

Amendment 9. To: Article XII, Section 6

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Replace Article XII, Section 6 with:

Section 6 – Convention Committees

There shall be established the following standing committees for each County, District, and State Convention:

- A. Arrangements Committee: This committee shall be responsible for all physical arrangements for the convention including the facility, equipment, parking, and arranging for the preparation of a Convention Call Booklet as outlined in Section 9 of this Article.
- B. Credentials Committee: Consistent with other requirements of this Constitution and in accordance with a Delegate Selection Plan, as applicable, this committee shall be responsible for the accreditation and certification of delegates and alternates to the appropriate level Convention. The Credentials Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that the duly elected Delegates are seated and provided appropriate materials to allow them to participate in convention activities, including an identifying nametag (credential) and matching ballots (in cooperation with the Rules Committee). The Credentials Committee is also charged with seating appropriate alternates in place of delegates who are unable to attend the convention, staffing the registration tables, and may assist in collecting delegate fees. The method of collecting the names and contact information for each duly elected delegate and alternate shall be detailed in the information provided by the staff of the Iowa Democratic Party.
 1. Registration of Delegates shall be open for at least one hour.
 2. The seating of Alternates shall not begin until the end of the Delegate Registration period.
 3. For County Conventions: In the absence of an applicable Delegate Selection Plan, the seating of alternates shall follow these guidelines:
 - i. The earliest arriving duly accredited alternate from the same precinct.
 - ii. The earliest arriving duly accredited alternate from a similar precinct (urban/rural).
 - iii. The earliest arriving duly accredited alternate from any precinct.
 4. For District and State Conventions: In the absence of an applicable Delegate Selection Plan, the seating of alternates shall follow these guidelines:
 - i. The earliest arriving duly accredited alternate from the same county
 - ii. The earliest arriving duly accredited alternate from a similar county

(urban/rural).

iii. The earliest arriving duly accredited alternate from any county

5. No alternate may be seated in place of a duly accredited delegate elected by a preference group that is of a different preference without the express written approval of a previously identified Preference Group Contact.

C. Platform Committee: The Platform Committees of the County, District, and State Convention may be continuing bodies that may act as organizing committees to advocate the enactment of their platforms. The State Central Committee shall be responsible for enactment of the provisions of the State Party Platform by:

1. Researching public statements, voting records, and performance of official duties of elected officials within their constituencies;
2. Developing proposals for legislative action in keeping with the Iowa Democratic Party Platform;
3. Giving guidance to the Democratic Party Leaders and to the Democratic Elected Officials regarding the Iowa Democratic Party's position on matters of legislative priority or public policy as set forth in the State Party Platform;
4. Making preliminary preparations for the next caucus/convention process of platform development. In these efforts, the State Central Committee shall work in close cooperation with Democratic elected officials. For purposes of Platform Committee reports, word limits shall not be changed between January 1 and June 30 in an election year (during the caucus to convention cycle). Any public hearing on the platform shall not be held on the same day as the convention.
5. Each convention shall adopt a platform consisting of a Statement of Issues. The Platform Committee may set its own rules for development of its report, including but not limited to rules governing debate during their committee meetings, the amendment, and adoption of platform planks to be included in their report to the Convention delegation. That Statement of Issues in the Platform Committee report shall consist of no more than 3000 words.
6. The Platform Committee of the State Convention shall, prior to the convening of the State Convention, hold a public hearing to allow Democrats the opportunity to comment on the platform report.
7. The State Convention shall adopt a Statement of Principles. The Statement of Principles shall be a statement of abiding Democratic values and principles. The State Central Committee shall approve and forward a proposed Statement of Principles to the Chair of the Iowa Democratic Party no later than 21 days prior to the State Convention. The draft Statement of Principles shall be considered for debate, amendment, and adoption at the State Convention. The Statement of Principles adopted by the State Convention shall be the Statement of Principles for the Iowa Democratic Party.

D. Rules and Nominations Committee: Consistent with other provisions in this Constitution, an applicable Delegate Selection Plan, and the Charter and Bylaws

of the Democratic Party of the United States, this committee shall be responsible for drafting such rules and regulations as are necessary to conduct the business of the convention, including but not limited to:

1. the debate, amendment, and adoption of the platform,
2. the adoption or ratification of such resolutions as the convention may wish to consider,
3. the election of delegates to district, state, and national conventions and meetings,
4. the election of Party office holders and such other business as the convention in question may wish to consider.

The Rules Committees of the County, District and State Conventions shall work in consultation with the other convention committees to produce fair and efficient rules for their convention. In addition, said committee shall have the responsibility for the counting of all ballots taken during the convention process.