



Proposed Rules for 36th Legislative District Caucus

2018 Washington State Democrats Caucus and Convention Cycle

1. The 36th Legislative District Caucus shall be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018, sign-in commencing at 10:00 am, at the Seattle Labor Temple, 2800 1st Ave, Seattle, WA.
2. To vote at the Legislative District Caucus an individual must be a resident, registered voter in the 36th Legislative District and affirm that they are a Democrat by signing on the registration sheet, and agree to public record of their attendance at the meeting.
 - A. **Registered voters** include all registered voters and any 17 year old who will be eligible to vote on or before November 6, 2018. **Registered voters** also include any eligible individual who completes a voter registration form while signing in to attend the Legislative District Caucus.
 - B. Individuals who are not qualified to register to vote because of residence, citizenship, or age shall be allowed to participate in the platform discussion, but may not vote on rules, matters of order, resolutions or for the election of delegates or alternates, nor may they be elected as delegates or alternates.
3. A suggested registration donation of \$10 is requested of all participants to the Legislative District Caucus to defray the expenses of location rental, copies of documents, and other supplies at the door. **Payment of this fee shall not be a condition of participation or election as a delegate or alternate.**
4. The Legislative District Chair or the Chair's designee shall serve as the Temporary Chair of the Legislative District Caucus.
5. The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall present the report of the Credentials Committee no earlier than 11:00am, which shall include the following:
 - A. The total number of Registered voters registered and seated at the time the report is given;
 - B. Presentation of challenged voters wishing to be seated by the Legislative District Caucus as a whole, proceeding in alpha-numeric order until all challenges are resolved. If the challenged voter is not sustained, they shall be ineligible to vote or be elected as a State Delegate or Alternate. A challenged voter may not vote on the question of their own challenge.
6. The Credentials Committee may seat unchallenged voters arriving after the Initial Credentials Committee report.
7. The Chair of the Rules Committee shall present the report of the Rules Committee.



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8. Any voting member of the Caucus may nominate themselves or be nominated by another voting member for the position of Permanent Caucus Chair. Nominations, seconding speeches and speeches by the candidate on their own behalf shall not total more than one (1) minute per nominee. A majority of those voting is required to elect. If no person has a majority, the candidate receiving the least votes is dropped and balloting shall be repeated using the remaining names. This procedure shall be repeated until a candidate receives a majority of those voting. In case of a tie vote, the tie shall be broken by lot or coin toss.
9. The Permanent Caucus Chair shall appoint a Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Time Keeper, Tally Committee Chair, and Parliamentarian. Assistants or Committees may be appointed to assist these caucus officers in their work, as volume dictates.
10. The election of State Convention delegates and alternates:
 - A. The 36th Legislative District Caucus shall elect 18 delegates and 9 alternates.
 - B. Each candidate for State Convention delegate or alternate must be a resident registered voter, as defined in Section 2 of these rules, in the 36th Legislative District.
 - C. Each candidate for State Convention delegate or alternate shall be nominated individually. No second is required. A candidate who is not present must signify in advance, in writing individually to the Legislative District Chair, that they will serve if elected and that they are a Democrat and are willing to be known as such. The letter of any absent candidate shall be read by the Caucus Chair and shall constitute a nomination, no second required. All other nominations shall be made by signing the nomination list at the registration table. Each candidate shall have up to 30 seconds (including the time spent by the Chair reading an absent candidate's nomination letter) for speech on their behalf. The Chair, at their sole discretion, may reduce the amount of speaking time, as long as all candidates are provided the same amount of time, based upon number of candidates and any other pertinent factors.
 - D. Voting shall be by written ballot and a ballot to be counted must have all potential positions filled, contain only the names of persons nominated, and have no duplications. (These requirements prevent a candidate for delegate from skewing the vote by only voting for themselves and leaving the other positions blank). A plurality of those present and voting is required to elect. In case of a tie vote, the assignment of a delegate position shall be by lot or coin toss.



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- E. State Convention alternates shall be selected from the same set of ballots used for the election of delegates. The candidate for delegate receiving the most votes after all delegate slots are filled shall become alternate number one, and the alternate receiving the next most votes shall be alternate number two, and so forth. (Voting for alternates is done at the same time as voting for delegates).
 - F. The delegation elected shall differ by no more than one (disregarding any positions won by non-binary gender persons) between the number of women and number of men in both the delegate and alternate categories unless there are an insufficient number of nominees from one gender to fill the available positions.
 - G. If there are 18 or fewer total candidates seeking election to the State Convention, they may be elected by acclamation.
11. The platform will be presented at the Legislative District Caucus by the Platform and Resolutions Committee Chair. The platform will be considered by section. Motions to subtract language from the platform will be in order; motions to add or move platform language will not be in order.
 12. Resolutions will be considered as time allows after the platform is adopted. For a resolution to be considered at the caucus, it must be emailed in Word format to summerstinson@gmail.com by 11:59 PM on Thursday, March 22, 2018. The order of consideration of these resolutions will be based on the number of signatures of caucus attendees in support of the resolution, with the resolution with the most signatures being considered first. Any resolution that is not submitted by the above deadline will be considered from the floor only as time allows after all prior-submitted resolutions are considered.
 13. Discussion and adoption of platform and resolutions will be limited to 60 minutes.
 14. Debate of all motions shall alternate pro and con, limited to three speakers for and three speakers against any motion, with each speaker to speak no more than one minute.
 15. The motion "to table" shall be out of order at all times.
 16. A quorum shall consist of 30% of the number eligible to vote as shown on the credentials report, as most recently amended. Once a quorum is established, it may not be challenged until the election of delegates has been completed.



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- A. The Tally Chair, in consultation with the Permanent Caucus Chair, may suspend counting of State Convention delegates and alternates ballots and inform the Caucus about where and when it will resume counting.
 - B. If this option is implemented, ballots and ballot documentation shall be sealed securely in an envelope or box, the seal signed by the Permanent Caucus Chair, the Tally Chair, and a third selected member, and not re-opened until the count resumes with the seal inspected beforehand.
17. The Permanent Caucus Chair shall appoint a representative tally committee to serve under the Tally Chair. All ballots shall be returned to the Permanent Caucus Chair and thereupon provided for safekeeping to the elected Legislative District Chair if that person is a different individual from the Caucus Chair. The ballots shall be retained by the Legislative District Chair until the State Convention has adjourned.
 18. The Unit Rule shall not be permitted at any time.
 19. Proxy voting shall not be allowed.
 20. All possible efforts shall be made to insure maximum participation of African Americans, Hispanic/Latinos, Enrolled Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, and People with Disabilities. Other Constituencies of Concern include but are not limited to women, youth (considered separately to include both those between the ages of 17 and 24 and those between 17 and 36), persons over 65 years of age, LGBTQ+, and persons of economic disadvantage.
 21. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall prevail in other matters not specifically covered herein or in the 2018 Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan.
 22. Nothing in these rules shall be inconsistent with the 2018 Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan.