

## **2022 DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION RULES**

Resolved by this Convention that the following shall be the Rules of the 2022 Democratic Congressional Convention:

1. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12<sup>th</sup> Edition, unless superseded by the State Party Rules and the rules set forth herein, shall be controlling and conclusive on any parliamentary issues arising before this Convention.
2. A vote on the issue of party endorsement as between two or more candidates for any given office, to be acted upon by this Convention, shall be by roll call of each town delegation. Prior to the call of the roll, each town delegation shall select from among its members a Chair and a Recording Secretary.
3. The Chair of each town delegation shall poll the members thereof on the issue then before the Convention and the Recording Secretary of each such delegation shall record the vote of each delegate on forms provided to each town by the Secretary of the Convention. The delegation Chair and the Recording Secretary shall certify to the vote recorded on such forms.
4. When called upon by the Chair of the convention, each delegation Chair shall announce the total vote of his or her town delegation. He or she shall then file with the Secretary of the Convention the duly certified record of the vote of each member of the particular town delegation.
5. In the event that the vote of a given town delegation, as announced by the Chair thereof, is in doubt, only a delegate from that town's delegation may challenge the vote as announced. In the event any delegate of a given town challenges the vote as announced, the Chair of the Convention shall poll the entire delegation. No challenge to an announced vote shall be entertained by the Chair after the final result of any given roll call has been announced by the Chair of the Convention.
6. On matters before the Convention other than the party endorsement of candidates, a roll call vote shall be taken whenever, in the opinion of the Chair of the Convention, one-fifth of the delegates vote in favor of a roll call. The procedure for announcing the vote on such roll call votes shall be the same as announcing the roll call vote for the endorsement of candidates in paragraph (2) above.
7. The order of voting in all roll call votes shall be alphabetical by Town Name.
8. Resolutions shall be introduced to the Convention in writing and must be presented to the Chair before the Chair of the Rules and Resolutions Committee is recognized to make his or her report.
9. The only persons permitted to address the Convention shall be:
  - a. A delegate or a duly accredited alternate or proxy
  - b. Convention officials and convention staff members
  - c. The endorsed candidate of the convention
  - d. Any other persons granted permission by a majority vote of the Convention
10. No designation of an alternate or proxy shall be effective and the designee named as the alternate or proxy shall not be entitled to vote on a roll call, unless the alternate or proxy form has been filed with the Secretary of the Convention prior to the beginning of any roll call vote.
11. All persons addressing the Convention shall use only the microphones at the rostrum, except in the case of roll call votes which shall be reported by the delegation Chair from the microphones located on the Convention floor.
12. With respect to nominating, seconding and acceptance speeches:
  - a. The total time for nominating and seconding speeches for each candidate for the offices of Congress shall not exceed ten (10) minutes.

- b. The endorsed nominee for the office of Congress shall be limited to an acceptance speech not to exceed fifteen minutes.
  - c. Candidates for the office of Congress shall be nominated in alphabetical order by their last names.
  - d. No nominations will be entertained unless the written consent of the person to be nominated has been filed with the Secretary of the Convention.
13. The order of business of the Convention shall be:
- a. A preliminary session to be called at 6:30 PM on Monday, May 9, 2022 for the purpose of a Rules and Resolutions Committee.
  - b. A session to be called at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 9, 2022 with the order of business as follows:
    - i. Endorsement of Candidate for Congress
    - ii. Roll Call Votes and Announcement of the endorsed candidate
    - iii. Acceptance speech
    - iv. Adjournment.