

# Proposed Rules for 2010 37<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Caucus

1. The Legislative District Caucus shall be held on Sunday, March 14, 2010 commencing at 1:00 pm, at  
South Shore School  
4800 South Henderson Street
2. To vote at the Legislative District Caucus an individual must be a resident, registered voter in the 37th Legislative District (or be a US Citizen of 17 years of age who will be 18 by November 2, 2010). Registration will be allowed the day of the Caucus. The individual must sign a registration sheet stating that he/she is a Democrat, and agrees to public display of her/his attendance at the meeting. Individuals who are not qualified to register to vote because of residence or citizenship shall be allowed to participate in the platform and Resolution discussions, but may not vote on platform, resolutions or for the election of delegates or alternates, nor may they be elected as delegates or alternates.
3. There will be a registration fee for all participants to the Legislative District Caucus of \$ 10.00 at the door. Payment of this fee shall not be a condition of participation or election.
4. The Legislative District 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 which shall include the total number of eligible voters in attendance at the Caucus at the time the report is given.
6. The Chair of the Rules Committee shall present the report of the Rules Committee.
7. In all matters of debate, speakers recognized by the Chair shall be limited to 2 minutes, with no more than 2 speakers on each side of any question.
8. Voting on all questions, other than election of Delegates and Alternates, shall be by show of voting credential.
9. Any voting member of the Caucus may nominate themselves or be nominated by another voting member for the position of Permanent Chair. Nominations, seconding speeches and speeches by the candidate on his or her own behalf shall not total more than three (3) minutes per nominee. A majority is required to elect. Balloting shall be by show of voting credential. 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 until a candidate receives a majority.
10. The Permanent Chair shall appoint a Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian, and Tally Committee.
11. The Chair shall announce the election procedures for the 37<sup>th</sup> District's 33 delegates and 17 alternates, including the following information:
  - A. The total number eligible to vote at the Caucus.
  - B. Method of nomination and candidate speeches
  - C. Ballot form and method of voting
12. The election of State Convention delegates and alternates:
  - A. Each candidate for State Convention delegate or alternate must be a resident registered voter in the Legislative District.
  - B. Each candidate for State Convention delegate shall be nominated individually. No second is required. A candidate who is not present must signify in advance, in writing individually that he/she will serve if

- elected and that he/she is a Democrat and is willing to be known as such. The letter of any absent candidate shall be read by the Chair and shall constitute a nomination, no second required. All other nominations shall be made by signing the nomination list at the nomination table. The nomination table will be closed at the completion of the Credentials Report. Each candidate, in the order in which they signed up for nomination at the nomination table, shall have up to one minute (including the time spent by the Chair reading an absent candidate's nomination letter) for speech on his/her behalf.
- C. Voting for Delegate shall be by provided signed ballot and a ballot to be counted must have all potential positions filled with no duplications (This prevents a candidate for delegate from skewing the vote by only voting for themselves and leaving the other positions blank). A plurality is required to elect. In case of a tie vote, the assignment of a delegate position shall be by lot.
  - D. 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.
  - E. Each delegation elected shall be equally divided between women and men in both the delegate and alternate categories unless there are an insufficient number of nominees from one gender to fill available positions.
13. The Chair shall appoint a representative tally committee. All ballots shall be returned to the State Democratic headquarters and shall be retained by the State Chair until the State Convention has adjourned.
  14. At the time of the election, each elected State Convention delegate shall be requested to pay the \$50.00 State Convention Registration fee to the Secretary who shall send fees and a list of delegates and alternates with addresses and phone numbers to the State Chair within five (5) days. No person shall be excluded or disqualified from any part of the process for failure to pay such fee.
  15. The Platform shall be moved by the Chair of the Platform Committee, and shall be considered section by section. A vote to approve a section shall formally adopt that section.
  16. Resolutions shall be submitted to the Secretary's table, in writing, no later than the start of Delegate Candidate speeches. The Platform committee may consolidate like resolutions. The Platform Chair will present resolutions for consideration by the body in the order submitted except for such consolidation.
  17. The motion "to table" shall be out of order at all times.
  18. A quorum shall consist of 40% of the number eligible to vote as shown on the credentials report.
  19. The Unit Rule shall not be permitted at any time.
  20. Proxy voting shall not be allowed.
  21. All possible efforts shall be made to insure maximum participation of ethnic minorities, women, youth, persons over 65 years of age, lesbians and gays, Labor, persons with a high school education or less, disabled, and persons of economic disadvantage.
  22. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall prevail in other matters not specifically covered herein.