

## **I. Quorum**

Twenty-five percent (25%) of all convention delegates voting on adopting the Proposed Rules for the 2021 Democratic Midterm Convention shall constitute a quorum.

## **II. Adoption of Rules**

### ***A. Voting***

1. The adoption of the Rules shall be by ballot. Ballots will be either emailed or mailed to delegates via USPS. Please indicate your choice for electronic or paper ballot by emailing [convention@nhdp.org](mailto:convention@nhdp.org). The default selection will be an electronic ballot if a delegate does not make a selection.
2. Voting shall begin after ballots are sent out on October 27, 2021, and close on November 10 at 5:00 PM. Only ballots received during that period will be counted. Ballots postmarked on November 10, 2021, but not received will not count.
3. Each delegate will receive an electronic copy of the proposed Rules in the Official Call of the Convention.
4. Ballots shall be returned either electronically to [rulescommittee@nhdp.org](mailto:rulescommittee@nhdp.org) or by paper ballot to NHDP 105 N. State St. Concord, NH 03301.

### ***B. Counting the Votes***

1. Ballots will be counted after voting closes at 5:00 PM on November 10 and will be recorded by video. The balloting results shall be announced at the Convention on November 13, 2021, and subsequently posted on the NHDP website. The video recording of the count shall be made available to all delegates at the time of the posting of results for those who request it. The ballots will be maintained at the NHDP office for two months or for two weeks after the office reopens to visitors after the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided.
2. The Rules Committee Chair shall moderate the counting of votes or shall appoint another to do the same.
3. Any delegate may challenge the counting of any vote by raising the issue with the State Chair within three (3) days of posting the results of the votes. Such challenger must request that a vote be deemed: (a) spoiled; (b) ineligible; (c) for the proposed Rules; or (d) against the proposed Rules. The State Chair shall promptly issue a final ruling with respect to the challenge.

### ***C. Voting Threshold***

1. The Proposed Rules must receive the support of at least 50% plus 1 of the delegates voting by ballot for adoption.
2. At least 25% of all Convention delegates must vote in order for the Rules to be deemed adopted.
3. If the adoption of the Proposed Rules fails to meet said thresholds, no further business shall be conducted, and the Convention shall be considered adjourned.

***D. Ballot Design***

1. Each delegate will have the opportunity to vote on the Rules as proposed as a whole by the Rules Committee.
2. The design of the ballot shall be reasonably consistent with the form sample ballot attached hereto.

***E. Authority of Rules***

To the extent such rules conflict with one another, the course and conduct of the Convention shall be governed by the following rules in descending order of authority: the adopted Rules of the Convention, the Constitution of the NH Democratic State Party, and Robert's Rules of Order.

**III. Adoption of the Constitutional Amendment**

***A. Voting***

1. The adoption of a constitutional amendment shall be by ballot. Ballots will be either emailed or mailed to delegates via USPS. Please indicate your choice for electronic or paper ballot by emailing [convention@nhdp.org](mailto:convention@nhdp.org). The default selection will be an electronic ballot if a delegate does not make a selection.
2. Voting shall begin after ballots are sent out on October 27, 2021, and close on November 10 at 5:00 PM. Only ballots received during that period will be counted. Ballots postmarked on November 10, 2021, but not received will not count.
3. Each delegate will receive an electronic copy of the proposed constitutional amendment in the Official Call of the Convention.
4. Ballots shall be returned either electronically to [rulescommittee@nhdp.org](mailto:rulescommittee@nhdp.org) or by paper ballot to NHDP 105 N. State St. Concord, NH 03301.

***B. Counting the Votes***

1. Ballots will be counted after voting closes at 5:00 PM on November 10 and will be recorded by video. The balloting results shall be announced at the Convention on November 13, 2021, and subsequently posted on the NHDP website. The video recording of the count shall be made available to all delegates at the time of the posting of results for those who request it. The ballots will be maintained at the NHDP office for two months or for two weeks after the office reopens to visitors after the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided.
2. The Rules Committee Chair shall moderate the counting of votes or shall appoint another to do the same.
3. Any delegate may challenge the counting of any vote by raising the issue with the State Chair within three (3) days of the posting of the results of the votes. Such challenger must request that a vote be deemed: (a) spoiled; (b) ineligible; (c) for the constitutional amendment; or (d) against the constitutional amendment. The State Chair shall promptly issue a final ruling with respect to the challenge.

***C. Voting Threshold***

1. The constitutional amendment must receive the support of at least 50% plus 1 of the delegates voting by ballot for passage.
2. At least 50% plus 1 of the delegates voting by ballot must vote in order for the constitutional amendment to be deemed passed.

***D. Ballot Design***

1. Each delegate will have the opportunity to vote on the constitutional amendment package as proposed as a whole by the Rules Committee.
2. The design of the ballot shall be reasonably consistent with the form sample ballot attached hereto.

***E. Electioneering***

1. The Rules Committee Chair, or their designee, shall have the opportunity to make a video, no longer than three (3) minutes in length, or provide a written statement describing the position of the Committee on the constitutional amendment. If there was a dissent by a member of the Committee, a Rules Committee member shall have the opportunity to make a video, no longer than three (3) minutes in length, or provide a written statement describing the dissenting opinion. Videos and written statements shall be posted by the NHDP State Chair or designee at least 24 hours before the opening of Convention voting.
2. The Rules Committee may hold a virtual forum with convention delegates during the two-week voting window beginning on October 27, 2021, and ending on November 10, 2021, to discuss the proposed constitutional amendments and answer questions from convention delegates.