



Proposed Rules for the 2018 46th Legislative District Caucus To be Held March 24, 2018

1. The Legislative District Caucus shall be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 commencing at 10:00 am, at Ingraham High School.
2. To vote at the Legislative District Caucus an individual must be a resident, registered voter in the 46th Legislative District and affirm that they are a Democrat by signing as such on the registration sheet, and agree to public record of their attendance at the meeting.
 - a. Registered voters include all registered voters and any 17-year-old who will be eligible to vote on or before November 6, 2018. Registered voters also include any eligible individual who completes a voter registration form while signing in to attend the Legislative District Caucus.
 - b. Individuals who are not qualified to register to vote because of residence, citizenship, or age shall be allowed to participate in the platform discussion, but may not vote on rules, matters of order, resolutions or for the election of delegates or alternates, nor may they be elected as delegates or alternates.
3. There may be a suggested registration donation of \$20.00 requested of all participants to the Legislative District Caucus to defray the expenses of location rental, copies of documents, and other supplies at the door. **Payment of this requested donation shall not be a condition of participation or election as a delegate or alternate.**
4. The Legislative District or the Chair's designee shall serve as the Temporary Chair of the Legislative District Caucus.
5. The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall present the report of the Credentials Committee no earlier than 11:00am, which shall include the following:
 - a. The total number of Registered voters registered and seated at the time the report is given;
 - b. Presentation of challenged voters wishing to be seated by the Legislative District Caucus as a whole, proceeding in alpha-numeric order until all challenges are resolved. If the challenged voter is not sustained, they shall be ineligible to vote or be elected as a State Delegate or Alternate. A challenged voter may not vote on the question of their own challenge.
6. The Credentials Committee may seat unchallenged voters arriving after the Initial Credentials Committee report.
7. The Chair of the Rules Committee shall present the report of the Rules Committee.
8. Any voting member of the Caucus may nominate themselves or be nominated by another voting member for the position of Permanent Caucus Chair. Nominations, seconding speeches and speeches by the candidate on their own behalf shall not total more than three (3) minutes per nominee. A majority of those voting is required to elect. If no person has a majority, the candidate receiving the least votes is dropped and balloting shall be repeated using the remaining names. This procedure shall be repeated



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until a candidate receives a majority of those voting. In case of a tie vote, the tie shall be broken by lot or coin toss.

9. The Permanent Caucus Chair shall appoint a Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Time Keeper, Tally Committee Chair, and Parliamentarian. Assistants or Committees may be appointed to assist these caucus officers in their work, as volume dictates.
10. The election of State Convention delegates and alternates:
 - a. The 46th Legislative District Caucus shall elect 15 delegates and 7 alternates.
 - b. Each candidate for State Convention delegate or alternate must be a resident registered voter, as defined in Section 2 of these rules, in the 46th Legislative District.
 - c. Each candidate for State Convention delegate or alternate shall be nominated individually. No second is required. **A candidate who is not present must signify in advance, in writing individually to the Legislative District Chair (chair@46dems.org) that they will serve if elected and that they are a Democrat and are willing to be known as such.** The letter of any absent candidate shall be read by the Caucus Chair and shall constitute a nomination, no second required. All other nominations shall be made by signing the nomination list at the registration table. Each candidate shall have up to one minute (including the time spent by the Chair reading an absent candidate's nomination letter) for speech on their behalf. **The Chair, at their sole discretion, may reduce the amount of speaking time, as long as all candidates are provided the same amount of time, based upon number of candidates, ensuring that all candidates receive a timely chance to speak, and any other pertinent factors.**
 - d. Voting shall be by written ballot and a ballot to be counted must have all potential positions filled, contain only the names of persons nominated, and have no duplications. The ballot must not differ by more than one in the number of men and women selected. (These requirements prevent a candidate for delegate from skewing the vote by only voting for themselves and leaving the other positions blank). A plurality of those present and voting is required to elect. In case of a tie vote, the assignment of a delegate position shall be by lot or coin toss.
 - e. State Convention alternates shall be selected from the same set of ballots used for the election of delegates. The candidate for delegate receiving the most votes after all delegate slots are filled shall become alternate number one, and the alternate receiving the next most votes shall be alternate number two, and so forth. Voting for alternates is done at the same time as voting for delegates.
 - f. The delegation elected shall differ by no more than one, disregarding any positions won by non-binary gender persons, between the number of women and number of men in both the delegate and alternate categories unless there are an insufficient number of nominees from one gender to fill the available positions.* (* Note: If a legislative district caucus can elect 10 delegates but 3 men and 7 women are running then the women can take the delegates spots that the men are unable to fill and the delegation will consist of 3 men and 7 women).



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20. Nothing in these rules shall be inconsistent with the 2018 Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan.
21. The Legislative District Caucus is intended to adjourn at 3:00pm or earlier. Due to the limitations of the building rental, the caucus **must adjourn no later than 4:00 pm**. Delegate election balloting must be completed before this time, although the count may continue later at an alternate location in accordance with Rule 14, if necessary.

Proposed Rules for Consideration of the Platform

22. The Platform Committee of the 46th Legislative District Caucus shall transmit the draft platform to the Legislative District Chair, who is the Temporary Chair of the Caucus, at least 10 days prior to the Caucus.
23. The Permanent Caucus Chair, or their designee, shall call upon the Chair (or co-chairs) of the Platform Committee to place the Platform before the body for adoption.
24. The Permanent Caucus Chair shall read each section heading and ask members of the Caucus who disagree with the substance of a bulleted item (plank) within a section to flag the item for debate and removal as not representing the sentiment of the majority at this time. Motions to delete language require 30 seconds.
25. Amendments to add language to the platform will only be in order at the Caucus under the following requirements: Amendments may be submitted in writing with the seconds (signatures) of 75 attendees on a form available at the caucus. These forms, with 75 valid seconds, must be submitted to the chair of the platform committee at the platform information table no later than 12:30pm on the day of the caucus.
26. At any point after asking members to flag bulleted items (planks) for debate, the Permanent Caucus Chair may call for a vote on the platform, which omits those flagged sections.
27. The Permanent Caucus Chair retains the prerogative to bring up bulleted items for debate and action.
28. Debate shall alternate pro and con, limited to a **maximum** of three speakers for and three speakers against the issue or the main platform, each speaker to speak no more than one minute. The number and length of pro and con statements may be limited at the sole prerogative of the chair, provided that all speakers on a specific topic are provided the same amount of time. One extension of four additional speakers, two pro and two con, may be allowed by the Permanent Caucus Chair, at their sole prerogative per issue, and also on the main motion to adopt the platform.
29. Removal of a bulleted item will be by simple majority of those voting.
30. In the event the platform is not passed at the Caucus, the platform may be considered by the 46th Legislative District organization at its next regular meeting.