



**KENTUCKY
DELEGATE
SELECTION PLAN**

FOR THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
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Section I - Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

Introduction

1. Kentucky has a total of 59 delegates and 4 alternates. (Call I & Appendix B)
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 Democratic Party of State, the state election code, 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 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)

Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. Kentucky 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 Kentucky’s delegate selection process will occur on May 21, 2024, with a Primary. Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 118.025 regulates all state elections. According to the KRS, Primary elections are for the nomination of any candidate to be voted for in the next general election. Therefore, all candidates running for public office will appear on the Primary ballot, including that for President of the United States.

Voter Participation

1. Participation in Kentucky's delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. (Rule 2.A and Rule 2.C.)
2. Per KRS 116.045, Monday April 22, 2024 will be the last day to register to vote in the primary election.
3. People interested in voting in Kentucky's primary election must complete a voter registration form and submit to a local county clerk or the Secretary of Kentucky's office. To be eligible, voters in Kentucky must:
 - Be a U.S. and a Kentucky resident for at least 28 days before the election;
 - Be at least 18 years old by the general election;
 - Not be a convicted felon, or if convicted of a felony, having voter rights restored;
 - Not be judged mentally incompetent in a court of law;
 - Not claim the right to vote anywhere outside the Commonwealth of Kentucky
4. The primary process in Kentucky is a "closed" primary, and as such, voters must identify publicly declare party preference when registering to vote. If a voter chooses "other", he or she is only eligible to vote in nonpartisan city and judicial primaries. (Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.B). The Secretary of Kentucky's office houses voter registration data and provides that data upon request. (Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.A)
5. To encourage participation by youth in the delegate selection process, any individual who will have turned 18 by the date of the general election will be allowed to participate in the delegate selection process. (Reg. 4.3.C)
6. At no stage of Kentucky'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)
7. No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding election. (Rule 2.E)
8. 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)

9. No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. (Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)

10. The Kentucky Democratic Party continues to support changes to legislation, rules and policies at the state and local level to enhance voter and election security and combat election subversion. Most recently, the State Party worked closely with local candidates to monitor election recounts to ensure votes are accurately counted and submitted and submitted open records request to understand state decisions on removing people from the voter rolls and reviews voter roll removal data. The KDP will continue to support election changes that:
 - a. In accordance with KRS 117.085(2), in-person absentee voting ballots will be available from Thursday, May 16, 2024 through Saturday, May 18, 2024.
 - b. In accordance with KRS 117.085(1), mail-in absentee ballots must be requested by Tuesday, May 7, 2024.
 - c. Maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible American who registers to vote has their personal information protected and secure; (Rule 2.H.1)
 - d. Implement transparent and accurate voter registration list maintenance procedures that comply with federal requirements and ensure that every eligible voter stays on the rolls; (Rule 2.H.2)
 - e. Promote the acquisition, maintenance, and regular replacement of precinct based optical scan voting systems; (Rule 2.H.3)
 - f. Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record; (Rule 2.H.4)
 - g. Implement risk limiting post-election audits such as manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records; (Rule 2.H.5)
 - h. Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures; (Rule 2.H.6)
 - i. Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately, with votes verifiable by voters; (Rule 2.H.7)
 - j. Provide educational materials to enhance public knowledge and confidence in election administration and counter disinformation; (Rule 2.H.8)

- k. Actively engaging with state and local officials to implement fair and honest election policies and practices; and (Rule 2.H.9)
 - l. Support adequate funding for state and local election administration. (Rule 2.H.10)
11. The KDP supports the DNC's efforts to assess and improve participation in the presidential preference primary through voter protection programs and support education, administrative, legislative and litigation based efforts. The KDP supported Kentucky's recent changes to election law to include early, no-excuse voting and continues to work with local county officials and the State Board of Elections to increase the numbers of polling locations to make them more accessible to voters. Also, the KDP will continue to support: (Rule 2.I and 2.I.1)
- a. Expand access to voting, including by early voting, no excuse absentee voting, same-day voter registration, drop boxes and voting by mail; (Rule 2.I.1.a)
 - b. Ensure that voting locations are accessible, fairly placed, and adequate in number, and have a sufficient number of voting machines; (Rule 2.I.1.b)
 - c. Speed up the voting process and minimize long lines; (Rule 2.I.1.c)
 - d. Eliminate onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements; (Rule 2.I.1.d)
 - e. Count and include in the final total ballots from voters who are eligible to vote but cast their ballots in the wrong precinct, for offices for which they are eligible to vote; and (Rule 2.I.1.e)
 - f. Facilitate military and overseas voting. (Rule 2. I.1.f)
12. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters: (Rule 2.I.2)
- a. Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration and automatic and same-day registration; (Rule 2.I.2.a)
 - b. Pre-registration of high school students so that they are already registered once they reach voting age; (Rule 2.I.2.b)
 - c. Restoration of voting rights to all people who have served the time for their criminal conviction, without requiring the payment of court fees or fines; and (Rule 2.I.2.c)
 - d. Same-day or automatic registration of voters for the Democratic presidential nominating process.] (Rule 2.I.2.d)

13. The KDP is responsible for selecting the dates and times and locating and confirming the availability of publicly accessible facilities for all official meetings and events relating to the delegate selection process. (Rule 3.A)
14. The KDP will consider any religious observations that could significantly affect participation. (Rule 4.5.B)

Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings

The dates, times and places for all official Party meetings and events related to the Kentucky's delegate selection process must be scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings must begin and end at reasonable hours (Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.)

Section II - Presidential Candidates

Ballot Access

1. A presidential candidate gains access to the State presidential preference primary ballot by the following four ways (Rule 1.A.7 & Rule 1.B.8):
 - a. Qualifying for matching federal campaign funds (KRS 118.581)
 - i. Pursuant to KRS 118.581, the Kentucky Board of Elections will meet on December 18, 2023 for the purpose of nominating those candidates who have qualified for matching federal campaign funds. A list of those candidates is provided by the Federal Election Commission.
 - ii. Per KRS 118.601, a notification of nomination from the Secretary of State will be sent to each candidate that he/she will appear on the primary ballot of his/her party, provided the candidate returns the Notice of Candidacy form sent by the Secretary of State and the \$1000 filing fee no later than 4:00 pm on January 5, 2024.
 - b. Filing certified petition containing at least 5,000 signatures of Kentucky Registered voters of the same part as the same party as the candidate (KRS 118.591 & Rule 15.A)
 - i. Pursuant to KRS 118.591, the filing of a Presidential Preference Primary Petition containing at least 5,000 signatures of registered voters of the same party and \$1,000 filing fee with the Secretary of State not later than 4:00 pm on January 5, 2024.

- ii. The petition shall be signed by the candidate and the Chairman of the group circulating the petition. The chairman's signature must be acknowledged by a notary public and the expiration date of the notary's commission must be stated.
 - iii. Petitioners shall be registered and qualified voters in the Commonwealth, members of the same party as the candidate and shall include date shall include date petition was signed, date of birth, signature of petitioner, and residence address.
 - c. Filing certification by the Federal Election Commission that the candidate has qualified for matching federal campaign funds and a Notice of Candidacy (KRS 118.591).
 - i. Pursuant to KRS 118.591, filing with Secretary of State a Notice of Candidacy, \$1000 filing fee, and certification by the Federal Election Commission that the candidate has qualified for matching federal campaign funds when such occurs subsequent to the Kentucky State Board of Election's meeting in December preceding the presidential preference primary.
 - ii. All documents shall be filed not later than January 5, 2024, by 4:00pm.
 - iii. The Notice of Candidacy must have original signature of candidate.
 - d. Filing evidence from twenty (20) other states that the candidate is qualified to appear on their presidential preference ballot of his/her political party and Notice of Candidacy. (KRS 118.591)
 - i. Pursuant to KRS 118.591 filing with the Secretary of State a Notice of Candidacy, \$1,000 filing fee, and evidence from twenty (20) other states that the candidate is qualified to appear on the presidential preference ballot of his/her political party.
 - ii. All documents shall be filed no later than January 5, 2024 by 4:00 pm est.
 - iii. The Notice of Candidacy must have original signature of candidate.
 - iv. Sufficient documentation from the twenty (20) other states is deemed to be signed certification by the Chief Election Official or appropriate governing election authority of the state that includes signatures certifying that the candidate qualifies to appear on ballot.
- 2. Write-in and Uncommitted Candidates (Rule 11.C, Rule 14.A, Rule 14.C, Rule 14.D, Rule 14.E, & Rule 15.H)

- i. Pursuant to KRS 117.265, write-in candidates are not permitted in Kentucky primaries.
 - ii. Pursuant to 118.621, the Secretary of State shall place on the ballot of the each party a slot for voters to cast an “uncommitted” vote.
3. Required filing forms and petitions are available on the Kentucky Secretary of State website at [https://web.sos.ky.gov/ElectionsDYC/\(S\(v1xmrcrp3dvfip0owaxhhfl\)\)/default.aspx](https://web.sos.ky.gov/ElectionsDYC/(S(v1xmrcrp3dvfip0owaxhhfl))/default.aspx)
4. Presidential candidates must also file with the State Party by a declaration of candidacy. This declaration must contain the name, address, and phone number of the candidate’s official representative in Kentucky and statement that such representative is familiar with the affirmative Action section of this plan and agrees to support the Affirmative Action plan in both letter and spirit.

Other Requirements

1. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by January 31, 2024. (Rule 13.D.1)
2. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) 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

District-Level Delegates

1. Kentucky is allocated 35 district-level delegates. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, & Appendix B)
2. District-level delegates shall be elected by during the Congressional Conventions that will be held on June 15, 2024 at 10:00 am est.
 - a. On June 1, 2024 Kentucky will hold County and Legislative District Caucuses to election delegates to the State Convention to be held on June 15, 2024.
 - b. Each county or legislative district will have an allotment of delegates based on a formula giving equal weight to the democratic registration in the respective county or legislative district, the democratic turnout for the 2020 presidential election, and the democratic turnout for the 2023 gubernatorial election.

- c. The district-level delegates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following table, assuming no gender non-binary delegates:

District	Delegates		
	Males	Females	Total
#1	2	3	4
#2	2	2	3
#3	4	5	8
#4	3	3	5
#5	2	2	3
#6	4	3	6
Total	17	18	35

- d. Each county or legislative district will have an allotment of delegates based on a formula giving equal weight to the democratic registration in the respective county or legislative district, the democratic turnout for the 2020 presidential election, and the democratic turnout for the 2023 gubernatorial election. (Rule 8.B)

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. (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 (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party no earlier than February 5, 2024 and no later than 4:00 pm est. on May 16, 2024. A delegate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.22)
- c. The Declaration of Candidacy and Pledge of Support forms will be available at the Kentucky Democratic Party office and on its website no later than February 5, 2024. The complete form must be received no later than 4:00 pm est. May 16, 2024 and may be filed in any of the following manners: (Rule 1.A.7, Rule 1.A.8 & Reg. 4.22)
 - i. Completing a the form located at <https://www.kydemocrats.org/>;

- ii. In person at the Kentucky Democratic Party at 111 St. James Ct, Frankfort, KY 40601;
- iii. Mailed to the Kentucky Democratic Party, PO Box 694, Frankfort, KY 40602;
- iv. Faxed to (502) 470-7353;
- v. Emailed to the Kentucky Democratic Party at 2024Delegates@kydemocrats.org;
- vi. Submitted online at kentuckydemocrats.org.

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), not later than May 17, 2024, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate 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 4:00 pm est. on May 27, 2024, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) separate individuals for each position for delegate. (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 not later than 4:00 pm est. on May 27, 2024.
- d. National convention delegates candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate 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 and 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 and positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential (or uncommitted) preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates 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 that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates.

- b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner. (Rule 14.F)
- c. On June 15, 2024, county or legislative district delegates will meet at the 2024 Congressional District Conventions at 10:00 am est. at a location to be determined to elect district-level delegates.
 - i. Following the presidential preference primary on May 21, 2024, delegate positions for each congressional district will be proportionately allocated to presidential candidates (including uncommitted) based on the vote totals in each district.
 - ii. Each district convention will be presided over by a District Chair who will be appointed by the State Chair. The District Chair will conduct the convention and rule on any question of procedure.
 - iii. Once the convention is called to order, the District Chair will designate areas of caucus in which the delegates of each presidential (or uncommitted) preference will elect the person to fill the national district-level delegate positions.
 - iv. Only those who have properly filed a Declaration of Candidacy and Pledge of Support form with the Kentucky Democratic Party by May 16, 2024 by 4:00 pm est. will be placed on the ballot.
 - v. A duly authorized representative of the candidate will chair each preference caucus or, if there is no such representative, the District Chair will appoint a temporary Preference Caucus Chair to conduct an election to determine a permanent preference Caucus Chair.
 - vi. The Preference Caucus Chair will appoint a Preference Caucus Secretary and two (2) tabulators who shall record the results of the preference caucus.

- vii. The caucus will the vote on the candidates for delegate. The caucus for each presidential preference shall consist only of those person who have signed statements of support for the preference.
- viii. The ballot will contain the names of candidates for delegates for the appropriate preference and the county in which the voter resides.
- ix. The Secretary and two (2) tabulators will then determine the number of votes cast for each candidate for delegate.

7. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates

- a. To ensure the district-level binary-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-binary gender 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. In order to ensure the district delegates are equally divided among men and women and within each respective presidential candidate's delegation, delegate positions within each district will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting presidential preference. This assignment of delegate positions, alternating by gender identity as mathematically practicable, will continue with the next highest vote-getting preference in descending order until the gender of each position has been assigned.
- c. The delegate positions shall be pre-designated so that the gender of the first position to be filled by the winning presidential candidate is predetermined. The gender of the first position shall be female. Once the allocation of the district delegates among the presidential preference(s) has been calculated, the remaining delegate positions can be assigned to the presidential preference(s), in order of vote won, alternating by gender.
- d. Primary election results will be certified no later than May 24, 2024 at 12:00 pm prevailing time. Delegates will be elected June 15, 2024 by 4:00 pm.
- e. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the Kentucky's district-level delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election, or June 28, 2024. (Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)

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:
 - i. 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)
 - ii. Democratic President and Democratic Vice President (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.2 & Call I.G)
 - iii. All of Kentucky'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)
 - iv. The Democratic Governor (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H & Call I.J)
 - v. "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:
 - i. Not 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)
 - ii. Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the Automatic delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call IV.B.1)
 - iii. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of Kentucky's Automatic delegates 10 days after the completion of the Kentucky'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 Kentucky'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)

Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates (PLEOs)

1. Kentucky is allotted 6 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 declaration of candidacy and signed pledge of support to a presidential candidate (or uncommitted) status. The Declaration of candidacy and pledge of support form will be available at the Kentucky Democratic Party office on its website no later than February 05, 2024 and must be returned no later than 4:00 pm est. May 16, 2024 and may be filed in any of the following manners: (Rule 15.G, Reg.4.18 & Reg. 4.17)
 - i. Completing a the form located at <https://www.kydemocrats.org/>;
 - ii. In person at the Kentucky Democratic Party at 111 St. James Ct, Frankfort, KY 40601;
 - iii. Mailed to the Kentucky Democratic Party, PO Box 694, Frankfort, KY 40602;
 - iv. Faxed to (502) 470-7353;
 - v. Emailed to the Kentucky Democratic Party at 2024Delegates@kydemocrats.org;
 - vi. Submitted online at kentuckydemocrats.org.
 - c. If persons eligible for pledged PLEO delegate positions have not already made known their presidential preference (or uncommitted) status as candidates for district-level or at-large delegate positions, their preference shall be ascertained by delivering a declaration of candidacy and pledge of support to the State Chair immediately following the Congressional District Conventions on June 15, 2024. (Rule 10.B.3 & Reg. 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 June 15, 2024 at 1:30 pm which is before the State Convention convenes at 2:00 pm, 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 2:00 pm est on June 15, 2024, 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 the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than June 15, 2024 at 2:00 pm est. (Rule 13.D)
 - d. 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 pledged PLEO 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 pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b 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 2:00 pm est on June 15, 2024 at a location to be determined, which is after the election of district-level delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. (Rule 10.A)
 - c. These delegates will be selected by at the State Convention comprised of delegates elected at the county caucus which will be held after election of the district-level delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. The Convention Chair shall read the names of the individuals who previously submitted a statement of candidacy and who were previously approved by the presidential candidate. Candidates shall be accepted from the list in order of priority set forth in paragraph 2.A. Voting shall be complete for each priority level separately until all six (6) positions are filled. For example, if six big city mayors and statewide elected officials are nominated and selected, the PLEO election is complete. (Rule 10.B)

5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the Kentucky'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)

At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. The state of Kentucky is allotted twelve (12) at-large delegates and four (4) 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 or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by May 16, 2024 no later than 4:00 pm est. A delegate or alternate candidate 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 Declaration of Candidacy and Pledge of Support forms will be available at the Kentucky Democratic Party office and on its website no later than February 5, 2024. The complete form must be received no later than 4:00 pm est. May 16, 2024 and may be filed in any of the following manners: (Rule 1.A.7, Rule 1.A.8 & Reg. 4.22)
 - i. Completing a the form located at <https://www.kydemocrats.org/>;
 - ii. In person at the Kentucky Democratic Party at 111 St. James Ct, Frankfort, KY 40601;
 - iii. Mailed to the Kentucky Democratic Party, PO Box 694, Frankfort, KY 40602;
 - iv. Faxed to (502) 470-7353;
 - v. Emailed to the Kentucky Democratic Party at 2024Delegates@kydemocrats.org;
 - vi. Submitted online at kentuckydemocrats.org.
 - c. 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 State Central Executive Committee,

those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (Rule 19.A)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than June 15, 2024 at 4:00 pm est. a list of all persons who have 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 4:45 pm est. on June 15, 2024, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, one (1) remain(s) 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 4:45 pm est. on June 15, 2024.
- d. 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 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 5:00 pm est. on June 15, 2024 at a location to be determined, 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 State Party Executive Committee. (Rule 10.B, Rule 11.B & Rule 11.B)
- c. Membership on the State Party Committee is apportioned on the basis of population and/or some measure of Democratic strength. Per the Kentucky State Committee by-laws, the State Party Committee shall consist of: (Rule 10.B.1 & Reg. 4.18.A)
 - i. Two men, two women, and one man or woman thirty-five years of age or younger from each Congressional District;
 - ii. Two National Democratic Committee members,
 - iii. Nine state at-large members,
 - iv. A Chair and Vice-Chair,
 - v. Four Democratic Members of the Kentucky General Assembly,
 - vi. The President of the Kentucky Young Democrats, and
 - vii. The President of the Democratic Women's Club of Kentucky.
- d. Members of the State Party Committee have been elected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. Members are elected at the State Party Convention on June 15, 2024, whose delegations are elected by each county and apportionment is based on the democratic registration of each county. (Rule 10.B.2 & Reg. 4.18.B)
- e. Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of district-level delegates. (Rule 10.B.3)
- f. Members of the State Party Committee shall be elected at the State Party Convention to be held on June 15, 2024, which is no earlier than the calendar year of the previous national convention. (Rule 10.B.4 & Reg. 4.18.B)

- g. As evidenced by members described above, the membership of the State Party Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States (Rule 10.B.5 & Reg. 4.18.)
 - h. A meeting of the State Central Executive Committee shall be called immediately following the close of the State Convention on June 15, 2024. At this meeting:
 - i. The Chair shall announce the number of delegates and alternate positions allocated to each presidential or uncommitted preference.
 - ii. The Chair will then announce the names of each approved candidate for at-large for each presidential preference, including uncommitted.
 - iii. Members will elect delegates for each preference and repeat the process for all preferences until delegates are elected.
 - i. Priority of Consideration
 - i. 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 and women, if such priority of consideration is needed to fulfill the affirmative action goals outlined in the Kentucky's Delegate Selection Plan. (Rule 6.A.3)
 - ii. 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 other groups by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability. (Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3, Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8)
 - iii. 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. (Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)
 - iv. 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 Kentucky's at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within 10 days after their election. (Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)

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)
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) 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.
 1. In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
 2. 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)
 - iii. 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)
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) 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.

- c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: (Rule 19.D.1)
 - i. The alternate who receives the highest number of votes becomes the delegate.
- d. Certification of Replacements
 - i. 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)
 - ii. 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 Kentucky's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (Call IV.D.1)
 - iii. 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)
 - iv. In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before the time 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 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 (or uncommitted status), of the same gender and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. (Rule 19.E)
- f. 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)
 - i. Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the Kentucky'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 Kentucky'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)

- ii. Members of the Democratic National Committee 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 Kentucky'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)
- iii. Automatic distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. (Call IV.D.2.c)
- iv. 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

Introduction

1. Kentucky has been allocated two (2) member(s) on each of the three (3) standing committees for the 2024 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of 6 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)

Temporary Standing Committee Members

1. Temporary members for the Convention Standing Platform Committee, will be selected by the State Central Executive Committee at a meeting in March of 2024. The meeting shall be open to the public and well publicized in accordance with this Plan. Members of State Central Executive Committee shall receive timely notice of the meeting, in accordance with State Party rules. (Call VII.G.2)
2. Any Democrat may apply for a position as a temporary member of the standing committee. Persons wishing to be considered must submit an application to the State Party Chair with

applicants full name; voting address; gender (determined by self-identification); designation to be considered a temporary member, alternate, or both; confirmation that the person is willing and able to serve on the Platform Committee for the duration of the meetings at the time and place selected by the Democratic National Committee. Persons wishing to be considered must submit their application via the following methods, no later than March 1, 2024 at 4:00 pm est.

- a. In person at the Kentucky Democratic Party at 111 St. James Ct, Frankfort, KY 40601;
 - b. Mailed to the Kentucky Democratic Party, PO Box 694, Frankfort, KY 40602;
 - c. Faxed to (502) 470-7353;
 - d. Emailed to the Kentucky Democratic Party at 2024Delegates@kydemocrats.org;
 - e. Submitted online at kentuckydemocrats.org.
3. The male and female members of the standing committee shall be as equally divided among men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation; i.e. the variance between men and women on the committee. (Call VII.E.2) In the case of gender non-binary committee members, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the standing committee members shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). (Call VII.E.1)
 4. Temporary members serve only in the event that the respective standing committee is called to meet prior to completion of the Kentucky's delegate selection process and subsequent selection of permanent standing committee members. No temporary member may continue to serve after the selection of the permanent standing committee members unless they are elected as a permanent member. (Call VII.G.3)
 5. Temporary members selected after the first determining step has occurred in a state shall reflect the Presidential preferences so established. (Call VII.G.3)
 6. The State Chair shall certify the temporary standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. Substitutions in a Kentucky's list of temporary members may only be made up to ten (10) days prior to the time the standing committee meets. Substitute temporary standing committee members will be selected at a meeting of the State Central Executive Committee] in accordance with the provisions outlined above. (Call VII.B.3 and Call VII.G.4)

Standing Committee Members

1. Selection Meeting

- a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Kentucky's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on June 15, 2024 following the election of the at-large delegates and alternates. (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 Kentucky shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the Kentucky'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 Kentucky. 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)
- 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 Kentucky's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. (Call VII.D.1)

- iv. 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 not 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

Introduction

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

Delegation Chair

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the Kentucky's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on June 15, 2024. (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)

Convention Pages

1. Three (3) individuals will be selected to serve as Kentucky'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 June 15, 2024 after the selection of Standing Committee Members. (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. (Reg. 5.7.A)
3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Kentucky's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. (Call IV.F.3 & Reg. 5.7.B)

Section VI - Presidential Electors

Introduction

Kentucky will select eight (8) persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2024 Presidential election.

Selection of Presidential Electors

1. The Presidential Electors shall be selected at the State Democratic Convention held on June 15, 2024.
2. Six (6) Presidential Electors and six (6) alternates shall be selected by vote at the Congressional District Conventions on June 15, 2024 at 10:00 am est. at a location to be determined.
 - a. Delegations at each Congressional District Convention shall elect one (1) Presidential elector and one (1) alternate.
 - b. Presidential Electors and alternates are nominated and elected by Congressional District delegates participating in the presidential preference delegation selection process.
 - c. Nominations for Presidential electors are taken from the floor of the Congressional District Convention.
 - d. Any Democrat who is eligible to vote in the Kentucky primary on May 27, 2024 may serve as a Presidential Elector.

3. Two (2) Presidential Electors and two (2) alternates shall be selected by vote at the State Convention on June 15, 2020 at 2:00 pm est. at a place to be determined.
 - a. Nominations for Presidential electors are taken from the floor of the State Convention.
 - b. Any Democrat who is eligible to vote in the Kentucky primary on May 27, 2024 may serve as a Presidential Elector.

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. In accordance with Chapter 118 of Kentucky's Revised Statutes, electors will vote for the Party's 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 the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States:
 - a. The Kentucky Democratic Party shall receive affidavits from Presidential Electors and Alternates pledging their support for the President and Vice President, who shall be named by party in the affidavit, by August 23, 2024.
 - b. The certification of Presidential electors shall state the names of the candidates of the party for President and Vice President. (KRS 118.325)
 - c. The presiding officer and secretary of the State Convention shall submit a certificate authorizing Presidential Electors to the Secretary of state, stating the names of the candidates of the party for President and vice President. (KRS 118.325)

This certificate will be submitted to the Secretary of State no later than 4:00 pm est. on September 6, 2024. (KRS 118.365)

Section VII - General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

1. The State Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the "six basic elements" as 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)

- a. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Kentucky 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)
- b. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party in Kentucky 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)
- c. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in Kentucky on all levels should be publicized fully and, in such 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)
- d. The Democratic Party in Kentucky, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.4)
- e. The Democratic Party in Kentucky 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)
- f. The Democratic Party in Kentucky should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in 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)

2. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B)
3. Kentucky’s delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, i.e. the number of men and women shall not vary by more than one. Such 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 gender 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)
4. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. (Rule 13.A)
5. 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)
6. 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)
7. Each delegate, alternate and standing committee member must be a bona fide Democrat, 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)
8. Forty percent (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)
9. 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 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)
10. 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)

11. 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)
12. 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)
13. 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 Kentucky, 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 or 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

Statement of Purpose and Organization

1. Purpose and Objectives
 - a. To make sure that 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 Kentucky. (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 Kentucky 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, Kentucky has established goals for these groups. (Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.8)

- e. To encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the State Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, the State Party has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups, including the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth. (Rule 6.A & Rule 7)
 - i. 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 Democratic electorate. (Rule 6.A.1)
 - ii. For the delegate selection process, “Youth” is defined as any participant younger than 36 years old at the time of election. (Reg. 5.3.A)
 - iii. For the delegate selection process, individuals identifying as Native Americans should provide their tribal affiliation and indicate if they are enrolled in a tribe. (Reg. 5.3.B)
 - iv. These goals shall not be accomplished either directly or 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)

2. Organizational Structure

- a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair on not later than 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 Kentucky’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. See Attachment A.1.
- d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:

- i. Estimate the number of Democrats in each state by multiplying the size of each state’s citizen voting-age population (CVAP) by the level of Democratic support in that state.
 - ii. Estimate the number of eligible voters from each demographic group in each state by multiplying each state’s CVAP by the percentage of the population belonging to each group in each state.
 - iii. Estimate the number of Democrats in each demographic group in each state by multiplying the size of each group in each state by the level of Democratic support from each group in each state.
 - iv. Estimate the prevalence of each demographic group among Democratic supporters in each state by dividing our estimates of the number of Democrats in each group in each state by our estimates of the number of Democrats in each state.
- b. In addition, the DNC Tech Team provided additional information about these estimates.
- i. Calculations are based on publicly available, up to date, and reliable data from various sources, including the American Community Survey, the 2022 DNC partisanship model, and the Williams Institute.

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ+ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
Percent in Democratic Electorate	15%	4%	0%	1%	6%	21%	31%
Numeric Goals for Delegates	4	1	1	1	2	6	9

- 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 to 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)

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 delegates and alternate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities. 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 comprised 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 and Outreach and Inclusion Program, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the Kentucky's delegate selection process will be prepared and the State Party and Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than November 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, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters who wish to register or to change their party enrollment status. (Rule 2.C)
7. The Affirmative Action Committee will develop a State Party strategy to be implemented beginning January 31, 2024 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)

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 (see Attachment 2.i) 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 Kentucky'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.
 - 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 county/LD caucuses, the Congressional District Convention, and the State Convention 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)
 - c. Not later than November 1, 2023, the State Party will make information about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:
 - i. Materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;

- ii. A summary explaining the role of the 2024 Convention in nominating the Party's Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;
- iii. A summary of the State Party's delegate selection process including all pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process;
- iv. 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.

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. (Rule 6.H)
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by October 1, 2023 which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in Kentucky's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may 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 that 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 to promote and achieve the Kentucky's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (Rule 6.C., Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10)

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. The KDP will make every reasonable effort to:
 - a. Work with Convention staff to ensure that county and legislative district caucuses and the State Convention take place in ADA-compliant locations.
 - b. Provide sign language interpreters at the legislative district and county conventions and the State Convention, upon request.
 - c. Ensure that there is an adequate number of ADA compliant accommodations for Kentucky Delegates at the National Convention.
 - d. Ensure that an ADA complaint mode of transportation is made available at the National Convention to facilitate travel between the hotel and the convention site for those delegates who need assistance.
4. In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the State Party will:
 - a. Attend meetings of local community organizations that are reflective of these Democratic constituencies to invite their participation in the process.
 - b. Schedule at least two delegate selection training per Congressional District to ensure that all Democrats have an opportunity to attend training within a reasonable distance.

Section IX - Challenges

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.

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

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 not later than 30 calendar days prior to the initiation of the Kentucky’s delegate selection process. (Rule 21.A & Reg. 3.4.A)
2. A challenge to the Kentucky’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 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.

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 not later than 15 days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has 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 a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than 30 days prior to the initiation of the Kentucky'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

Selection of Delegates and Alternates

1. Kentucky will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Primary election apportioning its delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.
2. The "first determining step" of Kentucky's delegate selection process will occur on May 21, 2024, with a primary.

3. 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	35	0	6/15/2024	Selecting Body: Congressional District Caucus
				A caucus for each presidential preference is awarded delegates at the Congressional District Caucus. Candidates for delegate must filing a statement of candidacy no later than 4:00 pm May 16, 2024.
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	6	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)	6	**	6/15/2024	Selecting Body: State Convention
				Nominated by caucuses for each presidential preference awarded delegates. To qualify, candidates must submit a statement of candidacy no later than 2:00 pm est. on June 15, 2024.
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	12	4	6/15/2024	Selecting Body: State Central Executive Committee
				Candidates must file a statement of candidacy by 4:00 pm May 16, 2024.
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	51	4		

* Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes 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.

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

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

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
2	2	3/2024	Temporary members to the Platform Committee shall be elected by the State Central executive Committee and will hold this position until permanent members are elected.
2	6	6/15/2024	Selected by the Kentucky National convention Delegates. Nominees must be submitted by the Presidential candidates to the State Chair 30 after the election of the at-large and alternate delegates on June 15,2024.

Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on June 15, 2024.

3 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on June 15, 2024.

Selection of Presidential Electors

Eight (8) Presidential Electors will be selected by delegates at the Congressional District and State Conventions on June 15, 2024 and are nominated during floor votes at each Convention.

Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

Presidential candidates must file appropriate documents and \$1000 filing fee with the Kentucky Secretary of State by January 5, 2024 at 4:00 pm. (Rule 15.D)

- Qualifying for matching federal campaign funds (KRS 118.581)
- Filing certified petition containing at least 5,000 signatures of Kentucky Registered voters of the same party as the party of the candidate (KRS 118.591 & Rule 15.A)
- Filing certification by the Federal Election Commission that the candidate has qualified for matching federal funds and a Notice of Candidacy (KRS 118.591)
- Filing evidence from twenty (20) other states that the candidate is qualified to appear on their presidential preference ballot of his/her political party and Notice of Candidacy. (KRS 118.591)

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by January 31, 2024.

Timetable

Date	Activity
2023	
March 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair. Submit affirmative Action Committee members and letter of intent submitted to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
March 6 - 24	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
March 17	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 17	Period for public comment on State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
April 18	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.
April 29	State Central Executive Committee approves Delegate Selection Plan.
May 3	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee
November 1	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.
October 1	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. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.)
2024	
January 5	Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition of candidacy with the Secretary of State and a copy to the State Party.
January 31	Delegate selection process is provided to Affirmative Action Committee and distributed throughout state.
January 31	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
February 5	Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party's website at kydemocrats.org.
May 16	District-level delegate and alternate, at-large, and PLEO deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
May 17	State Party provides a list of district-level delegate and alternate, at-large, and PLEO candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
May 16	In-person absentee voting begins.
May 18	In-person absentee voting ends.
May 21	Presidential preference primary.
May 27	Presidential candidates provide a list of approved district-level delegate and alternate candidates to State Party.
June 1	County and legislative district caucuses convene. Registered democrats elect delegates to attend the Congressional Caucus and State Convention.
June 15	District-level delegates are elected at Congressional District Conventions by delegates elected at county caucus. 1 elector and 1 alternate elected per Congressional District.

Date	Activity
June 15	State Convention convenes. PLEO delegates, 2 electors and alternates are elected. Following selection of PLEO delegates, presidential candidates provide approved list of at-large delegates and alternate candidates to State Party.
June 15	State Central Executive Committee selects at-large and alternate delegates.
June 15	Presidential candidate, or authorized representative, approval of Standing Committee Candidates to the State Chair
June 15	National Convention delegation meets to elect Delegation Chair and National Standing Committee members. State Chair names convention pages.
June 18	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the Kentucky's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members.
June 28	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of DNC the district-level, PLEO, at-large, and alternates delegation.
June 28	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of DNC the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's Automatic Delegates.

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Attachments

A. Affirmative Action Committee

1. List of Affirmative Action Committee Members

NAME	Status	CD
Jeff Taylor	African American/Rural	1
Delores Coleman	African American/65+	1
Donielle Lovell	Teacher/Native American: Seneca	2
Colleen Younger	65+/Elected (Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator)	3
Liles Taylor	Labor/Elected (Woodford County Magistrate)	6
Nisia Thornton	LGBTQ+	4
Ariana Velasquez	Hispanic/Youth/Rural	5
Marisa Aull	Asian American	6
Lamin Swann	Elected (State Legislator), African American/Disabilities	6

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 and that the names, demographic data and contact information of members was submitted to the RBC 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.K)

KENTUCKY **DEMOCRATS**

Colmon Elridge
CHAIR

April 29, 2023

Ms. Minyon Moore, Co-Chair
Mr. James Roosevelt, Jr., Co-Chair
Rules and Bylaws Committee
Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Moore and Mr. Roosevelt,

As chair of the Kentucky Democratic Party Affirmative Action Committee, I hereby certify that the committee is in compliance with Rule 6.F. We have reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action Outreach and Inclusion plan, including any numerical goals established (Rule 6.F and Reg. 2.2.1)

Sincerely,



, Chair
Affirmative Action Committee Chair
Kentucky Democratic Party

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B. A summary of the process for selecting delegates, alternates, standing committee members, the delegation chair and convention pages, and Presidential Electors, along with related deadlines can be found in Section X of this plan (Reg. 2.2.A). Additionally, a timetable reflecting all significant dates in the Kentucky's delegate selection process can be found in Section I (Reg. 2.2.B).

1. A 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)

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS

Kentucky Democratic Party Approves 2024 Delegate Selection Plan

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Anna Breedlove
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FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 1, 2023) – Last week, the Kentucky Democratic Party’s executive committee voted, and unanimously approved, the [2024 delegate selection](#) and affirmative action plans. These plans lay out how Kentucky Democrats will select delegates for the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Ill., which will be August 19-22, 2024.

“We engaged Democrats of all backgrounds from across the Commonwealth to participate in our plan to select delegates to represent Kentucky at the national convention in 2024,” said **Kentucky Democratic Party Chair Colmon Elridge**. “As a party we are committed to a transparent and fair delegate selection process that ensures the delegates we send to Chicago are representative of the rich diversity and values of Kentucky Democrats.”

On June 1, 2024 Kentucky will hold County and Legislative District conventions to select representatives to the State Convention, which will be held on June 15, 2024.

You can view the plan [here](#).

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2. A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying the completion of Reg 2.2.C, 2.2.E, 2.2.F:

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS

Colmon Elridge
CHAIR

May 3, 2023

Ms. Minyon Moore, Co-Chair
Mr. James Roosevelt, Jr., Co-Chair
Rules and Bylaws Committee
Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Moore and Mr. Roosevelt,

Pursuant to Regulation 2.2.C, the 2024 Delegate Selection Plan was presented and approved by the Kentucky Democratic Party State Central Executive Committee on April 29, 2023.

Also, the Delegate Selection Plan was available on the KDP's website for 30-days in compliance with Regulation 2.2.F. The 30-day public comment period was prior to the adoption of the plan by the State Central Executive Committee, in compliance with Regulation 2.2.F.

Sincerely,



Colmon Elridge, Chair
Kentucky Democratic Party

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3. 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, including any numerical goals established. (Rule 6.F & Reg. 2.2.1)

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS

Colmon Elridge
CHAIR

April 29, 2023

Ms. Minyon Moore, Co-Chair
Mr. James Roosevelt, Jr., Co-Chair
Rules and Bylaws Committee
Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Moore and Mr. Roosevelt,

As chair of the Kentucky Democratic Party Affirmative Action Committee, I hereby certify that the committee is in compliance with Rule 6.F. We have reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action Outreach and Inclusion plan, including any numerical goals established (Rule 6.F and Reg. 2.2.1)

Sincerely,



, Chair
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4. Kentucky received two public comments during the 30-day public comment period. (Rule 1.C & Reg. 2.2.G)

Name	Comment
Gary Mirzakhanov	<p>Hi!</p> <p>IRV method has a flaw! Instead of choosing from the two best candidates and then casting other ballots for them, the RCV system uses a weird procedure. As a result of this method, one of the less popular candidates can become the winner. For proof - see the attached drawing.</p> <p>I contacted their representative in the past to explain it!</p> <p>I have a patented procedure without any flaws. It is like the IRV method but from the beginning, it chooses the best two candidates. To improve our election system, I am offering it for free!</p> <p>The patent US 8417563 through the US Patent Office or see www.google.com/patents/US8417563</p> <p>My name is Gary Mirzakhanov, and I am a professional electrical engineer.</p> <p>For more details, you can contact me at (719) 238-0946 or use gsm.engin@gmail.com</p>
Shirley Carlberg	<p>Kentucky Democratic Party,</p> <p>I'm writing to urge you to use "ranked choice" voting (RCV) to select the Democratic presidential nominee. Specifically, put in the "description of delegate selection process" that ranked choice voting will be used to select the winner. Many states have started to use RCV and it is serving them well. It ensures that our votes and voices count, and that we can stand behind a nominee with broad support from voters.</p> <p>If you don't know what RCV is ... find out! It is the best way to select a strong candidate, someone that most people will vote for even if she/he isn't their first choice. We need to keep power to keep the country moving in the right direction.</p> <p>Sincerely, Shirley Carlberg</p>

5. A blank copy of forms to be filed with the state and the State Party by delegate and alternate candidates. (Rule 1.A.7, Rule 1.A.8 & Reg. 2.2.H)

2024 Delegate Pledge of Support

2024 Delegate Pledge of Support

Delegates and Alternates will be allocated to presidential candidates to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference of the primary voters statewide. On **May 27, 2024** all registered democrats may participate in their County or Legislative District Conventions to select delegates to the Congressional District Convention. On **June 15, 2024**, at the Congressional District Convention, 29 district level delegates are selected to attend the 2024 Democratic National Convention. On the same day, June 15, 2024, the State Convention convenes, and 6 Party Leader & Elected Official (PLEO) delegates, 10 At-Large delegates, and 4 Alternates are selected to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

Persons eligible to be considered for PLEO Delegates are big city mayors, state-wide elected officials, state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders.

*All persons who wish to run for PLEO, District-Level, At-Large, or At-Large Alternates must fully complete this statement of candidacy, pledge of support and loyalty oath form and file it with the Kentucky Democratic Party by **May 16, 2024 at 4 pm ET.***

The form may be filed by:

- Completing this form;
- In person at the Kentucky Democratic Party, located at 111 St. James Ct, Suite B, Frankfort, KY
- Mailed to the Kentucky Democratic Party, PO Box 694, Frankfort, KY 40602;
- Faxed to 502-470-7353;
- Emailed to 2024Delegates@kydemocrats.org

Contact Information

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<p>Gender (Optional)</p> <input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text" value="- Select -"/>	<p>Sexual Orientation (Optional)</p> <input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text" value="- Select -"/>	<p>Race (Optional)</p> <input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text" value="- Select -"/>
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<p>Postal Code</p> <input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<p>City</p> <input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<p>State</p> <input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text" value="- State -"/>
<p>Email</p> <input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text" value="email@email.com"/>	<p>Home Phone</p> <input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	

Delegate Category

Additional Demographics (Optional)

- LGBTQIA+
- Youth (18-35)
- Disability
- Over 65
- Are you member of a labor union?
- If you're a union member, please share union & local

I wish to qualify as a candidate for Delegate and/or Alternate in the following categories (select all that apply). (Optional)

- Party Leader/Elected Official
- District Delegate
- At-Large Delegate
- At-Large Alternate

If you qualify as a PLEO, please provide your title, office, or position. (Optional)

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT: In accordance with the Kentucky Democratic Party's 2024 Delegate Selection Plan, presidential candidates must receive at least fifteen percent (15%) of the vote in the presidential preference primary, including uncommitted, to receive a corresponding number of delegates.

I hereby notify the Kentucky Democratic Party that I wish to be a candidate as indicated in Section 2 to the 2024 Democratic National Convention. I pledge my support to the following candidate (including uncommitted):



LOYALTY OATH: I duly affirm and certify that I am a member of the Democratic Party of the United States; that I am a qualified elector of the county as indicated above; that I will not support the election of the opponent of any Democratic nominee; that I will not oppose the election of any Democratic nominee, nor will I support any non-Democrat against a Democrat in any election, other than in judicial and non-partisan races; that I am qualified under the Constitution, the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the Bylaws of the Kentucky Democratic Party to hold the position as indicated above.

- I do so swear:

Submit!

By clicking the submit button, you acknowledge that you are applying your digital signature to this form, and that you have reviewed the 2024 Kentucky Delegate Selection plan and understand the responsibilities of the position you are filing to run for, and that you are responsible for paying your own travel expenses should you be elected as a delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

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6. Copies of all state statutes and other relevant legal authority reasonably related to (Reg 2.2.L and Call VIII):
 - a. Time for holding elections (Reg. 2.2.L)

118.025 Voting to be by secret paper ballot – General laws applicable – Time for holding elections.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, voting in all primaries and elections shall be by secret paper ballot.
- (2) The general laws applying to primaries, regular elections, and special elections shall apply to primaries, regular elections, and special elections conducted with the use of voting equipment, and all provisions of the general laws applying to the custody of ballot boxes shall apply, as far as applicable, to the custody of the voting system or voting equipment.
- (3) A primary for the nomination of candidates to be voted for at the next regular election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the third Monday in May of each year.
- (4) The election of all officers of all governmental units shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
- (5) If the law authorizes the calling of a special election on a day other than the day of the regular election in November, the election shall be held on a Tuesday.
- (6) If the law requires that a special election be held within a period of time during which the voting equipment must be locked as required by KRS 117.295, the special election shall be held on the fourth Tuesday following the expiration of the period during which the voting equipment is locked.

Effective: June 29, 2021

History: Amended 2021 Ky. Acts ch. 197, sec. 48, effective June 29, 2021. -- Amended 2020 Ky. Acts ch. 88, sec. 5, effective July 15, 2020. -- Amended 2008 Ky. Acts ch. 129, sec. 6, effective July 15, 2008. -- Amended 2002 Ky. Acts ch. 262, sec. 1, effective July 15, 2002. -- Amended 2000 Ky. Acts ch. 261, sec. 2, effective July 14, 2000. -- Amended 1996 Ky. Acts ch. 195, sec. 13, effective July 15, 1996. -- Amended 1994 Ky. Acts ch. 394, sec. 20, effective July 15, 1994. -- Amended 1992 Ky. Acts ch. 288, sec. 38, effective July 14, 1992; and ch. 296, sec. 7, effective July 14, 1992. -- Amended 1990 Ky. Acts ch. 431, sec. 1, effective July 13, 1990. -- Amended 1986 Ky. Acts ch. 29, sec. 12, effective July 15, 1986. -- Amended 1984 Ky. Acts ch. 44, sec. 6, effective March 2, 1984. -- Amended 1982 Ky. Acts ch. 402, sec. 3, effective January 1, 1984. -- Created 1974 Ky. Acts ch. 130, sec. 98, effective June 21, 1974.

- b. Ballot access for presidential candidates (Reg. 2.2.L)

118.581 Nomination of candidates by State Board of Elections.

The State Board of Elections shall convene in Frankfort on the third Tuesday in December preceding a presidential preference primary. At the meeting required by this section, the board shall nominate as presidential preference primary candidates all those candidates of the political parties for the office of President of the United States who have qualified for matching federal campaign funds. Immediately upon completion of this requirement, the board shall transmit a list of all the nominees selected to the Secretary of State and shall also release the list to the news media.

Effective: November 6, 2019

History: Amended 2019 Ky. Acts ch. 187, sec. 6, effective November 6, 2019. -- Amended 1992 Ky. Acts ch. 296, sec. 15, effective July 14, 1992. -- Amended 1990 Ky. Acts ch. 48, sec. 52, effective July 13, 1990; and ch. 431, sec. 4, effective July 13, 1990. -- Created 1986 Ky. Acts ch. 29, sec. 4, effective July 15, 1986; and ch. 470, sec. 20, effective July 15, 1986.

118.591 Nomination of presidential preference primary candidate by petition -- Qualification of candidate through filing of notice of candidacy.

- (1) Any person seeking the endorsement by a political party for the office of President of the United States, or any group organized in this state on behalf of, and with the consent of, the person, may file with the Secretary of State certified petitions signed by five thousand (5,000) persons who, at the time they sign, are registered and qualified voters in the Commonwealth and are affiliated, by registration, with the same political party as the candidate for whom petitions are filed.
- (2) The petitions shall be filed by the petitioners with the Secretary of State no later than the first Friday following the first Monday in January preceding a presidential preference primary.
- (3) The petitions shall state:
 - (a) The name of the candidate for nomination and the party of which the candidate is a member; and
 - (b) The name and address of the chair of the group circulating such petition.
- (4) The Secretary of State shall determine the sufficiency of petitions filed with him or her and shall immediately communicate his or her determination to the chair of the group which has filed the petitions.
- (5) In lieu of the petition requirements of subsections (1) to (4) of this section, a candidate may qualify to appear on the presidential preference primary ballot of the candidate's political party by filing with the Secretary of State, no later than the first Friday following the first Monday in January preceding a presidential preference primary, a notice of candidacy signed by the candidate and either of the following:
 - (a) A certification by the Federal Election Commission that, by the filing deadline, the candidate has qualified for matching federal campaign funds; or
 - (b) Evidence that, by the filing deadline, the candidate's name is qualified to appear on the presidential preference primary ballot of the candidate's political party in at least twenty (20) other states.
- (6) The Secretary of State shall determine the sufficiency of the documentation provided pursuant to subsection (5) of this section and shall immediately communicate his or her determination to the candidate or the candidate's agent.

Effective: November 6, 2019

History: Amended 2019 Ky. Acts ch. 187, sec. 7, effective November 6, 2019. -- Amended 1996 Ky. Acts ch. 3, sec. 1, effective January 29, 1996. -- Amended 1992 Ky. Acts ch. 296, sec. 16, effective July 14, 1992. -- Amended 1990 Ky. Acts ch. 48, sec. 53, effective July 13, 1990; and ch. 431, sec. 5, effective July 13, 1990. -- Amended 1986 Ky. Acts ch. 470, sec. 21, effective July 15, 1986. -- Created 1986 Ky. Acts ch. 29, sec. 5, effective July 15, 1986.

c. The election of Presidential (Call VIII)

118.445 Meeting of presidential electors -- Filling vacancy if elector fails to attend.

The electors of President and Vice President of the United States shall convene at the State Capitol, at 11:45 a.m. on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December next after their election, give their votes at or after 12 noon, and make return thereof according to law. If any elector fails to attend by 12 noon, on the day of the meeting, those in attendance shall fill his place by the election of another person, who shall have the same powers as if originally elected by the people.

History: Amended 1986 Ky. Acts ch. 470, sec. 32, effective July 15, 1986. -- Created 1974 Ky. Acts ch. 130, sec. 130, effective June 21, 1974.

7. A copy of all presidential candidate qualifying forms to be filed with the state and the State Party. (Reg. 2.2.M)

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
MICHAEL G. ADAMS

TO: POTENTIAL CANDIDATES

FROM: MICHAEL G. ADAMS, SECRETARY OF STATE

Candidates for the following offices shall file with the county clerk to attain ballot access and should contact the county clerk of their county of residence for filing procedures and requirements: Circuit Clerk, Commonwealth Attorney in single county circuits, County Judge Executive, County Clerk, County Attorney, Sheriff, Jailer, Coroner, Property Valuation Administrator, Surveyor, Magistrate/Justice of the Peace, County Commissioner, Constable, Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, Mayor, City Legislative Body, and Board of Education.

Candidates for the following offices shall file with the Office of the Secretary of State: President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, United States Senator, United States Representative in Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture, State Senator, State Representative, Supreme Court Justice, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Circuit Judge, District Judge, and Commonwealth Attorney in multi-county circuits.

Following are guidelines for candidates filing with the Office of the Secretary of State:

1. Complete all applicable blanks on the filing form. The Office of the Secretary of State will make the necessary copies for distribution.
2. If the filing form requires notarization, the candidates and signers must have their signatures acknowledged by a Notary Public and the expiration date of the notary's commission must be stated.
3. Checks should be made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.
4. Candidates may file in person or by mail at the following address:
Office of the Secretary of State
Office of Elections
700 Capital Avenue
Room 148, State Capitol
Frankfort, KY 40601

Questions relating to campaign finance procedures and requirements for state, judicial and local office should be directed to the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance at (502) 573-2226. In addition, KREF's website, <http://www.kref.ky.gov>, provides for the downloading of required reporting forms and a book titled Guide to Campaign Finance.

Questions relating to campaign finance matters for federal candidates should be directed to the Federal Election Commission at 1-800-424-9530.

If our Office may be of further assistance to you, please contact our election staff at (502) 564-3490 or by email at sos.elections@ky.gov.

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**PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION
REPUBLICAN and DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES**

The Office of President of the United States will appear on the 2024 ballot.

Filing Deadline Date (4:00 p.m., local time)	January 5, 2024
Filing Fee	\$1,000.00
Filing Official	Secretary of State

Political Party Definition: A "political party" is an affiliation or organization of electors representing a political policy and having a constituted authority for its government and regulation, and whose candidate received at least twenty percent (20%) of the total vote cast at the last preceding election at which presidential electors were voted for. KRS 118.015 (1).

<p>Republican and Democratic party candidates may select one of the four following methods for attaining ballot access in a presidential preference primary:</p>
<p>1. Filing Notice of Candidacy when nominated by the Kentucky State Board of Elections for those candidates who have qualified for matching federal campaign funds.</p> <p>Pursuant to KRS 118.581, the Kentucky State Board of Elections will meet in Frankfort on the third Tuesday in December preceding a presidential preference primary for the purpose of nominating those candidates who have qualified for matching federal campaign funds. A list of those candidates is provided by the Federal Election Commission.</p> <p>A notification of nomination from the Secretary of State will be sent to each candidate by certified mail, with return receipt requested, that he/she will appear as a candidate on the primary ballot of his/her party, provided that the candidate returns the Notice of Candidacy form sent by the Secretary of State and the \$1000 filing fee not later than 4:00 p.m., local time on the first Friday following the first Monday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election.</p>
<p>2. Filing certified petition containing at least 5,000 signatures of Kentucky registered voters of the same party as the candidate.</p> <p>Pursuant to KRS 118.591 (1-4), the filing of a Presidential Preference Primary Petition (SBE 65 and SBE 65-2) containing at least 5,000 signatures of registered voters of the same party and \$1000 filing fee with the Secretary of State not later than 4:00 p.m., local time on the first Friday following the first Monday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election.</p> <p>The petition shall be signed by the candidate and by the Chairman of the group circulating the petition. The chairman's signature must be acknowledged by a notary public and the expiration date of the notary's commission must be stated. Petitioners shall be registered and qualified voters in the Commonwealth, members of the same party as the candidate and shall include date petition was signed, date of birth, signature of petitioner and residence address.</p>
<p>3. Filing certification by the Federal Election Commission that candidate has qualified for matching federal campaign funds and a Notice of Candidacy.</p> <p>Pursuant to KRS 118.591, filing with the Secretary of State a Notice of Candidacy, \$1000 filing fee and certification by the Federal Election Commission that the candidate has qualified for matching federal campaign funds when such occurs subsequent to the Kentucky State Board of Election's meeting in December preceding the presidential preference primary. All documents shall be filed no later than 4:00 p.m., local time on the first Friday following the first Monday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election. The Notice of Candidacy must have original signature of candidate.</p>
<p>4. Filing evidence from 20 other states that candidate is qualified to appear on their presidential preference ballot of his/her political party and Notice of Candidacy.</p> <p>Pursuant to KRS 118.591 (5), filing with the Secretary of State a Notice of Candidacy, \$1000 filing fee and evidence from twenty (20) other states that the candidate is qualified to appear on the presidential preference ballot of his/her political party. Documents shall be filed no later than 4:00 p.m., local time on the first Friday following the first Monday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election. The Notice of Candidacy must have original signature of candidate. Sufficient documentation from the twenty (20) other states is deemed to be signed certification by the Chief Election Official, or the appropriate governing election authority of the state.</p>

Please Note: All information contained in this packet is subject to change per Kentucky Revised Statutes.



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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MICHAEL G. ADAMS

METHOD #1

DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY CANDIDATE BALLOT ACCESS PURSUANT TO KRS 118.581

The Kentucky State Board of Elections will meet in Frankfort, Kentucky on December 19, 2023, for the purpose of nominating as Presidential Preference Primary candidates all those candidates of the political parties for the office of President of the United States who have qualified for matching federal campaign funds.

The Kentucky State Board of Elections will contact the Federal Election Commission just prior to the December 19, 2023, meeting to obtain a list of these candidates. Immediately upon completion of this requirement, the board will transmit a list of all the nominees selected to the Secretary of State and will also release the list to the news media.

A notification of nomination and notice of candidacy from the Secretary of State will be sent to each person nominated by certified mail, with return receipt requested, that they will appear as a candidate on the primary ballot of their party, provided that the candidate:

- a. Deposits with the Secretary of State the filing fee of \$1000;**
- and**
- b. Returns the completed Notice of Candidacy form to the Secretary of State.**

NOTE: The filing fee and completed Notice of Candidacy must be received no later than the deadline filing date, **January 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., local time**, in the office of the Secretary of State, Room 148, State Capitol, 700 Capital Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601-3493.

If additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact Heather Quinn or Jeremy Foster by calling 502-564-3490.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
MICHAEL G. ADAMS

Title FName MName LName
Address 1
Address 2
Address 3

Re: Notification of Nomination KY Presidential Preference Primary KRS 118.551-118.611

Salutation LName:

The Kentucky State Board of Elections has nominated you as a presidential candidate for the (Party) and your name will appear upon Kentucky's Presidential Preference Primary ballot on May 21, 2024, provided the following requirements are met:

1. Complete and return the attached Notice of Candidacy to the Kentucky Secretary of State;
and
2. Deposit with the Kentucky Secretary of State a filing fee of \$1000.
Check should be payable to Kentucky State Treasurer.

The one thousand dollar (\$1000) filing fee and the completed Notice of Candidacy form must be received by the Kentucky Secretary of State no later than **January 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., local time.**

The required filing documents may be filed in person or mailed to the Office of the Secretary of State, Room 148 State Capitol, 700 Capital Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601-3493.

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NOTICE OF CANDIDACY

I hereby notify the Kentucky Secretary of State that I have received the notification of nomination for the Kentucky Presidential Preference Primary, and request my name to appear as a _____ candidate upon my party's
(Party)
primary ballot on May 21, 2024.

Name as desired on ballot pursuant to KRS 118.129:

(Print or Type name of candidate in full as desired on ballot per KRS 118.219)

(Signature of Candidate) (Date)

(Candidate's Residential Address)

(City) (State) (Zip)

NOTE: Notice of Candidacy and required filing fee of \$1000 must be received **no later than January 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., local time.** Return documents to:

**Michael G. Adams
Secretary of State
Room 148, State Capitol
700 Capitol Avenue
Frankfort, KY 40601-3493**



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MICHAEL G. ADAMS

METHOD #2

DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY CANDIDATE BALLOT ACCESS PURSUANT TO KRS 118.591 (1-4)

- 1: Complete all petition blanks. Candidate and Chairman must sign Nominating Petition form. The Chairman's signature must be acknowledged by a Notary Public, and the expiration date of the notary's commission must be stated.
- 2: Petitioners shall be registered voters of the same political party as the candidate and shall include date petition was signed, date of birth, signature of petitioner, residential address, and be at least 5,000 in number as required by KRS 118.591.
- 3: It is acceptable to make copies of the petition for obtaining the required number of signatures. The Nominating Petition submitted for filing must contain the original signature of the petitioners. Failure of the petitioner to include the signature affixation date, date of birth, or address of residence shall result in the signature not being counted.
- 4: Last day to file nominating petition papers for Presidential Preference Primary: **January 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., local time.** KRS 118.591.
- 5: Enclose the required \$1000 filing fee.
(Check should be payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.)

Nominating Petition forms may be filed in person or by mail and must be received no later than the deadline filing date, **January 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., local time**, in the office of the Secretary of State, Room 148, State Capitol, 700 Capital Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601-3493.

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NOMINATING PETITION

(Republican and Democratic Candidates Filing for President under the provisions of KRS 118.591)

TO: Secretary of State
700 Capitol Ave Rm 150
Capitol Building
Frankfort KY 40601-3410

We, the undersigned petitioners, being registered and qualified voters in the Commonwealth and are affiliated, by registration, with the same political party as the candidate for whom petitions are filed, and being at least 5000 in number, hereby petition you, as Secretary of State, to cause to be printed on the official ballot of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to be used at the Presidential Preference Primary election to be held on May _____, 20_____, the name of the following person as a candidate of the _____, the name of the following person as a candidate of the _____ Party for the office hereinafter designated, the name of said person and address being as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

(Name of Candidate - Please Type or Print) (Residential Address) (City, State, Zip)

I, _____ hereby declare that if elected I will qualify for the above office.
(Name of Candidate in full as desired on ballot - Please Type or Print)

(Signature of Candidate)

I, _____, whose address is _____, hereby certify that I am
(Name of Chairman - Please Type or Print) (Address) (City, State, Zip)

Chairman of the group circulating this petition.
(Signature of Chairman)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ this _____ day of _____, 20_____.
(Name of Chairman) (Month)

(Signature of Notary/Officer) (Title of Officer) (Commission Expiration)

SBE 65 (04/05)



White copy: Filing officer
Canary copy: State Board of Elections
Pink copy: Candidate (Page 1 of 2)



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METHOD #3

DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY CANDIDATE BALLOT ACCESS PURSUANT TO KRS 118.591(5)

- 1: Completion of Notice of Candidacy. Must have original signature of candidate.
- 2: Certification by the Federal Election Commission that candidate has qualified for matching federal campaign funds
- 3: Filing deadline: **January 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., local time.**
- 4: Filing fee: \$1000 (Check made payable to Kentucky State Treasurer)

Required filing documents may be filed in person or by mail and must be received no later than the deadline filing date, **January 5, 2024, 4:00 p.m., local time**, in the office of the Secretary of State, Room 148, State Capitol, 700 Capital Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601-3493.

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NOTICE OF CANDIDACY

I hereby notify the Kentucky Secretary of State that I have qualified for Kentucky's Presidential Preference Primary, and request my name to appear as a _____ candidate upon my party's primary (Party) ballot on May 21, 2024.

Name as desired on ballot pursuant to KRS 118.129:

(Print or Type name of candidate in full as desired on ballot per KRS 118.219)

(Signature of Candidate) (Date)

(Candidate's Residential Address)

(City) (State) (Zip)

NOTE: Notice of Candidacy and required filing fee of \$1000 must be received **no later than January 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.**, local time. Return documents to:

**Michael G. Adams
Secretary of State
Room 148, State Capitol
700 Capitol Avenue
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METHOD #4

DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY CANDIDATE BALLOT ACCESS PURSUANT TO KRS 118.591(5)

- 1: Completion of Notice of Candidacy. Must have original signature of candidate.
- 2: Evidence that the candidate's name is qualified to appear on the presidential preference primary ballot of his political party in at least twenty (20) other states.

Note: Sufficient documentation is deemed to be a signed certification by the Chief State Election Official, or the appropriate governing election authority of the state, of at least twenty (20) states that the candidate's name will appear on their state's presidential primary ballot in 2020.

- 3: Filing deadline: **January 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., local time.**
- 4: Filing fee: \$1000
(Check made payable to Kentucky State Treasurer)

Required filing documents may be filed in person or by mail and must be received no later than the deadline filing date, **January 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., local time**, in the office of the Secretary of State, Room 148, State Capitol, 700 Capital Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601-3493.

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Name as desired on ballot pursuant to KRS 118.129:

(Print or Type name of candidate in full as desired on ballot per KRS 118.129)

(Signature of Candidate) (Date)

(Candidate's Residential Address)

(City) (State) (Zip)

NOTE: Notice of Candidacy and required filing fee of \$1000 must be received **no later than January 5, 2024, 4:00 p.m., local time.** Return documents to:

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- 8. A copy of the State Delegate Selection Media Plan, describing how the State Party will communicate information about the process to all available and appropriate sources, including social and specialty

media directed toward Democratic constituency groups as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS

KDP Delegate Selection Media Plan 2024

The purpose of the Delegation Selection Media Plan is two fold: first, publicize the delegate selection process to create excitement among Kentucky Democrats, and second, to provide detailed information about the process of running for delegate positions. In collaboration with the Outreach and Strategic Planning Committee and the Affirmative Action Committee, the KDP plans to execute the following plan to achieve participation from all interested parties, including groups of Kentuckians traditionally underrepresented in Party affairs.

Outreach

The Kentucky Democratic Party plans to encourage Democratic voters in the state's primary through the following channels:

Kentucky Democratic Party Social Media

[KDP Website](#)
[KDP Facebook](#)
[KDP Instagram](#)
[KDP Twitter](#)

Internal Influencers

County Parties
State Caucuses
Labor Organizations
Kentucky Young Democrats and their chartered caucuses
Emerge
Allied Organizations, such as Bluegrass Activist Alliance, Indivisible, etc.
Talkers email to other party activists

Traditional Media

Press release to state and local media organizations from KDP

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9. Letter outlining the methodology used to calculate district-level delegate count due to COVID-19 restrictions.

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS

Colmon Elridge
CHAIR

March 15, 2023

Ms. Minyon Moore, Co-Chair
Mr. James Roosevelt, Jr., Co-Chair
Rules and Bylaws Committee
Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Moore and Mr. Roosevelt,

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Kentucky's Secretary of State adjusted the voting rules and regulations for the 2020 presidential election. As part of these changes county clerks across the state extended voting days and hosted elections at central hubs to avoid crowds as super spreaders. As such, the county clerks did not collect voter turnout data by precinct, rather data collected at the county level and this has affected Kentucky's district-level delegation apportionment.

Kentucky uses Formula #2 in the Regulations appendices to apportion district-level delegates, which requires the democratic turnout votes from the 2019 gubernatorial and 2020 presidential elections by Congressional District (CD). Kentucky has six (6) counties that lie in two or more CDs, therefore precinct level

data is required to apportion district-level delegates to each CD.

Considering that the data needed is unavailable for 2020, Kentucky estimated the democratic turnout in those counties using the following methodology:

1. Using Dave's Redistricting (DRA), download the 2022 CD map with precinct data.
2. This was then uploaded to DNC Phoenix, and queries were done of the counties with split precincts to sum total votes for respective races.

I am confident that this methodology accurately estimates the democratic strength in each CD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Colmon Elridge".

Colmon Elridge, Chair

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D. Waiver for Rule 15.D

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March 15, 2023

Ms. Minyon Moore. Co-Chair
Mr. James Roosevelt, Jr., Co-Chair
Rules and Bylaws Committee
Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Moore and Mr. Roosevelt,

The KDP requests a waiver of 15.D.

Kentucky State Law requires that to appear on the presidential primary ballot, candidates must file with the state no later than the First Friday after the first Monday in January preceding the primary election. This date in 2024 January 5, which lies outside of Rule 15.D. As such, we request a waiver of this rule.

Sincerely,



Colmon Elridge, Chair
Kentucky Democratic Party