presidential candidate will be nominated at the statewide caucus on March 21, 2020 in Pierre. Alternates are only selected based on the results of the June 2, 2019 primary. There are no alternates selected at the State Convention for PLEO or At-Large Delegates.

#### 6. District-Level Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

- a. At the first level of Regional caucus, anyone registered as a Democratic voter by or on March 14 and registered to vote in one of the five legislative districts in that specific Region is eligible to participate.
  - i. An individual can qualify as a candidate for statewide delegate or alternate to the 2020 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 CST on March 9, 2020. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline of March 9, 2020 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 6 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 on Monday, Mar. 9, 2020 Address to: SDDP, PO Box 1485, Sioux Falls, SD 57101; or send via email to Deputy Executive Director Sunny Gaughen (sunny@sddp.org).*(Rule 1.A.7, Rule 1.A.8 & Reg. 4.23)*

- b. All candidates considered for statewide alternate positions must meet the same requirements as candidates for statewide delegate positions. *(Rule 13.C)*

7. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates and Alternates

- a. Following the seven Regional Caucuses on March 14, 2020, and not later than 5pm CST on March 16, the State Democratic Chair shall convey to each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s) a list of all persons who have been elected to represent that presidential candidate from each Region at the Statewide Caucus on March 21, 2020.
- b. Each presidential candidate shall then provide to the SDDP, and no later than 5pm CST on Friday, March 20, 2020, a list of all approved delegates. The presidential candidate must approve a number of delegate candidates or alternate candidates equal to or greater than the number of delegates or alternates allocated to the state. Since South Dakota will elect 10 district-level delegates, each presidential candidate must leave at least 30 delegate candidates on their list of bona fide supporters. *(Rule 13.E.1)*
- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate and alternate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than March 20, 2020.
- d. National convention delegate and alternate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 13.E & Reg. 4.24)*
- 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 and district-level alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level

delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan. *(Rule 6.I & Reg.4.10.C)*

8. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

a. Presidential Primary - Proportional Representation Plan

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. On the June 2, 2020 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 2, 2020, primary to receive delegates, but did not slate a sufficient number of delegate candidates at the March 14 Regional Caucuses, 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 on June 10, 2020 with the State Party Chair. The State Party Chair shall then convey, no later than 3:00 pm on June 10, 2020 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 June 12, 2020, 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 19, 2020 by members of the South Dakota Democratic Party State Central

Committee. This is after the election of district delegates or alternates on March 14, 2020.

- iv. All such candidates for vacancies shall be residents of the same region from which they are to be elected. Only State Committee members from the relevant district, 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.

#### 9. 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 March 21, 2020 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*)
- b. After the delegates are selected, the alternates will be awarded, using the same process described above.

10. 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 and alternates 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 7 days following the primary (June 9, 2020). (*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:
  - i. Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state. This includes the South Dakota Democratic Party Chair, Vice Chair,

Committeewoman and Committeeman. (Rule 9.A.1, Call I.F, Call I.J, & Reg. 4.15).

- ii. Democratic President and Democratic Vice President (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.2 & Call I.G)
- iii. All of 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)
- iv. The Democratic Governor (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H & Call I.J)
- v. "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates (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.] In South Dakota, this includes Sen. Tom Daschle (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 2020 National Convention. (Call I.J)

c. The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:

- i. Not later than March 6, 2020, 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)
- ii. Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the Automatic delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call IV.B.1)
- iii. 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 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**

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 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 CST on June 12, 2020. 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. *(Rule 10.A.3, 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, not later than 5 pm CT on June 12, 2020, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 10.A.3 & Rule 13.D)*
  - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by 5 pm CT on June 16, 2020, a list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least one (1) name for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. *(Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)*

- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than 5 pm CT on June 16, 2020. Presidential campaigns will be responsible for notifying those individuals that are struck from the list of potential candidates. *(Rule 13.D)*
- d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan. *(Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10.C)*

#### 4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates

- a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. *(Rule 10.A.2, Rule 11.C, Rule 14.E & Rule 14.F)*
- b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur at the SD Democratic State Convention on June 20, 2020 (location TBD), which is after the election of district-level delegates and alternates and in conjunction with the selection of at-large delegates. *(Rule 10.A)*
- c. 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)*
- d. The selection of PLEO delegates will occur at a meeting of district-level delegates following the SD Democratic Party Convention on June 20, 2020 [location TBD] by a committee consisting of a quorum of district-level delegates 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 10 days after their election. (Call IV.A & Reg. 5.4.A)

#### **D. At-Large Delegates**

1. The state of South Dakota is allotted 4 at-large delegates who will be elected at the State Party Convention June 20, 2020. *(Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.34)*
2. At-Large Delegate Filing Requirements
  - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate may file a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential and a signed 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 CST on June 12, 2020. This statement of candidacy must designate the singular presidential preference of the individual. 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, 2020. Candidates may get these forms by contacting the State Party and they can be returned to the State Party in-person or by mail.
  - b. Selection of the pledged At-large delegates will occur at a meeting of district-level delegates following the SD Democratic State Convention on June 20, 2020 [location TBD], which is after the election of district-level delegates and alternates and in conjunction with the selection of PLEO delegates *(Rule 10.A)* A delegate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline by noon CST on June 12, 2020. *(Rule 13.A., Rule 13.B, Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.22, Reg. 4.23, & Reg. 4.31)*
  - c. Alternates are not selected at the SDDP Convention for At-large Delegates. Alternates for each presidential candidate shall be elected by a pre-primary Statewide Caucus

held on March 21, 2020 in Pierre, SD. 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 5 pm CST on June 12, 2020, a list of all persons who have filed for at-large delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 13.D)*
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by 5 pm CT on June 16, 2020 a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, as long as approval is given to at least one (1) name for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. *(Rule 13.D.4, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)*
- 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. Presidential campaigns will be responsible for notifying those individuals that are struck from the list of potential candidates.
- 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 candidate 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 as indicated in this Section.

### 4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. At-large delegate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the state-wide primary vote. *(Rule 11.C)*
- b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. *(Rule 14.E)*
- c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner. *(Rule 14.F)*



- d. If a presidential candidate otherwise entitled to an allocation is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, their allocation will be proportionally divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation. (*Rule 11.C*)

## 5. Selection of At-Large Delegates

- a. The selection of the at-large delegates will occur at a meeting of district-level delegates following the SD Democratic Party Convention on June 20, 2020 [location TBD], in conjunction with the election of Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates, by a committee consisting of a quorum of district-level delegates.
- b. Specific information regarding open process and evidence of Democratic strength is already provided under the PLEO section. (Refer to C.4 a-f).
- c. Priority of Consideration
  - i. In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Disabled 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*)
  - ii. 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*)
  - iii. The election of at-large delegates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. (*Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9*)
  - iv. Alternates are not selected at the SDDP Convention for At-large Delegates. Alternates for each presidential candidate shall be elected by a pre-primary

Statewide Caucus held on March 21, 2020 in Pierre, SD. Alternates are selected by the same equal-division process as described in the district level-delegate selection process.

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 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)*

- i. A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
- ii. Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference and gender of the delegate they replace.
  1. In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
  2. 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. 4.36)*
- iii. If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not certified to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies, or is no longer eligible to serve, they shall be replaced, after consultation with the State Party, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged. *(Rule 19.D.2)*

- b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: *(Rule 19.D.4)*

- i. A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.
  - ii. Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference 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 delegation will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates (*Rule 19.D.1*).
- d. Certification of Replacements
  - i. Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. (*Rule 19.D.3*)
  - ii. Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the 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*)
  - iii. Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. (*Call IV.D.1 & Reg. 4.35*)
  - iv. In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet. (*Call IX.F.3.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 and of the same gender 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. 4.37)*
  - a. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of Automatic delegates. *(Call, IV.D.2.b)*
  - b. 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)*
  - c. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an Automatic delegate. *(Call IX.F.3.e)*

## **Section IV**

### **Selection of Convention Standing Committee Members**

#### **A. Introduction**

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

#### **B. Temporary Standing Committee Members**

1. Temporary members for the Convention Standing Committees will be selected by the State Central Committee at our State Central Committee Meeting in April 2020 (location and date TBD). 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. Person wishing to be considered must submit an application to the State Party Chair name, voting address, and intent to be considered, including the committee for which they wish to be considered, no later than April 1, 2020.
3. 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. In the case of gender non-binary committee members, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the standing committee members shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). (Call VII.E.1)
4. Temporary members serve only in the event that the respective standing committee is called to meet prior to completion of the state's delegate selection process and subsequent selection of permanent standing committee members. No temporary member may continue to serve after the selection of the permanent standing committee members unless they are elected as a permanent member. (Call VII.G.3)
5. Temporary members selected after the first determining step has occurred in a state shall reflect the Presidential preferences so established. (CALL VII.G.3)
6. The State Chair shall certify the temporary standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. Substitutions in a state's list of temporary members may only be made up to ten (10) days prior to the time the standing committee meets. Substitute temporary standing committee members will be selected at a meeting of the State Central Committee in accordance with the provision 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 allocated to South Dakota shall be elected by a quorum of State's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held immediately following the adjournment of the 2020 State Convention on June 20, 2020. (Call VII.B.1)

- b. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. *(Call VII.B.1)*

## 2. Allocation of Members

- a. The members of the standing committees allocated to State shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 14.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. *(Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.9)*
- b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to 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 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 5 pm CST pm June 19, 2020 after all delegates are selected, a minimum of (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members from among names submitted by the presidential candidates. Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one (1) person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. *(Call VII.D.2)*

#### 4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division

- a. Presidential candidates shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve State'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.
  - i. A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.
  - ii. The male and female membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided among the men and women as possible under the state allocation; the variance between men and women in any committee or among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. *(Call VII.E.2)*
  - iii. 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)*
  - iv. 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**

1. South Dakota will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and 2 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 20, 2020. *(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. Two (2) individuals will be selected to serve as State's Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee



from the state. This selection will take place immediately following adjournment of the State Convention on June 20, 2020. (*Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7*)

2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion guidelines in the state plan. In the case of gender non-binary pages, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the pages shall be equally divided. (*Reg. 5.7.A*)
3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as State's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. (*Call IV.F.3 & Reg. 5.7.B*)

## **Section VI**

### **Presidential Electors**

#### **A. Introduction**

1. South Dakota will select three (3) persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2020 Presidential election.

#### **B. Selection of Presidential Electors**

1. The Presidential Electors shall be selected by the voting delegates of the 2020 South Dakota Democratic Convention on June 20, 2020 (location TBD). Each of the candidates are 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 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 South Dakota 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 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)*
  2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party in State 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 State on all levels should be publicized fully and, in such manner, as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. *(Rule 4.B.3)*

4. The Democratic Party in State, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” *(Rule 4.B.4)*
  5. The Democratic Party in State 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 a 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 State should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in a timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. *(Rule 4.B.6)*
- B.** Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.B)*
  - C.** 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 at all levels which determine presidential preference. *(Rule 13.A)*
  - E.** No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person’s presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. *(Rule 13.I)*

- F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. *(Rule 13.J)*
- G. Each delegate, alternate and standing committee member must be a bona fide Democrat, who is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribes to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. *(Rule 13.H, Call VII.A.4 & Reg. 4.26)*
- H. A majority 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 a proxy vote. Delegates attending the Statewide Caucus on March 21, 2020 or Delegates to the State Convention on June 20, 2020 must be present to cast a vote. A county party may send alternates to the State Convention if duly filed by the deadline of June 5, 2020. *(Rule 17 & Reg. 4.32)*
- 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, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs. *(Rule 1.F & Rule 12.B)*
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2020 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 2020 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)*
- 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, State has established goals for these groups. *(Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.8)*
- e. To encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the State Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, the State Party has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups, including the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth. *(Rule 6.A & Rule 7)*

- 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

- a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair on March 1, 2019. *(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 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 June 3, 2019 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	3	8	1	10	12	33

Numeric Goals for Delegation	1	1	2	1	3	3	8
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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)*
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 in each of the seven regional divisions beginning in September 2019. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate and alternate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting electorate. *(Rule 3.A, Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)*
2. A speakers’ bureau of volunteers from the State Party, including the Affirmative Action Committee, shall be comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, 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. Constituency Caucuses are scheduled in two locations in 2019: June 7-8, 2019 in Sioux Falls and June 14-15, 2019 in Rapid City (specific locations TBD).



4. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the State Party and Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than June 3, 2019. *(Rule 1.H)*
5. Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded. *(Rule 2.A)*
6. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated voters and new voters to register or enroll, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters 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 June 3, 2019 that will 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)*

#### **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 and television, to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, the Delegate Selection Media Plan will provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Regular updates should be posted/released

throughout the state's delegate selection process to ensure broad and timely coverage and awareness about the process to all interested persons. (*Rule 4.B.3 & Rule 6.D*)

3. A priority effort, as described in the Delegate Selection Media Plan, shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
  - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be posted on and made available to social and specialty media directed toward the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.
  - b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of 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 on March 20, 2019 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 resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:
  - a. materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;
  - b. a summary explaining the role of the 2020 Convention in nominating the Party's Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;
  - c. a summary of the State Party's delegate selection process including all pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process;
  - d. a map of the seven regions (each comprised of 5 legislative districts) how many delegates will be elected within each region, along with filing forms or information on how to obtain the filing forms. (Attachment 3).

#### **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)*
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by March 12, 2020 which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in State'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 2020 Democratic National Convention (Reg. Sec. 3)*, and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.” (*Call Appendix A*)
2. Under Rule 21.B. of the *2020 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 2020 Democratic National Convention. (*Call Appendix A & Reg. 3.1*)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2020 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 2020 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 2020 Democratic National Convention.* The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. *(Call VII.B.5)*

6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee *(Appendix A)*, shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of 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 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 10 days after expiration of the above 21-day period. (*Reg. 3.4.C, Reg. 3.4.E & Reg. 3.4.H*)

3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. (Rule 6.B) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed no later than 30 days prior to the initiation of the state’s delegate selection process. (*Reg. 3.4.C*)
  
4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

## Section X Summary of Plan

### A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

1. South Dakota will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the June 2, 2020 primary apportioning its delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.
  
2. 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	10	2	6/2/2020	Selecting Body: SD Primary Election

				Delegates must first attend one of the seven Regional Caucuses to be held on March 14, 2020. Each Region will send delegates to the statewide caucus <u>for each</u> presidential candidate. Following the March 21, 2020 Statewide Caucus, the delegate slate and priority order <u>for each</u> presidential candidate on the June 2, 2020 primary ballot will be finalized and sent to each candidate's authorized representative.
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	5	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of the respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules.*
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	2	**	6/20/2020	Selecting Body: 2020 SDDP Convention
				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, POB 1485, Sioux Falls, SD 57101, by noon CST on June 12, 2020.
At-Large Delegates	4	0	6/20/2020	Selecting Body: 2020 SDDP Convention
				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, POB 1485, Sioux Falls, SD 57101, by noon CST on June 12, 2020.
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	21	2		

\*Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the *2020 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)**

1. Temporary standing committee members will be selected by the State Central Committee as summarized on the following page:

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	April 2020	Temporary Standing committees allocated to South Dakota shall be elected by a quorum of State Central Committee members at a meeting to be held at our regularly scheduled State Central Committee Meeting in April 2020 (date and location TBD).

2. 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	6/20/2020	Standing committees allocated to South Dakota shall be elected by a quorum of State’s National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on immediately following the adjournment of the 2020 State Convention on June 20, 2020. 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.

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

1. The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on June 20, 2020 following adjournment of the SDDP Convention.
2. Two (2) Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on June 20, 2020.

**D. Selection of Presidential Electors**

1. Three (3) Presidential Electors will be selected by the voting delegates of the 2020 SDDP Convention on June 20, 2020.

**E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline for South Dakota Primary**

1. On or after January 1, 2020 and on or before 5:00 pm on March 31, 2020 a presidential candidate must file a letter of intent with the Secretary of State at the following address:

Secretary of State Steve Barnett



ATTN: Kea Warne, Deputy Sec. of State, Election Services  
 State Capitol  
 500 Capitol Ave., Suite 204  
 Pierre, SD 57501

2. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) by March 10, 2020. (Rule 12.D.1)

South Dakota Democratic Party  
 ATTN: Randy Seiler, Chair  
 PO Box 1485  
 Sioux Falls, SD 57101  
 OR via email to [info@sddp.org](mailto:info@sddp.org)

## F. Timetable

Date	Activity
<b>2019</b>	
Feb. 1-March 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
March 1	List of Affirmative Action Committee members submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
March 20	Affirmative Action Committee, SDDP Executive Board, and State Central Committee members receive a draft of the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
March 23	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is tentatively approved for public comment by State Party Committee.
March 23	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
April 26	Period for public comment on State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
April 27	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
April 30	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
June 3	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.

<b>2020</b>	
January 1	First date for Presidential candidates to file letter of intent to run with the SD Secretary of State
January 1	First date to submit an Absentee Request Form for all SD elections in 2020 (including primary, general election, or municipal or school board elections).
January 6	Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party's web site at <b><i>sddp.org</i></b>
January 8	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
February 10	Democrats interested in serving as a delegate must file a statement with the SDDP designating his or her presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for a candidate between Feb. 10 and March 9, 2020.
March 9	Last date for filing a statement declaring presidential preference.
March 10	Last date for Presidential Candidates to certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair
March 12	Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by March 12, 2020 which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in State's delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.)
March 14	<b>Seven (7) Regional Caucuses will be held to elect delegates to attend the Statewide Caucus</b>
March 16	Following the seven Regional Caucuses on March 14, 2020, and not later than 5pm CST on March 16, the State Democratic Chair shall convey to each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s) a list of all persons who have been elected to represent that presidential candidate from each Region at the Statewide Caucus on March 21, 2020.
March 20	Deadline (5pm CST) for each presidential candidate to then provide to the SDDP a list of all approved delegates. The presidential candidate must approve a number of delegate candidates or alternate candidates equal to or greater than the number of delegates or alternates allocated to the state. Since South Dakota will elect 10 district-level delegates, each presidential candidate must leave at least 30 delegate candidates on their list of bona fide supporters. (Rule 13.E.1)
March 21	<b>Statewide Caucus held in Pierre, SD to elect the slate of delegates for each Presidential Candidate</b>

March 27 (3 business days after Mar. 24)	The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates
March 31	Final deadline for presidential candidates to file a letter of intent with the South Dakota Secretary of State to appear on the June 2 Primary ballot.
April 17	Absentee voting begins in person for the Primary at the County Courthouse or through the mail if an Absentee Request Form has been filed.
May 18	Voter Registration Deadline for June 2 Primary
June 2	<b>South Dakota Presidential preference primary.</b>
June 9	Secretary of State certifies results of primary; pre-slated district-level delegates and alternates are allocated according to presidential preference.
June 10	State Party certifies elected District-level delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
June 12	Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party. Deadline is noon (CT) on June 12.
June 12	State Party provides list of PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates by 5 pm (CT)
June 16	Presidential candidates provide approved list of pledged PLEO and At-Large candidates to State Party by 5 pm (CT). Notification of candidates struck from the list of potential PLEO and At-Large Delegates will fall to the appropriate campaign.
June 19	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 and At-large delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO. Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to State Party by 5 pm (CT). 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.
June 20	State Convention convenes. State Convention Delegates meet and elect the Presidential Electors.

June 20	National Convention delegation meeting .Pledged PLEO delegates and At-Large delegates are elected. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names convention pages.
June 22	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State’s Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members.
June 22	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of Pledged PLEOs and At-Large Delegates.
June 22	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference the state’s Automatic Delegates.
June 22	State Chair and other officers of the Convention must submit in writing the Presidential Electors to the secretary of state within three days of the close of the convention. (SDCL 12-5-22)

## Attachments

### Attachment 1

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

##### Committee Members

Name	M/F	Minority Constituency	Geographic	Contact
Sen. Troy Heinert	M	Native American, Rosebud	West River	<a href="mailto:troyheinert@yahoo.com">troyheinert@yahoo.com</a>
Sen. Red Dawn Foster	F	Native American, Pine Ridge	West River	<a href="mailto:redawn.foster@hotmail.com">reddawn.foster@hotmail.com</a>
Rep. Peri Pourier	F	Native American, Pine Ridge	West River	<a href="mailto:peri.pourier@gmail.com">peri.pourier@gmail.com</a>
BJ Motley	M	African American	East River	<a href="mailto:bjmotley@sflabortemple.com">bjmotley@sflabortemple.com</a>
Jeremiah Johnson	M	Youth, LGBTQ	East River	<a href="mailto:johnson.jrmh@gmail.com">johnson.jrmh@gmail.com</a>
Taneeza Islam	F	Immigrant Attorney Muslim American	East River	<a href="mailto:tsislam12@gmail.com">tsislam12@gmail.com</a>
Mark Sternhagen	M	Disabled Community	East River	<a href="mailto:cnssone@yahoo.com">cnssone@yahoo.com</a>

#### 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

Starting Feb. 1, 2019 invite membership to the Affirmative Action Committee (AAC); follow-up and adjust committee members as needed.	02-26-2019	State Chair
Write an Affirmative Action Plan with input from staff and State Chair. Adjust plan as committee recommends.	02-28-2019	State Chair, Executive Director
Submit Affirmative Action Committee members and start of Plan to DNC	03-01-2019	State Chair
Communicate DNC-approved Affirmative Action Plan to State Central Committee, Executive Board, and to the public via website and other social media platforms. Seek input and adjust.	04-01-2019	DNC and 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.	06-01-2019	Communications Director
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.	08-01-2019 through 03-14, 2020	Affirmative Action Committee Members

The South Dakota Democratic Party will work with our Affirmative Action Committee to promote attendance at the seven (7) Regional Caucus events to select delegates for each Presidential candidate. These will be held at seven different locations on March 14, 2020. A statewide caucus will be held in Pierre on March 21, 2020 to select delegates for each Presidential candidate.

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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. This submission was done to Party Affairs (PartyAffairs@dnc.org) through email to Patrice Taylor and Jacob Burman.

Ann Tornberg, Chair of the South Dakota Democratic Party

March 20, 2019

**Attachment 2**

**South Dakota Democratic Party Delegate Selection Media Plan  
Timeline and Responsibilities**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
March 21, 2019	The Communications 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, and the Youth Engagement Committee and invite public comment from each of these groups.
March 23, 2019	At the regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive Board and the State Central Committee of the SDDP, the State Chair will require a vote of the SCC so the draft of the Delegate Selection Plan may be posted for 30 days of public comment. The Chair will review how to make public comments. Physical copies of the plan will be available. Following approval by the SCC, the proposed Delegate Selection Plan will be publicly posted on the SDDP website by the Communications Director. Social Media will be utilized to further draw attention to the Delegate Selection Plan and invite interested parties to review and comment.
April 26, 2019	Public comment time period of the Delegate Selection Plan ends. The Communications 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.
April 27, 2019	At the regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive Board and 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." In addition, the Executive Board of the SDDP will be elected for a two-year term in each of the seven Regions. This Executive Board members from each of the seven Regions will help organize the Regional Caucuses on March 14, 2020.
May 15, 2019- June 14, 2019	Staff will promote the Constituency Caucuses to be held June 7-8 in Sioux Falls and June 14-15 in Rapid City. Handouts will be provided to each participant indicating how to become a delegate.
June 1, 2019	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.
July 20, 2019	A regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Board and State Central Committee will be held at the Cheyenne River Sioux Youth Center. The Communications Director will promote this meeting to tribal members in the community including specialty media in the Tribal Communities. Affirmative Action Committee members will also attend and provide outreach and education on the Delegate Selection Plan to this community.

August 29- Sept. 2, 2019	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. 28, 2019	At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Board and 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. The Communications Director, and the Events Coordinator will promote the event through social media and invitations which are mailed directly to past attendees.
Dec. 7, 2019	At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Board and State Central Committee (SCC) to be held in Mitchell, SD at the McGovern Library, the SCC will adopt the 2020 Calendar and 2020 SDDP Budget. This vote will provide for final budgetary planning for the media plan, seven regional caucuses on March 14, Statewide Caucus on March 21, 2020 and State Convention on June 20,2020.
Jan. 15- March 12, 2020	The State Party, with the assistance of the Executive Board will determine specific locations of each of the seven Regional Caucuses to each be held on March 14, 2020. Traditional media, such as SD weekly and daily newspapers, social media, outreach posters and pamphlets, etc. will be used to encourage participants to attend the Regional Caucuses.
March 16-20, 2020	Staff will issue press releases and use social media to promote the interest in the statewide caucus to be held March 21, 2020 in Pierre, SD.
June 2 -June 19, 2020	Staff will issue press releases and use social media to promote the interest in the SDDP 2020 Convention and to explain PLEO and At-Large Delegates who will be selected at Convention.

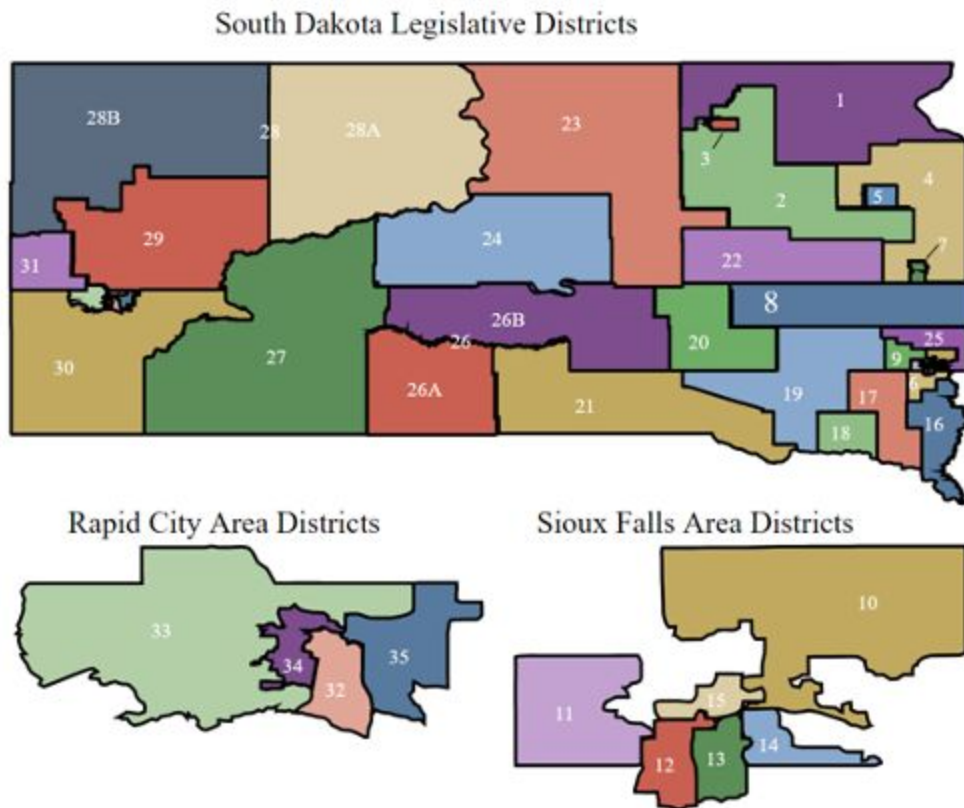
Note: **A copy of the press release** distributed by the Communications Director on behalf of the State Party Central Committee (SCC) announcing its adoption of the Plan and summarizing the major components of the Plan will be added to this document following its adoption on April 27, 2019 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the SCC. *(Reg. 2.2.D)*

**Soliciting Comments**-For a period of 30 days, starting March 20, 2020, 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!*



**Attachment 3**

**Map of Legislative Districts and 7 Regional Caucuses**



Seven (7) Regional Caucus held on March 14, 2020 will elect delegates to statewide Caucus March 21, 2020 (Regional Caucus Locations TBD).

**Region 1 = Districts 1,2,3,22, 23**

**Region 2 = Districts 4,5,7,8,25**

**Region 3 = 9,10,11,14,15**

**Region 4 = 6,12,13,16, 17**

**Region 5 = 18,19,20,21,26**

**Region 6 = 24,27,28, 29,30**

**Region 7 = 31,32,33,24,3**

**Attachment 4: Formula for Regional Delegate Apportionment**

South Dakota is using formula #2, p. 23 of Delegate Selection Book which: "Gives equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the most recent presidential and gubernatorial elections.

SDDP Region	Votes by county and/or precinct	Sutton 2016	Clinton 2016	Total 18 & 16	Delegates per Region
REGION 1	Brown (all Precincts)	7,338	5,452	12,790	
Legislative Districts	TOTALS DISTRICT 1 W/O BROWN	4,686	3,268	7,954	
1,2,3,22,23	TOTALS DISTRICT 2 W/O BROWN	2,943	1,792	4,735	
	TOTALS DISTRICT 22	3,943	2,615	6,558	
	TOTALS DISTRICT 23	3,491	1,967	5,458	
	<b>REGION 1 TOTALS</b>			<b>37,495</b>	<b>6</b>
REGION 2	TOTALS DISTRICT 4 W/O BROOKINGS CO.	2,939	1,541	4,480	
Legislative Districts	TOTALS DISTRICT 5	4,039	3,174	7,213	
4,5,7,8,25	Brookings DISTRICT 7 TOTALS (VC w/D 4 precincts)	6,372	4,879	11,251	
	TOTALS DISTRICT 8	5,127	3,879	9,006	
	TOTALS DISTRICT 25	5,380	4,173	9,553	
	<b>REGION 2 TOTALS</b>			<b>41,503</b>	<b>7</b>
REGION 3	TOTALS DISTRICT 9	4,781	3,745	8,526	
Legislative Districts	TOTALS DISTRICT 10	4,177	3,417	7,594	
9,10,11,14,15	TOTALS DISTRICT 11	5,550	4,466	10,016	
	TOTALS DISTRICT 14	6,441	5,540	11,981	
	TOTALS DISTRICT 15	3,415	3,108	6,523	
	<b>REGION 3 TOTALS</b>			<b>44,640</b>	<b>8</b>
REGION 4	TOTALS DISTRICT 6	7,102	5,013	12,115	
Legislative Districts	TOTALS DISTRICT 12	5,477	4,365	9,842	
6,12,13,16,17	TOTALS DISTRICT 13	6,293	5,154	11,447	
	TOTALS DISTRICT 16	4,100	3,328	7,428	
	TOTALS DISTRICT 17	4,595	3,569	8,164	
	<b>REGION 4 TOTALS</b>			<b>48,996</b>	<b>9</b>
REGION 5	TOTALS DISTRICT 18	4,757	3,301	8,058	
Legislative Districts	TOTALS DISTRICT 19	4,179	2,422	6,601	
18,19,20,21,26	TOTALS DISTRICT 20	4,438	2,959	7,397	
	TOTALS DISTRICT 21	4,407	2,023	6,430	
	TOTALS DISTRICT 26	4,475	3,048	7,523	
	<b>REGION 5 TOTALS</b>			<b>36,009</b>	<b>6</b>
REGION 6	TOTALS DISTRICT 24	5,392	3,041	8,433	
Legislative Districts	TOTALS DISTRICT 27	3,994	3,346	7,340	
24,27,28,29,30	TOTALS DISTRICT 28	3,836	2,002	5,838	
	TOTALS DISTRICT 29	3,248	1,860	5,108	
	TOTALS DISTRICT 30	3,602	2,761	6,363	
	<b>REGION 6 TOTALS</b>			<b>33,282</b>	<b>6</b>
REGION 7	TOTALS DISTRICT 31	4,675	3,356	8,031	
Legislative Districts	TOTALS DISTRICT 32	4,921	3,771	8,692	
31,32,33,34,35	TOTALS DISTRICT 33	4,460	3,686	8,146	
	TOTALS DISTRICT 34	4,913	3,806	8,719	
	TOTALS DISTRICT 35	3,047	2,337	5,384	
	<b>REGION 7 TOTALS</b>			<b>38,972</b>	<b>6</b>

Each of the seven regions automatically receives 6 delegates per candidate. If a region cast 40,000 combined votes for the Democratic Presidential candidate in 2016 & the Democratic Gubernatorial candidate in 2016 they will receive an additional delegate per 2020 Presidential candidate. For every 3,000 additional votes cast for the Presidential & Gubernatorial they will receive an additional delegate per 2020 Presidential candidate.

## Attachment 5

### ***Step by Step Advice for SD Democrats Seeking to be a Delegate in Milwaukee, WI, July 13-16, 2020***

1. Volunteer (starting NOW) to support your choice for the next Democratic President of the US and to help elect Democrats up and down the ballot!
2. **Sign a pledge** of support for your preferred candidate between Feb. 10 and Mar. 9 of 2020, Form available with contact to SDDP and mailed to: SDDP, PO Box 1485, Sioux Falls, SD 57105 or scanned and emailed to [info@sddp.org](mailto:info@sddp.org).
3. **Invite** your Democratic friends and supporters, who are eligible voters in your Legislative District to the Regional Caucus on Sat. March 14, 2020 at a time and place TBD in your region. Each of the seven Regional Caucuses will be held on March 14, 2020. Elected delegates from your Region for each presidential candidate must attend the State Caucus March 21, 2020 in Pierre.
4. **If elected at the Regional Caucus, certify your contact information** with your Regional Caucus Leader and plan on attending the Statewide Caucus in Pierre on March 21, 2020.
5. **Communicate and campaign** with other elected delegates supporting your presidential preference from the other Regional Caucuses. Names/contact information will be available on [SDDP.org](http://SDDP.org) by March 17 at 5 pm.
6. **Run as a delegate** at the Statewide Caucus in Pierre on March 21, 2020. The more votes you gather among your presidential preference statewide caucus, the more likely you are to represent him or her in Milwaukee. 10 delegates and two alternates will be slated in priority order for each Democratic Presidential candidate included on the June 2, 2020 primary ballot. District-level delegates will be selected based on the results of primary election and priority order determined at the March 21, 2020 Statewide Caucus in Pierre.
7. **Campaign for your Presidential Candidate!** If you are a Democratic County Party officer or a State Officer, remember to campaign as an individual. (You do not represent your County or the SDDP). South Dakota has a “binding primary” so the percentage your candidate receives of the primary vote, is the percentage of delegates that candidate sends to Milwaukee. (A candidate must receive 15% of the primary vote to slate any delegates).
8. **If at first you don’t succeed, try again!** If you are not elected as a delegate on June 2, you may run again at the State Convention June 20, 2020 as one of the 4 At-Large Delegates who will be elected by the Convention Delegates. Again, you will need to campaign among National Convention Delegates and earn the right to represent South Dakota.
9. **Save your money and pack your bags** for Milwaukee, WI for the August 17-20, 2020 National Convention. The South Dakota Democratic Party does not financially sponsor delegates. In the past, some delegates have fund-raised with their county party or like-minded supporters of your Presidential Candidate.



**Statement Of Intent And Pledge Of Support  
For Candidates For District-Level Delegate To The  
2020 Democratic National Convention  
Milwaukee, WI | July 13-16, 2020**

Please file this form with the SDDF between February 10th and 5pm CST on March 9th, 2020 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:**
- |                                     |   |  |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| <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 35)  |
|                                     | <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 |  |

**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 2020 Democratic National Convention and I pledge to support \_\_\_\_\_ for President.**

I understand that I must attend the **Regional Caucus on March 14, 2020**, and if elected to represent my region, that I must attend the **Statewide Caucus on March 21 in Pierre**. If elected at the Statewide Caucus I am willing to attend, at my own expense, the National Democratic Convention in Milwaukee, WI July 13-16, 2020.

*Reminder! District-Level Delegates must attend their specific Regional Caucus on Saturday, March 14, 2020, and, if elected, must attend the Statewide Caucus on Saturday, March 21, 2020 in Pierre. 10 delegates and 2 alternates will be elected on March 21 for each Presidential Candidate. SD has a "binding primary" meaning that the primary vote on June 2, 2020 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 3rd, 2020 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@sddf.org](mailto:info@sddf.org) with the subject line "Delegate Candidate Form". **Deadline for consideration is 5pm CST on Wednesday, March 9, 2020.**

**Statement Of Intent And Pledge Of Support  
For Candidates For PLEO/At-Large Delegate To The  
2020 Democratic National Convention  
Milwaukee, WI | July 13-16, 2020**

*Please file this form with the SDDP between February 16th and 5pm CST on June 12th, 2020 to be considered for a PLEO or At-Large 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:**

- |                                     |   |  |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| <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 |  |

**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 2020 Democratic National Convention and I pledge to support \_\_\_\_\_ for President.**

I wish to qualify for candidate for delegate in the following category:

**Pledged Party Leader/Elected Official (PLEO)** *Pledge Form Due: 12pm CST on Friday, June 12, 2020*

*(to qualify you must be a statewide elected official, state legislative leader, state legislator, big city mayor, county elected official, local elected official or elected party leader)*

**At-Large Delegate** *Pledge Form Due: 12pm CST on Friday, June 12, 2020*

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.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*This form can be submitted by mail at PO Box 1485, Sioux Falls, SD 57101 or by email at [info@sddp.org](mailto:info@sddp.org) with the subject line "Delegate Candidate Form". Deadline for consideration is 12pm CST on Friday, June 12, 2020.*

**Attachment 6**

<b>Regions and Legislative Districts</b>	<b>Allocation of Delegates <u>for each</u> Presidential candidate</b>
Region 1 Legislative Districts 1,2,3,22, & 23	6
Region 2 Legislative Districts 4,5,7,8 & 25	7
Region 3 Legislative Districts 9,10,11,14 & 15	8
Region 4 Legislative Districts 6,12,13,16 & 17	9
Region 5 Legislative Districts 18,19,20,21 & 26	6
Region 6 Legislative Districts 24,27,28,29 & 30	6
Region 7 Legislative Districts 31,32,33,34, & 35	6

**Attachment 7**

**Additional Notes**

In addition, **statements from the State Democratic Chair certifying the following will be included in this document following the April 27, 2019 SCC meeting:**

**I, Ann Tornberg, Chair of the South Dakota Democratic Party as of April 29th, 2019 certify that each of the following requirements were fulfilled:**

**The Plan** as submitted to the RBC was approved by the State Central Committee at our March 23, 2019 meeting held in Oacoma, SD at the Cedar Shores Convention Center.

**The proposed Plan**, including all attachments and appendices, was placed on the State Party website during the 30-day public comment period from March 20-April 29, 2019 (*Reg. 2.2.E*)

**Compliance with Rule 1.C** which requires a 30-day public comment period prior to the adoption of the Plan by the State Party Committee, provided that the State Party has published specific guidance for the submission of public comments. (*Reg. 2.2.F*)

In addition, a statement from the Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee certifying **compliance with Rule 6.F.**, which requires that the Affirmative Action Committee has reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action outreach plan, including any numerical goals established. (*Rule 6.F & Reg. 2.2.I*)

*Note: The newly elected Chair of the South Dakota Democratic Party is Paula Hawks ([Paula@sddp.org](mailto:Paula@sddp.org)) and her four year term began on May 1, 2019. Further documentation, such as the compliance of Affirmative Action Committee should be addressed to the new chair.*

*Note: the newly elected Chair of the South Dakota Democratic Party is Randy Seiler ([randy@sddp.org](mailto:randy@sddp.org)) and he will complete the four year term begun by Paula Hawks on May 1, 2019 as of December 7, 2019. Further documentation, such as the compliance of Affirmative Action Committee goals should be addressed to the new chair.*

## **Attachment 8**

### **COMMENTS from the public comment period.**

I wish all of the Democrats the best of luck in 2020!

Thanks for including me for comments on the delegate selection plan. I admit I have not read the entire plan. I think the plan looks good. My only comment is that I like that male and female delegates will be within one delegate of each gender. I suggest that the plan could be strengthened by having ethnic / cultural delegate representation that is commensurate with the ethnic population of SD.

Why not make it a primary where delegates are proportionally divided as to votes received, you know like in a democracy. Leave the superdelegates out of the picture entirely.

General comment: DO NOT RE-CREATE THE DEBBIE WASSERMAN FIASCO AGAIN or we will lose to Trump, lose Bernie Voters, and lose our Democracy.

Looks fine to me.

The plan seems to be a good one from what I can tell.

At the bottom of page three and the top of page 4 it states: "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." Then, on page 49 (attachment 6) it states towards the top of the form: "Any South Dakota registered Democrat, at least 18 years old on or before the primary on June 2, 2020 is eligible to be a delegate."

Which brings me to this, either those two statements are contradictory and therefore attachment 6 should be updated or to "participate in the delegate selection process" does not actually mean you can be a delegate. Some clarification on this matter would be great!

I thought it read, as a well thought out plan.. excited for the Democratic party in SD moving forward.. I do think we need to be a more visible in our communities all the time and Not just started near/ before elections.