

NEW HAMPSHIRE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

FOR THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Section I Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

1. New Hampshire has a total of 32 delegates and 2 alternates. The Delegation must be balanced by gender, and delegates and alternates will be broken down as follows, assuming no non-binary individuals are elected. Non-binary delegates shall not be counted in either the male or female category but do count towards the total delegate allotment. (Call I, Appendix B, Rule 6.C.1, Reg. 4.9) The New Hampshire Democratic Party continues to advocate for changing the DNC's gender balance rules to say a delegation should be no less than 50% women so that states who have succeeded in electing more women to federal office are not punished when electing their delegations to the National Convention.

POSITION	FEMALE	MALE
District Delegates	7	8
PLEO Delegates	1	2
At-Large Delegates	2	3
Automatic Delegates	6	3
Alternates	1	1
TOTAL	17	17

2. The delegate selection process is governed by the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention ("Rules"), the Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention ("Call"), the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2024 Democratic National Convention ("Regs."), the rules of the State Democratic

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Party, state Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA), 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 to be 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. New Hampshire will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the primary for apportioning delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.
2. The "first determining step" of New Hampshire's delegate selection process will occur on January 23, 2024 as determined by the New Hampshire Secretary of State in accordance with NH RSA 653:9, with a "Presidential Preference Primary." The Republican Presidential Preference Primary will be held in conjunction with the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary.

C. Voter Participation

1. Participation in the State's delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. (Rule 2.A and Rule 2.C.)
 - a. Democrats are determined as all those registered on the voter checklist as Democrats or those registered on the voter checklist as undeclared ("independents") who request a Democratic ballot in the presidential preference primary on the date of the New Hampshire Presidential Primary.
 - b. Any person whose name is not on the voter checklist but who otherwise is a qualified voter shall be entitled to vote by requesting to be registered to vote at their polling place on Primary Election Day. Those voters who register as undeclared ("independents") who request a Democratic ballot have their preference marked on the voter checklist. (Rule 2.A & Regs. 4.3.A & 4.3.B).

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- c. Any individual who will be 18 years of age or older on General Election Day, November 5th, 2024, shall be able to participate in the delegate selection process as long as it does not conflict with state law. New Hampshire state law prohibits participation of anyone under 18 in the nominating process. (Reg. 4.3.C)
 - d. At no stage of New Hampshire’s delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation. (Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4)
 - e. No person who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding election shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate. (Rule 2.E)
 - f. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or State Chairs or Vice Chairs who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in a process that is the first determining stage of the delegate selection process and in which all individual voters who wish to participate as Democrats are eligible to do so. (Rule 2.F)
 - g. No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting, which is the pre-primary caucus. (Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)
2. New Hampshire is participating in a state government-run presidential preference primary that will use government-run voting systems. New Hampshire’s government-run elections only use paper ballots, utilizing two voting systems: (a) accessible precinct based optical scan systems or (b) hand counted ballots. New Hampshire process complies with Rule 2.H.1, Rule 2.H.2 and Rule 2.H.3.
- a. The New Hampshire Democratic Party opposes current state law enabling the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program (“Crosscheck”), enacted into law in 2016, and supports current legislative elections efforts to repeal the program (SB 695(2020)). In 2017, the State Party opposed the release of the data provided in the Crosscheck Program for numerous security reasons including the potential release of sensitive data of victims of domestic violence. (Rule 2.H.1) The State Party monitors voter roll updates to ensure that no one was removed outside of state law, and no issues have been discovered during this process. Each month the State Party purchases the voter file from the Secretary of State and monitors trends in removal.

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- b. New Hampshire has had same day voter registration since 1993; any qualified voter may vote on Election Day regardless of prior purging of the voter registration list. (Rule 2.H.2)

- c. The New Hampshire Democratic Party supports legislative efforts (SB 73-FN & HB 447-FN) to direct the Secretary of State to use HAVA funds to help town clerks purchase new voting machines. Additionally, the Ballot Law Commission will make recommendations to cities and towns for the acquisition of new voting machines and supports the efforts of local election officials to purchase new voting machines in the coming years. (Rule 2.H.3)

- e. In 2021, New Hampshire passed legislation instructing the Secretary of State to conduct post-election audits in select communities (SB 366-FN and Chapter 284 of 2022). (Rule 2.H.5)

- f. RSA 656:1-a requires the use of precinct based optical scan voting systems and thus, paper ballots (Rules 2.H.3 & 2.H.4). New Hampshire has a high frequency of recounts due to the size of its state legislature, which serves as de-facto audits (Rule 2.H.5). The NH Secretary of State has implemented numerous security measures, such as sealing ballots to be delivered to the Secretary of State after voting. There is a noticed public testing of machines prior to election day. Additionally, RSA 658:2 compels each State Party to appoint Inspectors of the Election (ballot clerks) at every polling location to ensure fairness and to assist voters if needed. (Rule 2.H.6)

- g. New Hampshire RSA 652:16-d Accessible Voting System requires accessible voting machines, additionally voting materials and ballots are available for those with physical and visual disabilities. (Rule 2.H.7)

- h. The State Party testified in hearings conducted by the Secretary of State's Commission on Voter Confidence and provided factual evidence to counter Republican falsehoods on the 2020 election. The final report concluded that no election malfeasance happened in the 2020 election. The NHDP consistently works to educate voters on the issues related to voter participation, including participating in forums, meetings, and other efforts by the Secretary of State to address election administration concerns. Additionally, pursuant to state law, the State Party appoints approximately 1000 ballot inspectors each election cycle whose primary function is to assist voters at the polls. In advance of the election, the NHDP consistently engages in efforts to make voting accessible including a voter protection hotline, outreach about same day registration, and voting on college campuses. (Rule 2.H.8)
 - i. The New Hampshire Democratic Party regularly hires a Voter Protection team to work with the Secretary of State and local election officials to ensure proper enforcement of election laws. Additionally, the State Party

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supports the efforts by the Secretary of State to conduct robust trainings with election officials across the state. (Rule 2.H.9)

j. The New Hampshire Democratic Party supports adequate funding for state and local election administration and has encouraged the use and distribution of HAVA funds for election education and administration. (Rule 2.H.10)

3. In accordance with the Democratic Party's requirement to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection process, New Hampshire has taken numerous steps to establish ongoing voter protection programs which support educational, administrative, legislative, and litigation-based efforts to protect and expand the vote. Historically, New Hampshire is one of the nation's leaders in voter participation. (Rule 2.I and 2.I.1)
 - a. Legislation (SB 220) has been introduced this year to permit no-excuse absentee ballot voting and pre-processing of absentee ballots. New Hampshire has same day voter registration, and absentee voting can be used for purposes of vote by mail and early voting under several circumstances. There is no set date when absentee ballots are mailed. They are traditionally sent when the Secretary of State releases the ballots to each community for printing ahead of the primary. (Rule 2.I.1.a)
 - b. New Hampshire Revised Statute Annotated (RSA) 652:16-d Accessible Voting System requires accessible voting machines, and RSA 658:9-a requires every polling location in the state to be accessible for all voters. Municipalities can determine the number of additional voting places to meet demand and increases in registration (RSA 658:10). New Hampshire elections consist of votes being cast on paper ballots that may be tabulated by vote counting machines. The NHDP has consistently worked with local communities to ensure that the number of vote counting machines in place are adequate to meet the needs of voters. In recent years, there has been no issue with communities lacking the number of vote counting machines needed to conduct elections, as evidenced by the fact that elections have consistently been called before midnight, and usually before 10pm. We have worked with communities to make the process quicker, and are pleased that the City of Manchester has implemented electronic poll books for the upcoming municipal elections and will be fully implemented by the time of the primary. (Rule 2.I.1.b)
 - c. The New Hampshire Democratic Party supported legislation (RSA 652:27) passed in 2022 that encouraged greater use of e-poll books by election officials which would expedite the processing of voters on election day. The New Hampshire Democratic Party supports legislation to repeal state law (SB 3) that passed in 2017 and contributes to lines and delays in same day registration. We are supportive of litigation to have this law overturned. (Rule 2.I.1.c)

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- d. In 2019, the New Hampshire Democratic Party successfully challenged a state law (HB 1264) passed in 2018, which added a modern-day poll tax significantly impacting seniors and young people (Rule 2.I.1.c). HB 1264 would have required every person who registers to vote in New Hampshire and who has a driver's license or car to obtain a New Hampshire driver's license and register their car in New Hampshire at significant expense. (Rule 2.I.1.d)
 - e. We prioritized elimination of problematic voter registration laws and are unaware of issues with ballots being cast in wrong precincts; therefore we have not prioritized the issue. (Rule 2.I.1.e)
 - f. New Hampshire RSA 652:16-d requires timely response to military and overseas voting. (Rule 2. I.1.f)
4. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, the New Hampshire Democratic Party supports efforts to make voter registration easier. (Rule 2.I.2)
- a. New Hampshire has same day voter registration, and legislation has been introduced (SB 70 & HB 463) in 2023 to make it easier for people to register to vote electronically. (Rule 2.I.2.a)
 - b. New Hampshire High School Democrats and other allied organizations have committed to educating and empowering students to register to vote early. A state constitutional amendment (CACR 5) was introduced in 2019 to allow 17 year olds to vote in the Presidential Primary if they turn 18 on General Election Day; the New Hampshire Democratic Party supported this legislation. (Rule 2.I.2.b)
 - c. The right to vote is automatically restored upon leaving incarceration; only imprisoned felons are prohibited from voting in New Hampshire, and no fees are required to vote. (Rule 2.I.2.c)
 - d. New Hampshire has same-day voter registration for all elections in the state, including the Presidential primary. (Rule 2.I.2.d)
5. In 2022, the State Party fought back against several efforts at voter suppression by Republicans. (Rule 2.J and Rule 2.J.1)
- a. New Hampshire Democratic Party Voter Protection staff worked with local Democratic committees to defeat 13 warrant articles that would have removed

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voting machines and forced communities to conduct hand counts for all elections.

- b. The State Party opposed legislation (SB 418) in 2022 that created for the first time in New Hampshire history an affidavit, or provisional, ballot system. This law creates an undue burden for election workers and threatens the ability to report results in a timely manner. The New Hampshire Democratic Party supports bi-partisan legislation (SB 156) and ongoing litigation to have the law overturned.
- c. New Hampshire Democrats successfully defeated proposed legislation in 2023 that would have prohibited independents from being able to do same-day party switching.

D. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings

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

Section II Presidential Candidates

A. Ballot Access

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

1. Submitting a Declaration of Candidacy and paying the \$1,000 filing fee with New Hampshire Secretary of State David Scanlan, State House, 107 N. Main Street, Concord, New Hampshire, 03301 during the filing period set by the Secretary of State - which has been set from October 11, 2023 to October 27, 2023 (Rules 1.A.7., 1.A.8., 15.A., 15.B., 15.D., & 15.E.). Presidential candidates who cannot afford the \$1,000 filing fee by reason of indigence may appeal to be on the ballot by submitting 10 primary petitions from each county of the state signed by registered voters of the party, according to RSA 655:48.
2. "Uncommitted" does not automatically appear on the ballot. Write-ins are allowed on the presidential preference primary ballot. (Rule 11.C, Rule 14.A, Rule 14.C, Rule 14.D, Rule 14.E, & Rule 15.H)

B. Other Requirements

1. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by December 4, 2023, who must be a registered Democrat. (*Rule 13.D.1*)
2. Each presidential candidate shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals established by this plan and is equally divided between men and women. (*Rule 6.I*)

Section III

Selection of Delegates and Alternates

A. District-Level Delegates and Alternates

1. New Hampshire is allocated 15 district-level delegates and 0 district-level alternates. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, & Appendix B) Each District shall have the same boundaries as the congressional districts. Alternates will be selected on an At-Large basis.
2. District-level delegates shall be elected by a pre-primary caucus to slate delegates followed by a presidential preference primary.

District-level delegates shall be elected by pre-primary caucus to slate delegates on a date set and timely noticed by the State Party Chair at least 17 days before the primary as set by the Secretary of State. The State Party Chair will announce the date and location of the pre-primary caucus within 14 days of the Secretary of State announcing the date of the presidential primary. Delegate Candidates shall be listed in alphabetical order on a printed ballot; the starting letter shall be drawn by the State Party Chair. Each person voting at a district-level pre-primary caucus shall sign a statement certifying that (i) the person will be qualified to vote on the date of the Presidential Primary Election and (ii) the person supports the presidential candidate whose district-level delegates are being chosen at the caucus. If a presidential candidate qualifies to receive more delegates than were elected at the pre-primary caucus, there will be a post-primary caucus to elect those delegates. That post-primary caucus will take place on the same day as the election of the PLEO, At-Large and At-Large Alternate Delegates on April 27, 2024, with the same filing periods and presidential review deadlines. The procedural rules for this caucus will follow the rules outlined for the pre-primary caucuses.

3. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates

- a. New Hampshire's district-level delegates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the average of the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2016 and 2020 presidential elections and to Democratic Party registration or enrollment as of January 1st, 2024. The formula gives each District equal representation as well as equal weight to the average voter which is why this formula is used.
- b. The number of men and the number of women in the state's total number of district-level delegates will not vary by more than one. (Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9)
- c. The district-level delegates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following table, assuming no non-binary delegates:

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District	Delegates		
	Females	Males	Total
#1	3	4	7
#2	4	4	8
TOTAL	7	8	15

4. District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements

- a. A district-level delegate candidate may run for election only within the district in which they are registered to vote on the presidential primary Date. Candidates must be registered Democrats or commit to vote a Democratic ballot on Primary Day. (Rule 13.H)
- b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party by a date 15 days before the date of pre-primary caucuses. A delegate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. Forms for filing to be a pledged delegate will be available 30 days before the filing deadline on the State Party website. (Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.22)

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

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), no later than 14 days before the pre-primary caucus, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 13.D & Rule 13.F)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by no later than 12 days before the pre-primary caucus, a list of all such candidates they have approved,

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provided that approval be given to at least three (3) separate individuals for each position for delegate to be selected. (Rule 13.E.1, Reg. 4.23 & Reg. 4.24)

- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair no later than 5:00 p.m. on a date no later than 12 days before the pre-primary caucus.
 - d. National convention delegates candidates removed from the list of bonafide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 13.E & Reg. 4.23)
 - e. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan. (Rule 6.I & Reg.4.10.C)
6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
- a. Presidential Primary - Proportional Representation Plan (Rule 14.A, Rule 14.B & Rule 14.D). The State presidential primary election is a "binding" primary. Accordingly, delegate 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 preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates.
 - b. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold within a district, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner. (Rule 14.F)
7. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates
- a. To ensure the district-level gendered delegates are equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) the gender of the first binary delegate elected in each district will be designated. At the time of election of delegates in the district, the binary gender advantage will alternate as delegate positions are filled and the alternation shall continue across presidential preferences in order of vote-getting preference. In the case of non-

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binary delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, but do count towards the total delegate allotment. (Rule 6.C., Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10)

- b. If the presidential candidate is allocated one (1) delegate in the First Congressional District, that one (1) position will go to the first male receiving the highest number of votes. In the Second Congressional District, if a presidential candidate preference is allocated one (1) delegate in the Congressional District, that one (1) position will go to the first female receiving the highest number of votes. In the First Congressional District each voter will have up to 7 votes; they may not vote for more than 4 males and 3 females. In the Second Congressional District each voter will have up to 8 votes; they may not vote for more than 4 males or 4 females. In the case of non-binary delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender.
- c. If the presidential candidate is allocated two (2) delegates in the First Congressional District, one (1) position will go to the male receiving the highest number of votes and the other to the female receiving the highest number of votes. If a presidential candidate is allocated two (2) delegates in the Second Congressional District, one position will go to the female receiving the highest number of votes and the other to the male receiving the highest number of votes. In the case of non-binary delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender.
- d. If the presidential candidate is allocated three (3) delegates in the first congressional district, one (1) position will go to the male receiving the highest number of votes, another to the female receiving the highest number of votes, and the third to the next male receiving the highest number of votes. If a presidential candidate is allocated three (3) delegates in the Second Congressional District, one (1) position will go to the female receiving the highest number of votes, another to the male receiving the highest number of votes, and the third to the next female receiving the highest number of votes. In the case of non-binary delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender.
- e. If the presidential candidate is allocated four (4) delegates in the First Congressional District or the Second Congressional District, two (2) positions will go to the two (2) males receiving the highest number of votes and two (2) positions will go to the two (2) females receiving the highest number of votes. In the case of non-binary delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender.

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- f. If the presidential candidate is allocated five (5) delegates in the First Congressional District, three (3) positions will go to the three (3) males receiving the highest number of votes and two (2) positions will go to the two (2) females receiving the highest number of votes. If a presidential candidate is allocated five (5) delegates in the Second Congressional District, three (3) positions will go to the three (3) females receiving the highest number of votes and two (2) positions will go to the two (2) males receiving the highest number of votes. In the case of non-binary delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender.
 - g. If the presidential candidate is allocated six (6) delegates in the First Congressional District or the Second Congressional District, three (3) positions will go to the three (3) males receiving the highest number of votes and three (3) positions will go to the three (3) females receiving the highest number of votes. In the case of non-binary delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender.
 - h. If the presidential candidate is allocated seven (7) delegates in the First Congressional District, four (4) positions will go to the four (4) males receiving the highest number of votes and three (3) positions will go to the three (3) females receiving the highest number of votes. In the Second Congressional District, four (4) positions will go to the four (4) females receiving the highest number of votes and three (3) positions will go to the three (3) males receiving the highest number of votes. In the case of non-binary delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender.
 - i. If the presidential candidate is allocated eight (8) delegates in the Second Congressional District, four (4) positions will go to the four (4) females receiving the highest number of votes and four (4) positions will go to the four (4) males receiving the highest number of votes. In the case of non-binary delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender.
8. The New Hampshire Secretary of State shall certify the election results within three (3) days of the presidential preference primary. The State Party Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the election of the state's district-level delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)

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B. Automatic Delegates

1. Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials
 - a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
 - (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; (Rule 9.A.1, Call I.F, Call I.J, & Reg. 4.15)
 - (2) Democratic President and Democratic Vice President (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.2 & Call I.G)
 - (3) All of State’s Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; (Rule 9.A.3, Call I.H & Call I.J)
 - (4) The Democratic Governor (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H & Call I.J)
 - (5) “Distinguished Party Leader” delegates who legally reside in the state (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.5, Call I.G & Reg. 4.14)
 - b. An automatic delegate may run and be elected as a pledged delegate. If an automatic delegate is elected and certified as a pledged delegate, that individual shall not serve as an Automatic delegate at the 2024 National Convention. (Call I.J)
 - c. The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
 - (1) No later than March 6, 2024, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the Automatic delegates who legally reside in State. (Rule 9.A)
 - (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the Automatic delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call IV.B.1)
 - (3) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of state’s Automatic delegates 10 days after the completion of the State’s Delegate Selection Process. (Call IV.C)
2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women and alternate men and alternate women within the state’s entire convention delegation (determined by gender self-identification), the entire delegation includes all pledged and automatic delegates, including those who identify as male or female. (Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)

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

1. New Hampshire is allotted three (3) pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (Call I.D, Call I.E & Appendix B)
2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
 - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. Automatic delegates who choose to run for PLEO delegate will be given equal consideration with big city mayors and state-wide elected officials. (Rule 10.A.1 & Reg. 4.16)
 - b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by filing a Statement of Candidacy with the State Party office at 105 N. State Street, Concord, NH 03301, between April 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. and April 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The statement of candidacy will designate a singular presidential preference which can be updated prior to the filing deadline. (Rule 15.G, Reg.4.18 & Reg. 4.17)
 - c. If persons eligible for pledged PLEO delegate positions have not already made known their presidential preference as candidates for district-level or at-large delegate positions, their preference shall be ascertained through the following alternative procedure: submitting a signed pledge of support to the State Party simultaneously with the Statement of Candidacy. (Rule 10.A.3 & Re. 4.17)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), no later than April 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 13.D)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by April 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., a list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least one (1) name for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.24)
 - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or

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the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair no later than April 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. (Rule 13.D)

- d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee 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 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. (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 10:00 am on April 27, 2024 at 105 N. State Street, Concord, NH 03301, (or a location to be announced no later than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting, which is after the election of district-level delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. The pledged PLEO delegates will be elected by signed open ballot and by majority vote. The State Chair or the State Chair's designee shall chair the meeting at which the pledged PLEO delegates will be elected. (Rule 10.A)
 - c. These delegates will only be voted upon by a quorum of the district-level delegates pledged to that candidate. (Rule 10.B)
 5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (Call IV.A & Reg. 5.4.A)

D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. The state of New Hampshire is allotted five (5) at-large delegates and two (2) at-large alternates. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.32)
2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
 - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates with the State Party between April 15, 2024, and April 19, 2024. A delegate or alternate candidate

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may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (Rule 13.A., Rule 13.B, Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.21, Reg. 4.22, & Reg. 4.29)

- b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by a committee consisting of district-level delegates supporting that candidate, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (Rule 19.A)

- c. Upon a delegate's or alternate's selection at one level, any statement of candidacy by that individual for another level is nullified and that individual is ineligible to be considered for election at another level. (Reg. 4.29)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), no later than April 20, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., a list of all persons who filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 13.D, Reg. 4.23.D & Reg. 4.29.C)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, by April 22, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, one (1) name remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 13.D.4, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.24)
- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair no later than April 22, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
- d. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must attend the meeting where PLEO and at-large delegates and alternates are selected at 10:00 am on April 27, 2024, at 105 N. State Street, Concord, NH 03301. Each candidate or their representative will have another opportunity to exercise their right of refusal after the election of PLEO delegates and before the election of at-large delegates and alternates. An additional opportunity will exist for candidates or their authorized representative after the election of at-large delegates and before the election of at-large alternates.
- 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 at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach

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and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in this Section.

4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
 - a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the state-wide primary vote. (Rule 11.C)
 - b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (Rule 14.E)
 - c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner. (Rule 14.F)
 - d. If a presidential candidate otherwise entitled to an allocation is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, their allocation will be proportionally divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 11.C)
 - e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one (1) or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one (1) at-large alternate position. (Rule 19.B, Call I.I & Reg. 4.31)

5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates
 - a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur at 10:00 am on April 27, 2024, at 105 N. State Street, Concord, NH 03301, (or a location to be announced no later than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting date), which is after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. (Call III)
 - b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the district-level delegates supporting that candidate. (Rule 10.B)
 - c. The election procedure of at-large delegates and alternates shall be as follows:
 - (i) the State Democratic Chair shall present the Committee with a list of individuals who have filed for at-large delegate or alternate and who have been approved by the presidential candidate(s) or the candidate's authorized representative;
 - (ii) the State Democratic Chair shall advise the Committee as to the allocation among presidential preferences according to the statewide primary vote (as may be re-allocated pursuant to paragraph 4(c) below);
 - (iii) the State Democratic Chair shall advise the Committee as to the priority of

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consideration required by Paragraph 5(d), below; (iv) the Committee shall vote to select the at-large delegate and alternates; the vote shall be divided as necessary to comply with the equal division rules, so that separate votes shall be held for female at-large and male at-large delegates and alternates. Non-binary candidates for delegate or alternate 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) In order to ensure that at-large alternates represent the state as a whole, rather than any one geographic area, no more than one alternate shall be elected from any one congressional district, unless necessary to meet the state's affirmative action goals. One alternate shall be male, and one alternate shall be female.

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

E. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates

1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:
 - a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 19.D.3)
 - (1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the National Convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
 - (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference and gender of the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
 - (a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
 - (b) If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of a different gender, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 19.D.2, the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of a different gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (Reg. 4.34)
 - (3) If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not certified to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies, or is no longer eligible to serve, they shall be replaced, after consultation with the State Party, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged. (Rule 19.D.2)
 - b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 19.D.4)
 - (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.
 - (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference 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.

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- c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: The alternate who receives the highest number of votes becomes the delegate. (Rule 19.D.1)

 - d. Certification of Replacements
 - (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. (Rule 19.D.3)

 - (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the State's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the DNC within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (Call IV.D.1)

 - (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. (Call IV.D.1 & Reg. 4.33)

 - (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before the 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 a 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, of the same gender or be non-binary and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. (Rule 19.E)
2. Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (Call IV.D.2 & Reg. 4.35)
- a. Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. (Call IV.D.2.a)

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- b. Members of the DNC shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2024 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of Automatic delegates. (Call, IV.D.2.b)

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

B. Standing Committee Members

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of all New Hampshire's National Convention delegates, including district, at-large, PLEO, and automatic delegates, at a meeting to be held on April 27, 2024. (Call VII.B.1)
 - b. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. (Call VII.B.1)
2. Allocation of Members
 - a. The members of the standing committees allocated to New Hampshire 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 New Hampshire. 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)

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- c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. (Call VII.C.3)
 - d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three (3) standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. (Call VII.C.4)
 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. (Call VII.D.1)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by April 26, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., a minimum of (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members from among names submitted by the presidential candidates at its meeting on April 27, 2024. 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 New Hampshire'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.I & Reg. 4.10)
 - b. The first binary gender position on each standing committee shall be assigned by binary gender as self-identified. The selection of committee members will take place in the order of Credentials, Platform, and Rules.
 - (1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.

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

5. Certification and Substitution

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. (Call VII.B.3)
- b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected but no 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

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

B. Delegation Chair

1. Selection Meeting

- a. The Delegation Chair will be selected by quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates at a meeting to be held on April 27, 2024. The State Party Chair is automatically a nominee for the position of Delegation Chair. (Call IV.E & Call VII.B.1)
- b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. (Rule 3.C)

2. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. (Call IV.E)

C. Convention Pages

1. Three (3) individuals will be selected to serve as State's Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place April 27, 2024. (Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7)
2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion guidelines in the state plan. In the case of gender non-binary pages, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the pages shall be equally divided. In order to encourage participation by youth, Preference shall be given by the State Democratic Chair to individuals under the age of 20. (Reg. 5.7.A)
3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as New Hampshire's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the DNC within three (3) days after the selection or by the date the standing committee members are certified, whichever comes sooner. (Call IV.F.3 & Reg. 5.7.B)

Section VI

Presidential Electors

A. Introduction

New Hampshire will select four (4) persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2024 Presidential election.

B. Selection of Presidential Electors

The Presidential Electors shall be nominated by the State Party Chair to be ratified by the State Party Convention, which shall be made up of state committee members and convention delegates, as required under New Hampshire law, RSA 655:54, and to be held no later than June 30th, 2024, depending on securing a location suitable to hold the convention,. The chosen electors shall be provided to the New Hampshire Secretary of State upon certification of results by the Chair of the Democratic State Party State law does not require electors to vote for the parties nominee.

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 Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States: (Call VIII)
 - a. The State Party will verify electors are registered members of the Democratic Party, and will require them to certify under oath.
 - b. If a situation occurs where an elector can no longer serve due to death or removal, the State Party Executive Committee is empowered to replace the elector by a majority vote, according to NH RSA 667:21.

Section VII

General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

- A. The State Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the “six basic elements” 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 New Hampshire 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 New Hampshire 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 New Hampshire on all levels should be publicized fully and in such a manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. (Rule 4.B.3)
 4. The Democratic Party in New Hampshire, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.4)
 5. The Democratic Party in New Hampshire should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of the State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. As part of this, the State Democratic Party should develop a strategy to provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. (Rule 4.B.5)
 6. The Democratic Party in New Hampshire should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and

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

7. Proxy voting shall not be permitted at any level of the Delegate Selection Process, excluding election of Delegation Chair, Pages, and the officers of the New Hampshire Democratic Party.
- B. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B)
 - C. New Hampshire’s delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, such that the number of men and women shall not vary by more than one. Such a 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 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 status at all levels which determine presidential preference. (Rule 13.A)
 - E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person’s presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. (Rule 13.I)
 - F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. (Rule 13.J)
 - G. Each delegate, alternate, and standing committee member must be a bona fide Democrat, including being registered as a Democrat in states that permit Democratic Party registration, who is faithful to the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribes to the substance, intent, and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. (Rule 13.H, Call VII.A.4 & Reg. 4.25)
 - H. No less than 40% of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. (Rule 16)
 - I. An accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having established credentials, may register a non-transferable proxy with (i.e., deliver a signed

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proxy to) another duly accredited participant at that meeting (except where an accredited alternate is present and eligible to serve as a replacement), provided that no individual may hold more than one (1) proxy at a time. (Rule 17 & Reg. 4.30)

- J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Rule 18.A)
- K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. (Rule 18.B)
- L. All steps in the delegate selection process, except the filing of presidential candidates as allowed by rule 15.D, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs or as otherwise allowed. (Rule 1.F & Rule 12.B)
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention, the State Democratic Party hereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in New Hampshire, a full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action and outreach and inclusion plans toward that end; that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention; and that the delegates certified will not publicly support nor 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 ensure 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 New Hampshire. (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 New Hampshire 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, New Hampshire has developed Party outreach programs. Such programs include recruitment, education, and training in order to achieve full participation by such groups and diversity in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs for 2024. (Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.8)
- e. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the New Hampshire Democratic Party adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, women, disabled Americans, LGBTQ+ Americans, seniors, and youth. (Rule 6.A. & 7)

(1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the two Democratic electorates. (Rule 6.A.1) The Affirmative Action Committee established a goal of at least two male and female delegate candidates from each of the historically under-represented groups in each presidential candidate's pre-primary district-level caucus. The Committee also established an overall affirmative action goal that twelve of the total of thirty-four members of the New

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Hampshire Delegation (which includes thirty two delegates, two alternate delegates, and three standing committee members) should be from the historically under-represented groups.

(2) This goal shall not be accomplished either directly nor 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)

- f. Youth is defined as any participant 36 years old and younger.
- g. For the delegate selection process, individuals identifying as Native Americans should provide their tribal affiliation and indicate if they are enrolled in a tribe.

2. Organizational Structure

- a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair on March 1, 2023. The Chair may appoint a new committee or use a previously organized body appointed by the State Democratic Chair. (Rule 6.F)
- b. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State's Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and contact information of the members no later than 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.J)
- c. The Committee shall consist of members who are regionally diverse and represent the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. The Committee may be expanded at any time by the State Democratic Chair to further the effectiveness of the Committee's work.
- d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
 - (1) Helping develop and design the proposed Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair. (Rule 6.F)
 - (2) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.
 - (3) Implementing a specific outreach and financial assistance program for persons of low and moderate income to encourage their participation and representation in the national convention delegation. (Rule 6.G)

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- (4) Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and Women. (Rule 6.E)
 - (5) Working with the State Chair and Party staff on the site selection and balloting process of the pre-primary district-level caucuses and the April 27, 2024, delegate selection meeting.
 - e. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making the State Party staff and volunteers available on a priority basis and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.
3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program shall begin on September 9, 2023, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. (Rule 1.F)

B. Representation Goals

1. In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the state's Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state's convention delegation. (Rule 6.A)
2. In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state's Democratic electorate. The State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state's convention delegation. (Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8.C.iii)
3. Recognizing that (a) members of the non-caucasian and other historically underrepresented communities trend towards the Democratic Party; (b) Independents may elect to register as Democrats to vote in New Hampshire presidential preference primary; and (c) the State Party's expectation is that more Independents shall vote in the Democratic presidential preference, and based on the demographic information provided by the Democratic National Committee, the estimated numbers are:

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	Black/ African American	Hispanics	Indigenous	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ+ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
Percent in Democratic Electorate	2%	5%	0%	2%	8%	15%	30%
Numeric Goals for Delegates	2	2	0	2	5	6	11

4. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and automatic) shall be compared with the State Party’s representation goals to achieve an at-large selection process that helps bring about a representative balance. (Rule 11.A)
5. Although the selection of the at-large delegation may be used to fulfill the affirmative action goals established by this Plan, the State Party will conduct outreach and inclusion activities such as recruitment, education, and training at all levels of the delegate selection process. (Rule 6.A.3)

C. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process

1. Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in September 2023. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate and alternate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. 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 composed of individuals who are fully familiar with the process and will be available to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information concerning the process.
3. The State Party’s education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party’s constituencies and ensuring that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.
4. The State Party will publish, and make available at no cost, a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan

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and Outreach and Inclusion Program, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the State Party and Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts no later than July 1, 2023. (Rule 1.H)

5. Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded. (Rule 2.A)
6. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated voters and new voters to register or enroll by providing simple procedures through which they may do so and to eliminate excessive waiting periods for voters who wish to register or change their party enrollment status. (Rule 2.C)
7. The Affirmative Action Committee will develop a State Party strategy to be implemented beginning September 9, 2023, that will provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for voter registration and deadlines for changing party affiliation, or who are unaware of the process for running for delegate, so that 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 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.

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- 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 post-primary caucuses and the presidential preference primary shall be effectively publicized to encourage the participation of minority groups. Parties will make a good faith effort to publicize this information in an accessible manner and multilingually where necessary. (Rule 6.D)
4. No later than September 9, 2023, the State Party will make information about the delegate selection process available on its website and will publicize the resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:
- a. Materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;
 - b. A summary explaining the role of the 2024 Convention in nominating the Party's Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;
 - c. A summary of the State Party's delegate selection process including all pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process;
 - d. A map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district, along with filing forms or information on how to obtain the filing forms.

E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the State Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, including, but not limited to, appointing an affirmative action outreach coordinator for the purpose of identifying and recruiting delegate candidates from non-Caucasian and other historically underrepresented groups.(Rule 6.H)
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by October 17, 2023, which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in New Hampshire's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may

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- 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 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 in order 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) On or before December 5th, 2023, each presidential candidate's affirmative action outreach coordinator shall provide the State Party Chair and Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee with a written statement of the steps taken by the presidential candidate to try to achieve affirmative action goals and equal division at the district level.

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. All meetings, trainings, or caucuses held by the State Democratic Party, Affirmative Action Committee and Presidential Campaigns regarding any aspect of the delegate selection process will be held in easily accessible locations or virtually for people with disabilities and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. In accordance with NH law, any blind individual may

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- select any other individual to accompany them and cast their ballot for them in pre-primary caucuses. Each Presidential Candidate will make their best effort to secure and provide for an ASL interpreter at both of their pre-primary caucuses.
4. In addition to the education, publicity, and other steps described above, the State Party will charge the Affirmative Action Committee to create a proactive detailed constituency outreach, inclusion, and education program for each of the following constituencies: women, African Americans, Latinx/Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, LGBTQ+ Americans, people with disabilities, youth, seniors, to heighten awareness about the delegate selection process for these groups and the Democratic Party's desire for them to fully participate. Those individualized plans will be attached to the Plan.

Section IX Challenges

A. Jurisdiction & Standing

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2024 Democratic National Convention (Reg. Sec. 3)*, and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2024 Democratic National Convention.” (Call Appendix A)
2. Under Rule 21.B. of the *2024 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation, and violation of State Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (Rule 21.B & Call Appendix A)
3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2024 Democratic National Convention. (Call Appendix A & Reg. 3.1)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2024 Democratic National Convention.” (Call Appendix A)
5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the *Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention*. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (Call VII.B.5)
6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (Appendix A), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of 15 Democrats with standing to challenge, as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (Appendix A, Sec. 2.A), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

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

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1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that State shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee no later than thirty 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 fifteen (15) calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (Reg. 3.4.B)
3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the 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 no later than fifteen (15) days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has twenty-one (21) days to render a decision. Within ten (10) days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above 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 the Plan, except that such challenges must be filed no later than thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.4.C)

4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

**Section X
Summary of Plan**

A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

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

The “first determining step” of New Hampshire’s delegate selection process will occur with a presidential preference primary on January 23, 2024, the date selected by the New Hampshire Secretary of State in accordance with New Hampshire RSA 653:9.

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	15	0	At Least 17 days before the Primary as set by the NH SOS	Selecting Body: District-Level Caucuses
				Deadline for Filing: 15 days before the district-level caucus
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	10	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2024 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	3	n/a	April 27, 2024	Selecting Body: By Committee of a quorum of district-level delegates pledged to that candidate
				Deadline Period: 4/15/24-4/19/24
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	5	2	April 27, 2024 April 27, 2024	Selecting Body: By Committee of a quorum of district-level delegates
				Deadline Period: 4/15/24-4/19/24
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	33	2		

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

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

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

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Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	April 27, 2024	April 26, 2024

C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on April 27, 2024.

Three (3) Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on April 27, 2024.

D. Selection of Presidential Electors

Four (4) Presidential Electors will be selected by the State Convention Delegates at the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic Party State Convention on a date not yet selected due to the logistical inability to reserve space at this time.

E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

Presidential candidates must file with the New Hampshire Secretary of State between October 11 and October 27th, 2023 and pay a filing fee of \$1,000.

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representatives to the State Democratic Chair by September 18, 2023.

F. Timetable

Date	Activity
2023	
March 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair and submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
March 15	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
March 20	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 19	Period for public comment period on State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
April 20	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.

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May 1	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 9	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, are sent to all state media.
September 18	Deadline for presidential candidates certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
October 17	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process.
October 11 - October 27	Deadline for presidential candidates to file the petition of candidacy with the Secretary of State.
December 5	Presidential candidates provide written statements of steps taken to achieve the Affirmative Action Committee goals and equal division at the district level to the Affirmative Action Committee Chair and State Chair.
2024	
(4 days before Filing Period Closes)	District-level Delegate Candidate Filing Period Opens.
TBD (15 days before Pre-Primary Caucuses)	District-level Delegate Candidate Filing Period Closes.
TBD (14 days before Pre-Primary Caucuses)	State Party provides list of District-Level Delegate Candidates to respective presidential candidates.
TBD (12 days before Pre-Primary Caucuses)	Presidential candidates provide a list of approved district-level delegate candidates to the State Party.
TBD (4 days before Pre-Primary Caucuses)	State Chair notifies RBC if Presidential Candidates used best efforts to ensure that District-Level Delegate Candidates meet Affirmative Action Committee goals.
TBD (17 Days before Primary)	Pre-Primary Congressional District Caucuses Slate District-Level Delegate Candidates.
January 23, 2024	Presidential Preference Primary (Date subject to change by SOS).
TBD (3 days after Primary)	Secretary of State certifies results of primary; pre-slated district-level delegates are allocated according to presidential preference.
TBD (10 days after Secretary of State Certifies Results of Primary)	State Chair certify in writing the District-Level Delegates to the DNC.

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February 17	New Hampshire Democratic Party notices location of District-Level Delegates caucus on 4/27.
April 15	Filing period for PLEO, At-Large Delegates, and At-Large Alternates Opens.
April 19	Filing period for PLEO, At-Large Delegates, and At-Large Alternates Closes.
April 20	State Chair notifies Presidential Candidates of filed candidates for PLEO, At-Large Delegates, and At-Large Alternates.
April 22	Presidential Candidates give list of approved candidates for PLEO, At-Large Delegates and At-Large Alternates.
April 26	Presidential Candidates provide list of approved candidates for Standing Committees.
April 27	District-Level Delegates Caucus. PLEO Delegates Selected, then At-Large Delegates, then At-Large Alternates then Standing Committee Members. Delegation Chair seated. Convention Pages selected.
April 30	State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates along with standing committee members, delegation chair and convention pages. State Chair certifies to Rules and Bylaws Committee whether presidential candidates used best efforts to meet Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion goals detailed in the Plan.
May 7	State Chair certifies to Secretary of DNC the presidential preference of the District-Level, PLEO, At-Large and Alternate Delegates.
Prior to June 30th, 2024	NHDP State Convention where electors will be selected

Attachments

A. Affirmative Action Committee

1. List of Affirmative Action Committee Members

Chair: Hon. Josh Query (LGBTQ, Non-Binary, Youth)

Members

- Stephanie Alicea (African American, Woman, Rural)
- Shanika Amarakoon (AAPI, Woman)
- Jordan Applewhite (LGBTQ, Non-Binary, Youth, Rural)
- Peter Argeropoulous (Young, Ethnic)
- Rep. Luz Bay (Woman, AAPI)
- Rep. Gerri Cannon (LGBTQ, Woman, Senior, Person with Disability)
- Carlos Cardona (LGBTQ, Latino, Indigenous, Youth, Rural)
- Suzy Colt (LGBTQ, Woman, Rural)
- Hon. Manny Espitia (Latino, Youth)
- Rep. Shawn Filiault (LGBTQ)
- Hon. Sue Ford (Woman, Senior, Rural)
- Cathleen Fountain (Woman, Senior, Rural, Person with Disability)
- Sebastian Fuentes (Latino, Young)
- Ald. Shoshanna Kelly (African American, Young, Woman)
- Anne Ketterer (Woman)
- Sen. Melanie Levesque (African American, Woman, Rural)
- Sumathi Madhure (AAPI, Woman)
- Rep. Ben Ming (AAPI, Young, Rural)
- Hon. Sue Mullen (LGBTQ, Woman, Senior)
- Rep. Allesandra Murray (LGBTQ, Non-Binary, Latino, Young)
- Stephanie Payeur (Woman)
- Hunter Porter (Young)
- Hon. Julie Radhakrishnan (AAPI, Woman, Senior, Rural)
- Sheriff Eli Rivera (Latino, Rural)
- Rep. James Roesener (LGBTQ, Young)
- Samay Sahu (AAPI, Young)
- Rep. Kris Schutlz (Woman, Person with Disability)
- Rep. Linda Tanner (LGBTQ, Woman, Senior, Rural)
- Shideko Terai (Woman, AAPI, Senior, Rural)
- Jim Tetrault (LGBTQ, Rural)
- Gloria Timmons (African American)
- Alejandro Urrutia (Latino, Senior, Rural)

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2. Statement from the State Chair confirming that the composition of the State Affirmative Action Committee complies with Rules 5.C, 6.A, and 7



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Raymond Buckley, Chair

March 1, 2023

Dear Chairs Moore and Roosevelt,

The New Hampshire Democratic Party has long held the belief that our party is only strong when the more voices are included, especially those voices that have been silenced far too long by our society. It is why we have strived to create opportunities for diverse and underrepresented communities throughout our party, which shows in our leaders across the state:

- 50% of elected Democratic County Sheriffs are BIPOC
- The New Hampshire Democratic Party Officers include representation from the African-American, AAPI, and LGBTQ+ Communities. Of the officers, 60% are women.
- The New Hampshire Democratic Party Executive Committee is 42% BIPOC or LGBTQ+.
- The New Hampshire Democratic Party State Committee is 51% women, 20% BIPOC or LGBTQ+, 20% young Democrats, and 3% persons with disabilities.
- Of the New Hampshire Democratic Party's 192 Town Chairs, 122 of them are women.
- Three of the four members of our federal delegation are women
- New Hampshire has one of the highest numbers of LGBTQ+ elected officials in the country, including one member of our federal delegation, and has more transgender elected officials than any other state.

In 2020, we sent our most diverse delegation ever to the national convention, and once again, more than half our delegation were new members. Our national delegation has always been one of the ways we build leadership in the state, and our goal is to send an even more diverse delegation to the National Convention in 2024.

Our Affirmative Action Committee brings together leaders from all corners of the state representing the growing diversity of New Hampshire. I am confident that the work of our Affirmative Action Committee will ensure that our delegation represents the changing face of the Granite State. I can assure you that our Affirmative Action Committee complies with Rule 5.C, 6.A, and 7 of the 2024 Delegate Selection Rules.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Raymond C. Buckley II in black ink.

Raymond C. Buckley, II
Chair

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B. Documentation

1. **A Summary** of the process for selecting delegates, alternates, standing committee members, the delegation chair and convention pages, along with related deadlines, can be found in Section X of this plan. (Reg. 2.2.A)
2. **A Timetable** reflecting all significant dates in New Hampshire's Delegate Selection Plan can be found in Section X of this plan. (Reg. 2.2.B)
3. **Copy of the press release** distributed by the State Party Committee announcing its adoption of the Plan and summarizing the major components of the Plan. (Reg. 2.2.D.) (See Release attached as Exhibit A)
4. **Statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying the Plan** as submitted to the RBC was available for public comment for 30 days, a press release was sent at the time announcing the 30 day public comment period, and that the plan was approved by the State Party Committee. (Reg. 2.2.C; Reg. 2.2.E, and Reg. 2.2.F) (See Statement attached as Exhibit B)
5. **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. (Reg. 2.2.H) (See Statement attached as Exhibit C)
6. **Copies of all written public comments on the Plan.** (Reg. 2.2.F.) (See Comments attached as Exhibit D)
7. **A blank copy of forms to be filed with the state or the State Party by delegate candidates.** (Reg. 2.2.G) (See Forms attached as Exhibit E)
8. **Copies of all state statutes reasonably related to the Delegate Selection Process.** (See Copies attached hereto as Exhibit F)
9. **A copy of all qualifying forms to be filed with the state or the State Party by presidential candidates.** (Reg. 2.2.J.) (See Copy attached as Exhibit H)
10. Copy of the **State Delegate Selection Media Plan (See Exhibit I)**

**COPY OF PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING PLAN OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND RELEASE
ANNOUNCING FINAL APPROVAL OF PLAN**

Announcing Public Comment Period Open, March 20, 2023

NHDP Releases 2024 Delegate Selection Plan for Public Comment

CONCORD, NH — The New Hampshire Democratic Party has released their 2024 Delegate Selection Plan for public comment, as required by the rules of the Democratic National Committee. The plan complies with New Hampshire law establishing the first-in-the-nation primary, and outlines the NHDP’s process to select delegates to the Democratic National Convention next summer. It will be available for public comment for the next thirty days.

Granite Staters can review the plan and make public comments [here](#).

“New Hampshire Democrats have long taken pride in sending an active and diverse delegation to the Democratic National Convention,” said NHDP Chair Ray Buckley. **“In recent years more than half our delegation were first-time delegates, and in 2020 our delegation was the most diverse in our history. I encourage Granite State Democrats to read this plan and provide their feedback to ensure that we continue the tradition of selecting the strongest convention delegation in the country.”**

New Hampshire’s delegation to the Democratic National Convention includes thirty-three delegates and two alternates. Fifteen delegates will be selected at the district level following a pre-primary caucus that will be held at least seventeen days prior to the date of the New Hampshire primary. Three party leader delegates, five at-large delegates, and two alternates will be elected at a meeting of the New Hampshire delegation on April 27th, 2024. Additionally, New Hampshire has ten automatic delegates, including the NHDP Chair, Vice Chair, DNC members, and New Hampshire’s federal delegation.

The Delegate Selection Plan also outlines goals to include representation from New Hampshire’s growing diverse communities, and plans on how to educate Granite Staters on how to become a delegate.

“Our party succeeds when as many voices as possible are at the table. Tremendous work and care has gone into this plan, and we look forward to hearing from the Democrats across the state on possible changes to make it even better,” said Chairman Buckley.

The plan will be available for public comment for thirty days. The comments will then be reviewed by the state committee and approved before being sent to the DNC by May 3rd, 2023. The plan will then be reviewed by the DNC’s Rules and Bylaws Committee, which is expected to take place in June.

Plan Approval, April 20, 2023

NHDP State Committee Approves Delegate Selection Plan for Submission to the DNC

CONCORD, NH — The New Hampshire Democratic Party State Committee has approved the [2024 New Hampshire Delegate Selection Plan](#), following a thirty-day public comment period. The plan, which outlines the NHDP's process for selecting delegates to the Democratic National Convention next summer, will be submitted to the Democratic National Committee (DNC) by May 3rd, 2023, for review by the DNC's Rules and Bylaws Committee in June.

The [approved plan](#) complies with New Hampshire law establishing the first-in-the-nation primary and details the selection process for the state's thirty-three delegates and two alternates. Fifteen district-level delegates will be chosen at a pre-primary caucus at least seventeen days before the New Hampshire primary, while three party leader delegates, five at-large delegates, and two alternates will be elected at a meeting of the New Hampshire delegation on April 27th, 2024. New Hampshire's ten automatic delegates include the NHDP Chair, Vice Chair, DNC members, and the state's federal delegation.

The 2024 New Hampshire Delegate Selection Plan emphasizes strong representation across gender, sexual orientation, and race, and outlines goals to include members of New Hampshire's diverse communities. The plan also details strategies for educating Granite Staters on becoming delegates.

The DNC's Rules and Bylaws Committee is expected to review the plan in June.

In response to the plan's approval, NHDP Chair Ray Buckley released the following statement:

"New Hampshire Democrats have been a model for decades on how to select a diverse and active delegation to the national convention. In recent years, more than half our delegation has been first time convention delegates, and in 2020 we selected the most diverse delegation in our party's history.

"In 2024, we are committed to ensuring that our delegation reflects the rich diversity of our state, and that every voice has an opportunity to be heard. With the approval of this Delegate Selection Plan, we are one step closer to selecting the strongest convention delegation in the country."

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EXHIBIT B

STATEMENT FROM STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR



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Raymond Buckley, Chair

The undersigned, Ray Buckley, hereby certifies as follows:

On March 20, 2023, a copy of the draft New Hampshire 2024 Delegate Selection Plan was posted on the New Hampshire Democratic Party website. A copy of the Plan was either emailed to each member of the New Hampshire Democratic Party State Committee. (Reg. 2.2.E)

On April 21, 2023, a press release (a copy of which is attached hereto) was sent to the media outlets listed in Exhibit I to the affirmative action plan of the Delegate Selection Plan, announcing the posting of the Delegate Selection Plan on the New Hampshire Democratic Party website, announcing the commencement of the thirty day public comment period, and announcing that copies of the Plan were also available at the New Hampshire Democratic Party State Committee Office at 105 N. State St, Street, Concord, New Hampshire.

The period for public comment ended on April 19, 2023, thirty days after the commencement of the public comment period on March 20, 2023. (Reg. 2.2.F)

The plan was reviewed and approved by the State Committee on April 20, 2023. (Reg. 2.2.C)

Dated this 1st day of May, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond C. Buckley II".

Raymond C. Buckley II, Chair

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EXHIBIT C

STATEMENT FROM THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CHAIR



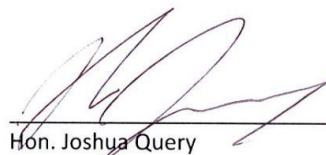
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Certification of compliance with Rule 6.F

I, Joshua Query, Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee of the New Hampshire Democratic Party State Committee, hereby certify that the Affirmative Action Committee has reviewed the proposed affirmative action outreach plan included within the Delegate Selection Plan at Section 7, in compliance with Rule 6.F of the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2023.



Hon. Joshua Query

EXHIBIT D

Public Comments on the 2024 New Hampshire Delegate Selection Plan

Michele Collins, Concord, NH

Your grey type face is difficult to read.

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EXHIBIT E

**Forms to be filed with the New Hampshire Democratic
Party State Committee by delegate and alternate candidates.**

**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR DELEGATE
TO THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION**

THE UNDERSIGNED, _____, of _____, New
Hampshire, hereby declares my candidacy for Democratic Party District-Level Delegate for the
_____ Congressional District.

I hereby pledge my support for _____, candidate for
President of the United States (the "Candidate"), and hereby pledge to cast my vote in all good
conscience to reflect the sentiments of those who elect me if I am selected as a delegate.

I further certify that I am a registered Democrat, qualified to vote in the State of New
Hampshire and the _____ Congressional District, or will be eligible
to vote in the 2024 General Election.

Dated:

**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR ALTERNATE DELEGATE
TO THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION**

THE UNDERSIGNED, _____, of _____, New
Hampshire, hereby declares my candidacy for Democratic Party District-Level Alternate
Delegate
for the _____ Congressional District.

I hereby pledge my support for, candidate for _____
President of the United States (the "Candidate"), and hereby pledge to cast my vote in all good
conscience to reflect the sentiments of those who elect me if I am selected as a delegate.

I further certify that I am a registered Democrat, qualified to vote in the State of New
Hampshire, and the _____ Congressional District, or will be eligible
to vote in the 2024 General Election.

Dated:

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**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
FOR PLEDGED PARTY LEADER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL DELEGATE**

THE UNDERSIGNED, _____, of _____, New Hampshire, hereby declares my candidacy for Democratic Party Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegate for the _____ Congressional District.

I hereby pledge my support for _____, candidate for President of the United States (the "Candidate"), and hereby pledge to cast my vote in all good conscience to reflect the sentiments of those who elect me if I am selected as a delegate.

I further certify that I am a registered Democrat, qualified to vote in the State of New Hampshire.

Dated:

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
FOR STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER
TO THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

THE UNDERSIGNED, _____, of _____, New Hampshire, hereby declares my candidacy for member of the _____ Committee to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

I hereby pledge my support for _____, candidate for President of the United States (the "Candidate"), and hereby pledge to cast my vote in all good conscience to reflect the sentiments of those who elect me if I am selected as a delegate.

I further certify that I am a registered Democrat, qualified to vote in the State of New Hampshire.

Dated:

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APPENDIX TO

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Please provide your contact information:

Name:

Sex (circle): Male Female

Phone Number (home):

Phone Number (work):

Phone Number (cell):

E-Mail Address:

In order to assist us in meeting our affirmative action goals, please check below if you are a member of any of the following communities:

- African American
- Hispanic
- Native American
- Asian/Pacific American
- Senior (65 and older)
- Youth (18-36)
- Disabled
- LGBT

Please list any elected offices (state, county or local) that you hold:

**COPIES OF ALL STATUTES REASONABLY RELATED
TO DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS**

653:9 Presidential Primary Election. – The presidential primary election shall be held on the second Tuesday in March or on a date selected by the secretary of state which is 7 days or more immediately preceding the date on which any other state shall hold a similar election, whichever is earlier, of each year when a president of the United States is to be elected or the year previous. Said primary shall be held in connection with the regular March town meeting or election or, if held on any other day, at a special election called by the secretary of state for that purpose. The purpose of this section is to protect the tradition of the New Hampshire first-in-the-nation presidential primary.

654:32 Hearings on Alterations to Party Registration. – Before each state or presidential primary election, the supervisors of the checklist shall be in session before each primary for the change of registration of legal voters as provided in RSA 654:34 or 654:34-a or both. Before the presidential primary, the session shall be on the Friday preceding the first day of the filing period, between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and at the discretion of the supervisors for extended hours. Before the state primary election, the session shall be on Tuesday before the first Wednesday in June between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and at the discretion of the supervisors for extended hours.

655:47 Declaration of Candidacy. –

I. The names of any persons to be voted upon as candidates for president at the presidential primary shall be printed on the ballots upon the filing of declarations of candidacy with the secretary of state in the following form and signed by the candidate:

I, _____, swear under penalties of perjury that I am qualified to be a candidate for president of the United States pursuant to article II, section 1, clause 4 of the United States Constitution, which states, "No person except a natural born citizen, or a citizen of the United States, at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that office who shall not have attained to the age of thirty-five years, and been fourteen years a resident within the United States." I further declare that I am domiciled in _____, in the city (or town or unincorporated place) of _____, county of _____, state of _____, that I am a registered member of the _____ party or that I am a recognized candidate for President in the party in which I desire to file; that I am a candidate for nomination for the office of president to be made at the primary election to be held on the ____ day of _____; and I hereby request that my name be printed on the official primary ballot of said _____ party as a candidate for such nomination.

II. Declarations of candidacy shall be filed between the first Monday in November and the third Friday in November, or during such other time period as the secretary of state shall announce.

III. The decision of the secretary of state as to the regularity of declarations of candidacy filed under this section shall be final.

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655:48 Filing Fees. –

I. No candidate for the office of president shall have his or her name placed on the ballot for the presidential primary unless the candidate shall pay to the secretary of state at the time of filing the declaration of candidacy a fee of \$1,000.

II. Any person otherwise qualified to run for president, who is unable to pay the filing fee as prescribed in paragraph I by reason of indigence may, after proving such indigence, have his or her name printed on the presidential primary ballot of any party by filing with the secretary of state 10 primary petitions from each county of the state signed by registered voters of the party, who are domiciled in New Hampshire, together with one written assent to candidacy pursuant to RSA 655:25. The primary petition shall be in substantially the following form: State of New Hampshire

I do hereby join in a petition for the printing on the presidential primary ballot of the name of _____ whose domicile is in the city (town) of _____ (street and number and ward if in a city) _____, in the county of _____, state of _____, for the office of president to be voted for on Tuesday, the _____ day of _____, 20____, and certify that I am qualified to vote for a candidate for said office, that I am a registered member of the _____ party, and am not at this time a signer of any other similar petition for any other candidate for the above office.

656:29 Preparation. – The official presidential primary election ballot for each political party shall be sent by the secretary of state so as to be received by the city and town clerks no later than the Tuesday immediately preceding the presidential primary. Each town and city clerk, in the presence of at least one other legal voter, shall verify the contents of the ballot package as provided under RSA 656:20 and reseal the ballots for use on election day.

656:30 General Form. – The presidential primary election ballot shall be as nearly as practicable in the same form as the state primary election ballot.

656:31 Form. – On the presidential primary election ballot of each political party, there shall be one column for the office of president. The column shall be headed "Candidate of the (insert name of party) Party for President of the United States." Underneath this heading there shall appear the words: "I hereby declare my preference for candidate for the office of President of the United States to be as follows." Below these words, there shall be printed "(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE)" followed by the name, town or city, and state of each candidate with boxes directly to the right. There shall always be one blank space on the ballot below the candidates' names to allow for writing in the name of a candidate.

656:32 Other Provisions. – The provisions of RSA 656:24-656:28 relating to state primary election ballots shall apply to presidential primary ballots.

656:34 Federal Offices Only Absentee Ballot. – Prior to any federal election, the secretary of state shall prepare, in such quantity as the secretary of state may deem necessary, federal offices only absentee ballots in paper and electronic form, similar in form to the official ballot to be used at said election. Said ballots shall have the words "federal offices only absentee ballot" on them and shall be endorsed and the paper version shall be printed on paper of the same

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color as that used for official ballots. Such ballots shall provide for voting absentee only for candidates seeking election to federal offices and for no other candidates.

658:26 Sample Ballots to be Posted. – The town or city clerk shall cause the sample ballots provided for in RSA 656:18 and 656:28 to be posted outside the guardrail in the polling place. For the general election, he shall cause 2 sample ballots to be posted. For the state and presidential primaries, he shall cause 2 sample ballots of each party to be posted. At least one sample ballot for the general election and one sample ballot of each party for each of the primaries shall be posted no higher than 48' so as to be convenient for those voters in wheelchairs.

658:28 Voter Instruction Cards to be Posted. – The secretary of state shall also prepare full instructions for the guidance of voters at such elections as to obtaining ballots, the manner of marking them, the method of gaining assistance and obtaining new ballots in place of those accidentally spoiled. He shall cause the same to be printed on separate cards to be called voter instruction cards and shall furnish a suitable number of the same to each town and ward clerk. Each town and ward clerk shall cause one voter instruction card to be posted in each voting booth and not less than 3 such cards to be posted immediately outside the guardrail in the polling place.

658:29 Statutes Posted. – The secretary of state shall prepare and distribute copies of the following RSA sections which the selectmen shall post or cause to be posted outside the guardrail in the polling place at all elections: RSA 654:7-a, RSA 654:7-b; RSA 659:13, RSA 659:13-b, RSA 659:27, RSA 659:30, RSA 659:31, RSA 659:32, RSA 659:34, RSA 659:35, RSA 659:37, RSA 659:38, RSA 659:40, RSA 659:41, RSA 659:103; RSA 666:4, RSA 666:5, RSA 666:8. In addition, the secretary of state shall include any other statutes or regulations that are required to be posted by state or federal law. The secretary of state may also include statutes or regulations that, in the secretary of state's judgment, would aid a voter in casting a vote or in contacting the appropriate official if the voter believes that his or her voting rights are being violated.

658:29-a Proof of Voter Identity Instructions to be Posted. – The secretary of state shall prepare a notice explaining to voters the photo identification requirement in RSA 659:13, including all the permissible methods for proving identity, and directing voters to the department of state's website or to the town or city clerk to obtain the explanatory document described in RSA 652:26, I, for additional information. Such notice shall also include the penalties as described in RSA 659:34. The governing body of each town or ward shall prominently display this notice for at least 14 days prior to each election held after the effective date of this section. The poster shall be placed outside the guardrail at each polling place at all elections.

658:30 Delivery of Ballots to Election Officers. – The city or town clerk shall deliver to the election officers before the opening of the polls on the day of the election the sealed packages of ballots in their possession together with filament tape or other similar tape with which to seal the ballots. Any city or town clerk who shall fail to deliver such material to the election officers as herein provided shall be guilty of a violation.

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658:31 Counting Ballots. – At or prior to the opening of the polls in each town or ward, the seal of the packages shall be publicly broken by the town or ward clerk; and the ballots shall be given to the ballot clerks and the ballots shall be examined and counted by the election officers in the presence of the clerk, the moderator, and at least one other legal voter. If the ballots are counted prior to the opening of the polls, the clerk shall post, in an appropriate place and prior to election day, notice of the time and place of the counting.

658:32 Moderator's Certificate. – The secretary of state shall prepare and distribute to each town or ward clerk 2 copies of the moderator's certificate. When the ballots are counted, the moderator shall certify thereon the total number of ballots received. One copy shall be retained by the moderator for his or her records; the other shall be certified by the clerk and forwarded to the secretary of state with the election returns pursuant to RSA 659:75.

658:33 Delivery of Ballots to Additional Polling Place. – Before the polls are opened at the central polling place on the day of an election, the town clerk shall seal up the 2 duplicate copies of the checklist for each additional polling place lodged with the clerk by the supervisors with the number of blank ballots determined by the moderator to be likely to be sufficient for the voters expected to vote at the additional polling place. If the moderator has authorized the counting of votes and thereby authorized the processing of absentee ballots at the additional polling place, the absentee ballots of those persons qualified to vote in that additional polling place shall be sealed up along with a list of those persons qualified to vote at that additional polling place to whom absentee ballots have been sent pursuant to RSA 657:15. This package shall be prepared and sealed in the presence of the moderator and selectmen and shall be delivered immediately to the assistant moderator of the additional polling place by 2 election officers designated by the moderator.

658:34 Pastors. – If pasters are to be used at the election and have been delivered to the town or city clerk, the clerk shall deliver the pasters to the moderator who shall cause them to be pasted in the proper place on each ballot before it is handed to the voter.

658:35 Unofficial Ballots. – If the official ballots have not been received at the polling place of any town or ward on the morning of election before the opening of the polls, it shall be the duty of the town or city clerk to cause unofficial ballots to be prepared, as far as possible, in form of the official ballots. Upon receipt of such unofficial ballots from a town or city clerk accompanied by a statement under oath that the same have been so prepared and that the official ballots have not been received, the moderator shall cause the unofficial ballots so substituted to be used in lieu of the official ballots.

659:14 Special Provisions for State and Presidential Primary Elections. –

I. A person desiring to vote at a state or presidential primary election shall, at the time of announcing the person's name, also announce the name of the party to which the person belongs or whether the person is registered as an undeclared voter. If the person's party membership has been registered before, the person shall be given only the ballot of the party with which the person is registered, unless the person desires to vote the ballot of a party not having official existence at the time the person's party membership was previously registered, in which case the person may vote the ballot of such a party in the state primary election

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immediately following the political organization's official existence as a party, and not in any subsequent state primary election. A person may also vote the ballot of such a party in the presidential primary election only if the presidential primary election precedes the state primary election to be held in that same year. If the rules of a party permit a person who is registered as an undeclared voter to vote in the party's primary, any person desiring to vote in that party's primary shall also announce the name of that party at the time of announcing the person's name. No person shall be permitted to vote in any more than one party primary during any primary election.

II. The secretary of state shall include on the voter instruction cards required by RSA 658:28 whether a party rule has been adopted which permits a person who is registered as an undeclared voter to vote in the party's primary. The party chairman shall notify the secretary of state in writing prior to the filing period for state offices whether the party has adopted such a rule. This rule shall not be changed or rescinded by a party until the results of the primary have been announced, and any change or rescission shall be mailed to the secretary of state by the party chairman.

659:69 Counting Votes on Different Party Ballots. – Votes cast for the same person for the same office on the ballots of different parties at any primary election shall not be added together but shall be credited to the party on whose ballot his name appears and the vote is cast.

659:92 Canvass; Publication. – When, for each political party having an official presidential primary election ballot, the secretary of state has received the returns for the office of president from all towns and wards in the state, he shall examine, record and total such returns, which shall be a matter of public record.

665:5 Ballot Law Commission Hearing Date. –

I. If necessary, the ballot law commission shall meet on the third Thursday of September in each general election year and the third Friday following the presidential primary election in order to hear and decide:

- (a) Written objections filed pursuant to RSA 665:6, I and II; and
- (b) Written appeals filed pursuant to RSA 665:8, I.

660:2 Fees Related to Recounts. –

I. If the difference between the vote cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected shall be less than one percent of the total votes cast in the towns which comprise the office to be recounted, the following fees shall apply:

- (a) Candidate for president, United States senator or governor, \$500.
- (b) Candidate for United States representative, \$250.
- (c) Candidate for executive councilor, \$100.
- (d) Candidate for state senator or county officer, \$50.
- (e) Candidate for state representative, \$10.

II. If the difference between the vote cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected shall be between one percent and 2 percent of the total votes cast in the towns which comprise the office to be recounted, the following fees shall apply:

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- (a) Candidate for president, United States senator or governor, \$1,000.
- (b) Candidate for United States representative, \$500.
- (c) Candidate for executive councilor, \$200.
- (d) Candidate for state senator or county officer, \$100.
- (e) Candidate for state representative, \$20.

III. If the difference between the vote cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected shall be between 2 percent and 3 percent of the total votes cast in the towns which comprise the office to be recounted, the following fees shall apply:

- (a) Candidate for president, United States senator or governor, \$2,000.
- (b) Candidate for United States representative, \$1,000.
- (c) Candidate for executive councilor, \$400.
- (d) Candidate for state senator or county officer, \$200.
- (e) Candidate for state representative, \$40.

IV. If the difference between the vote cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected shall be greater than 3 percent of the total votes cast in the towns which comprise the office to be recounted, the candidate shall pay the fees as provided in RSA 660:2, III and shall agree in writing with the secretary of state to pay any additional costs of the recount. The secretary of state may require that the applying candidate pay the estimated additional costs of the recount prior to commencing the recount.

664:1 Applicability of Chapter (Political Finance Law). – The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all state primary, general, and special elections, but shall only apply to presidential preference primaries as provided in this section. The provisions relating to political advertising, push polling, and enforcement, RSA 664:14 through RSA 664:22, shall additionally apply to presidential primary, city, town, school district, and village district elections.

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EXHIBIT H

**QUALIFYING FORMS TO BE FILED WITH
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**

Declaration of Candidacy forms are available from the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office. The Declaration must be filed with the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office during the filing period, which will begin on October 11, 2023, and will end on October 27, 2023. A filing fee of \$1,000.00 must also be paid. The information required on the Declaration is as follows:

I, _____, declare that I am domiciled in the City (or Town, or unincorporated place) of _____, State of _____, and meet the qualifications for the office for which I am a candidate; that I am a registered member of the _____ party; that I am a candidate for nomination of the office of _____ to be made at the primary election to be held on the _____ day of _____, 2024; and I hereby request that my name be printed on the official primary ballot of said _____ party as a candidate for such nomination.

Signature of Candidate:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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EXHIBIT I

The New Hampshire Democratic Party will send all materials related to the delegate selection process to the following outlets, as well as post on the State Party's website and social media outlets. Special emphasis will be given to media sources targeting constituency groups.

- **Major Daily Newspapers, Radio and Television Stations, and News Organizations**

- Union Leader
- Boston Globe
- Concord Monitor
- Foster's Daily Democrat
- Manchester Ink Link
- New Hampshire Bulletin
- In Depth NH
- Keene Sentinel
- Seacoast Online
- Nashua Telegraph
- Valley News
- Conway Daily Sun
- Berlin Daily Sun
- Laconia Daily Sun
- Hippo Press
- NH Magazine
- New Hampshire Business Review
- The Dartmouth (Dartmouth College)
- The New Hampshire (University of New Hampshire)
- Pierce Arrow (Franklin Pierce University)
- The Clock Online (Plymouth State)
- The Equinox (Keene State College)
- The Saint Anselm Crier (St. Anselm College)
- WMUR Channel 9
- WCAX
- NECN (NBC 10 Boston)
- WCVB (ABC 5 Boston)
- WBZ (CBS 4 Boston)
- WHDH (Channel 7 Boston)
- WZID 95.7 FM
- WGIR 610 AM
- Associated Press

- **Constituency and Specialty Media Outlets and Targeted Groups**

- NAACP Newsletter
- NH Stonewall Democrats
- Spirit Magazine

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- BLM Manchester / BLM Seacoast Newsletter
- [NH Women's Foundation Blog](#)
- [AAPI NH Democrats](#) Facebook group
- [Seacoast African American Cultural Center](#) (SAACC)
- [INDIA New England News](#)