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Ohio
Presidential Guide
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**Key Election Dates**

Presidential Primary Filing Deadline . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Jan. 2, 2004
Presidential Primary Elections (Polls are open 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.). . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . March 2, 2004
Democratic Party Nominating Convention (Boston, MA) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . July 26-29, 2004
Independent Joint Candidates: Filing deadline to have names printed on ballot . . . . Aug. 19, 2004
Republican Party Nominating Convention (New York, NY) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Aug. 30 - Sept. 2, 2004
Deadline for political parties to certify presidential and vice presidential nominees . . . Sept. 3, 2004
Independent Joint Candidates: Filing deadline as write-in candidates . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sept. 13, 2004
General Election (Polls are open 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.). . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Nov. 2, 2004
Meeting of the Electoral College . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Dec. 13, 2004

**Definitions**

As used in discussing the provisions relating to a presidential candidate’s access to the ballot in Ohio:

“**Elector**” is a U.S. citizen who will be at least 18 years old on or before the Nov. 2, 2004, general election, and who is a resident of, and registered to vote in, Ohio for at least 30 days immediately prior to that election. Seventeen year-old citizens who will be 18 years old on or before the Nov. 2, 2004, general election may register and vote in the March 2 primary to nominate party candidates, but they cannot vote on the election of issues, questions, or party officers on the March 2 ballot.

“**Political party**” means any group of electors meeting the requirements of Ohio law for the formation and existence of a political party.

*Note: As of this guide’s publication date, two political parties – Democratic and Republican – had legal status in Ohio. However, any political party that obtains legal status under R.C. 3517.01 by October 31, 2003, will be eligible to hold a primary on March 2, 2004, to nominate party candidates for all offices to be elected at the 2004 general election.*

“**Delegate**” is an Ohio elector who represents a presidential candidate at a political party nominating convention.

“**Alternate**” or “**alternate delegate**” is an Ohio elector who substitutes as a presidential candidate’s representative when a delegate cannot perform his or her duties at the party nominating convention.

“**District**” refers to one of Ohio’s 18 congressional districts. Each district delegate or alternate delegate is elected from the Ohio congressional district in which his or her voting residence is located.

“**At-large delegate**” is a national convention delegate or alternate delegate who is either elected statewide or appointed by a political party pursuant to party rules.

“**Independent candidates**” are joint candidates for president and vice president who run without the designation of a political party. They do not seek nomination through the primary process, but appear on Ohio’s general election ballot by filing valid nominating petitions by 4 p.m. August 19, 2004.
“Write-in candidates” are independent joint candidates for president and vice president whose names are not printed on the general election ballot, but who become eligible to receive votes at the general election by filing a declaration of intent to be joint write-in candidates by 4 p.m. on Sept. 13, 2004.

“Board of elections” refers to the bipartisan body of election officials responsible for conducting elections in a county. Each of Ohio’s 88 counties has its own board of elections.

“R.C.” is used when citing a section of the Revised Code of Ohio.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICES OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

A candidate for the office of president of the United States must be a natural born citizen of the United States, a U.S. resident for at least 14 years, and at least 35 years old on or before the day of the election. (U.S. Constitution, Article II, section 1.)

A candidate for the office of vice president of the United States must have the same qualifications as a candidate for president.
FORMS OF CANDIDACY AND FILING DEADLINES

FORMS OF CANDIDACY

Presidential and vice presidential candidates must file jointly with, or be certified jointly to, the Ohio Secretary of State’s office (U.S. Constitution, Amendment XII; R.C. 3513.12, 3513.121).

Generally, a presidential candidacy may take one of the following forms in Ohio:

- participation in a party primary as provided by law and party rules,
- joint candidacy of a minor or intermediate political party having legal status in Ohio,
- independent joint candidacy, or
- independent joint write-in candidacy.

The form of candidacy determines the method by which candidates obtain access to the Ohio ballot for the presidential primary or general election as discussed in this guide.

FILING DEADLINES

The statutory filing or certification deadlines are as follows:

- Candidacy for Party Primary . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Jan. 2, 2004, 4 p.m.
- Independent Joint Candidates . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Aug. 19, 2004, 4 p.m.
- Certification of Major Party Candidates . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sept. 3, 2004, 4 p.m.
- Certification of Minor or Intermediate Political Party Candidates . . . Sept. 3, 2004, 4 p.m.
- Independent Joint Write-in Candidates . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sept. 13, 2004, 4 p.m.
Ballot Access - Major Political Parties

The presidential and vice presidential nominees of major political parties are not nominated through primary elections, but are selected by delegates at each party’s national convention. The number of delegates and alternates to be sent to a convention is determined by the national party committee’s written rules governing the primary process in each state.

The two major political parties currently having legal status in Ohio – the Democratic and Republican parties – have filing requirements and deadlines in addition to those provided for by statute.

Ohio Democratic Presidential Primary

Anyone interested in participating as a candidate in the Democratic presidential nominating process should:

1. Review the relevant materials of the state and national Democratic Party organizations, including the party rules, and the Ohio Democratic Party’s “2004 Ohio Delegate and Alternate Selection Plan.”
   (See page 24)

2. If you are interested in being designated as a delegate or alternate delegate, obtain the written consent of the two people, your first and second choices as the Democratic Party’s presidential candidate, whom you want to support as a delegate or alternate delegate.

3. Determine which method you will use to obtain access to the Ohio Democratic Party primary election ballot, obtain the appropriate forms, and file those forms as provided by Ohio law.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Ohio Democratic Party, 271 E. State Street, Columbus, OH 43215; telephone (614) 221-6563; fax (614) 221-0721. Web site: www.ohiodems.org

In addition to its delegate selection plan, the Ohio Democratic Party has published the following document:

“Ohio Democratic Party: How to Become a Delegate or Alternate to the 2004 Democratic National Convention”

Delegates and alternates are selected either at a Congressional District Caucus held in each congressional district (CD) on January 12, 2004, or by the State Executive Committee on May 8, 2004. There are also 16 delegates who are ex-officio (members of Congress or the Democrat National Committee [DNC]).

District Delegates & Alternates

There are 91 district delegates and 16 district alternates. The distribution is indicated on the enclosed chart. To become a delegate or alternate you must file a “Declaration of Candidacy” form with the Ohio Democratic Party by 5:00 PM on January 1, 2004. These forms will be available by November 5, 2003. We will accept faxes. You have to pledge your support to a presidential candidate in order to run as a district delegate or alternate. The presidential candidate may limit the number of candidates running in each district. You must be registered to vote (18 before November 2, 2004) in the district in which you are running.
All caucuses are held on January 12, 2004. There will be individual caucuses for each Presidential Caucus. These may be held in the same building. Locations of all caucuses will be announced no later than December 29, 2003. Voters who sign a statement of support indicating their presidential preference may vote, but only at one caucus. There will be separate votes for male and female delegates. A separate election will be held for alternates. Voting will be by signed ballot. This is not a secret ballot, ballots will be open to inspection. Caucus chairs will announce the name of each candidate and may allow each to speak for a limited time. The chair will indicate the importance of meeting the affirmative action goals of the delegation.

Ranking of delegates will be based on this vote and the outcome of the March Primary.

Statewide Delegates and Alternates

Statewide delegates will be selected by the State Executive Committee on May 8, 2004. To become a delegate or alternate you must file a “Declaration of Candidacy” form with the Ohio Democratic Party by 5:00 PM on May 1, 2004. These forms will be available by November 5, 2003. We will accept faxes. You have to pledge your support to a presidential candidate in order to run as a delegate or alternate. The presidential candidate may limit the number of candidates running (only if over 2 times the number to be selected file).

The State Executive Committee will first select the “Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates” (PLEO’s). Preference is given to big city mayors, legislative leadership, and members of the legislature for these positions. After this election, “At-Large” Delegates and Alternates will be selected. Preference will be given to delegates and alternates in order to achieve the equal division of men and women and to reach our affirmative action goals.

Presidential candidates will receive delegates and alternates based on the vote at the March 2, 2004 Primary.

Ballot Access Methods - Democratic Presidential Primary

1. PETITION METHOD - AT-LARGE DELEGATE

(PLAN PUBLISHED BY THE OHIO DEMOCRATIC PARTY)

Under the delegate selection plan published by the Ohio Democratic Party, a presidential candidate may obtain access to the Democratic presidential primary ballot by having one or more (up to 30) qualified electors file as at-large delegates. This will result in the candidate’s name appearing on the Democratic primary ballot in each of Ohio’s 18 Congressional Districts.
Secretary of State forms for use by a Single At-Large Democratic Candidate:

2-H Declaration of Candidacy and Petition – At-large Delegate or Alternate - Single Candidate
2-L Consent for use of Name as First Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate
2-N Consent for use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate

Petition and Signature Requirements

Candidates for at-large delegate file the Declaration of Candidacy and Petition (Form 2-H), designating their first and second choices for nomination as the Democratic candidate for president.

The petition must contain signatures of at least 1,000 – but not more than 3,000 -- qualified Ohio electors affiliated with the Democratic Party. For purposes of signing or circulating a petition in 2003, Ohio election law considers an elector to be affiliated with the Democratic Party if the elector either voted in the primary elections only of the Democratic Party in 2001, 2002 and 2003, or did not vote in any other political party’s primary elections in those years.

Additional Forms to beFiled

Each candidate for at-large delegate also must file the Consent for Use of Name forms (Forms 2-L and 2-N), signed by the presidential candidates designated in the declaration of candidacy as the delegate or alternate’s first and second choices for the Democratic nomination for president.

When and Where to File

A candidate for at-large delegate files a properly completed and signed Declaration of Candidacy and Petition, along with the Consent for Use of Name forms, with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division, 180 E. Broad St., 15th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215, by 4 p.m. on January 2, 2004.

Filing Fee

No filing fee is required of any candidate for delegate or alternate to a political party’s convention.

2. PETITION METHOD – DISTRICT DELEGATES

A presidential candidate who chooses not to accept, or is not eligible to receive, federal matching funds, or who wants to use the petition process, may obtain access to the Democratic Party’s presidential primary ballot through the filing of petitions for delegate and alternate delegate candidates from some or all of Ohio’s 18 congressional districts.

Under this method, the presidential candidate is represented on the party’s primary ballot, in the designated congressional districts by candidates for delegate and alternate delegate to the party’s national convention, who have pledged their support to the candidate.

Candidates for district delegate or alternate delegate may file either as an individual or a group.
SELECTING DISTRICT DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE CANDIDATES

Generally

Each candidate for district delegate or alternate delegate filing under the petition method must file a *Declaration of Candidacy and Petition* with the appropriate election officials.

Individual candidates for district delegates or alternate delegates file with the board of elections of the most populous county in the congressional district. Candidates using a group petition file with the Secretary of State.

The declaration of candidacy and petition may consist of separate petition papers, each of which must contain signatures of electors of only one county. If a petition paper contains signatures of electors from more than one county, even if in the same congressional district, the election officials who accepted the filing will determine the county from which the majority of signatures came, and only signatures from that county shall be counted. Any other signature on that petition paper will be invalidated. (R.C. 3513.05)

Each petition paper must be circulated by one qualified Ohio elector, and is governed by the rules set forth in R.C. 3501.38 and R.C 3503.06.

The Secretary of State’s office has prescribed forms that satisfy the statutory requirements. Forms may be obtained from the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division, 180 E. Broad St., 15th Floor, Columbus, OH  43215.

DISTRICT DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE – SINGLE (INDIVIDUAL) CANDIDATE

**Forms for use by a Single District Candidate:**

2-J Declaration of Candidacy – District Delegate or Alternate - Single Candidate

2-L Consent for use of Name as First Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate

2-N Consent for use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate

**Petition and Signature Requirements**

A candidate for district delegate or alternate delegate is elected from the congressional district in which his or her voting residence address is located. The delegate or alternate delegate candidate files a *Declaration of Candidacy and Petition* (Form 2-J), which designates the district delegate or alternate delegate candidate’s first and second choices for president.

The declaration of candidacy and petition for a district delegate or district alternate candidate must contain signatures of at least 50, but not more than 150, qualified electors of that congressional district.

To be qualified to sign or circulate the petition, an elector must be affiliated with the Democratic Party, as defined by Ohio election law. For purposes of signing or circulating a petition for a Democratic candidate in 2003, an elector is considered affiliated with the Democratic Party if the elector either voted at primary elections only of the Democratic Party in 2001, 2002 and 2003, or did not vote in any other political party’s primary election in those years.
Additional Filing Requirements

The district delegate or district alternate delegate candidate must also file the appropriate Consent for Use of Name forms (Secretary of State Forms 2-L and 2-N), signed by his or her first or second choice, as appropriate, for president.

When and Where to File

The properly completed and signed forms must be filed no later than 4 p.m. on January 2, 2004, with the board of elections of the most populous county in the congressional district. (R.C. 3513.05)

Following is a list of Ohio’s 18 congressional districts, the most populous county of each district, and the city of the most populous county in which the county board of elections office is located:

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<td>Stark (Canton)</td>
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<td>Butler (Hamilton)</td>
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<td>Trumbull (Warren)</td>
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<td>9th</td>
<td>Lucas (Toledo)</td>
<td>18th</td>
<td>Tuscarawas (New Philadelphia)</td>
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See pages 57-58 for Board of Election contact information.

Filing Fee

No filing fee is required of any candidate for delegate or alternate to a political party’s convention.

DISTRICT DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES – GROUP PETITION

Secretary of State forms for use by a group of several Democratic candidates:

2-K Declaration of Candidacy – District Delegate or Alternate - Several Candidates
2-M Consent for use of Name as First Choice for the Presidency - Several Candidates
2-O Consent for use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Several Candidates

Note: A group petition may be filed only if the group of candidates listed on the petition is equal in number to the whole number of delegate or alternate delegate candidates to be elected on a district basis.
If a group of candidates for delegate or alternate delegate files with the Ohio Secretary of State a properly completed group petition that designates the same two people as the first and second choices for president, and the appropriate Consent for Use of Name forms (Form 2-M and Form 2-O), then that single petition will suffice for all of the candidates for delegate or alternate delegate named in the petition.

**Petition and Signature Requirements**

The signature requirement for a group petition is the same as for a petition filed by a single delegate or alternate delegate candidate in that it must contain signatures of at least 50, but not more than 150, qualified electors.

For purposes of signing or circulating a petition in 2003, Ohio election law considers an elector to be affiliated with the Democratic Party if the elector either voted in the primary elections only of the Democratic Party in 2001, 2002 and 2003, or did not vote in any other political party’s primary elections in those years.

**When and Where to File**

Group petitions for delegate or alternate delegate candidates must be filed with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division, 180 E. Broad St., 15th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215, by 4 p.m. on January 2, 2004.

**Filing Fee**

No filing fee required of any candidate for delegate or alternate to a political party’s convention.

### 3. MATCHING FUNDS METHOD (R.C. 3513.121)

**A. Eligibility**

A Democratic presidential candidate who qualifies for, and accepts payments under, the Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account Act, 88 Stat. 1297, 26 U.S.C.A. 9031, may be certified to the Ohio presidential primary ballot through the filing of declarations of candidacy (no petition containing signatures of Ohio electors) by the presidential candidate, and candidates for delegate and alternate delegate who have pledged to support that presidential candidate.

**B. Presidential Candidate – What, When and Where to File**

Each presidential candidate filing for the Democratic primary election under the matching funds method must file the following documents with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division:

1. The Federal Election Commission (FEC) letter establishing the candidate’s eligibility -- valid as of the date the candidate files in Ohio -- to receive presidential primary matching payments.
2. Secretary of State Form 1-A, Declaration of Candidacy for Party Primary Election for President, a declaration of candidacy (no petition) that identifies:
   - The Ohio congressional districts in which the presidential candidate wishes to appear on the ballot, and
   - The presidential candidate’s list of district delegates and alternate delegates who have been selected in accordance with rules adopted by the Ohio Democratic Party State Central Committee.

These documents must be filed, in person or by mail, at the same time with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division, 180 E. Broad Street, 15th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215, by 4 p.m. on January 2, 2004.
C. Single Delegate or Alternate Delegates under the Matching Funds Method

District Delegate and District Alternate - Single (Individual) Candidate

Single (individual) candidates for district delegate or district alternate delegate who are designated by a Democratic presidential candidate filing under the matching funds method must file the following documents with the Secretary of State by 4 p.m. on January 2, 2004:

1. Secretary of State Form No. 2-JA, Declaration of Candidacy Party Primary Election for District Delegate or District Alternate to the National Convention (Single Candidate), that includes a signed statement that indicates the delegate or alternate delegate's first and second choices for president.
2. Secretary of State Form 2-L, Consent for use of Name as First Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate, bearing the original signature of the delegate or alternate delegate's first choice for president.
3. Secretary of State Form 2-N, Consent for use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate, bearing the original signature of the delegate or alternate delegate’s second choice for president.

D. No Filing Fee

No filing fee is required of any presidential candidate or candidate for delegate or alternate delegate.
Anyone interested in participating as a candidate in the Republican presidential nominating process should:

1. Review the relevant materials of the national and state Republican Party organizations, including the party rules, and The “2004 Ohio Republican Presidential Primary,” as printed below.

2. If you are interested in being designated as a delegate or alternate delegate, obtain the written consent of the two people, your first and second choices as the Republican Party’s presidential candidate, whom you want to support as a delegate or alternate delegate.

3. Determine which method you will use to obtain access to the Ohio Republican Party primary election ballot, obtain the appropriate forms, and file those forms as provided by Ohio law.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Ohio Republican Party, 211 S. Fifth Street, Columbus, OH 43215; telephone (614) 228-2481; fax (614) 228-1093; Web site: www.ohiogop.org

The following material was provided by the Ohio Republican Party:

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**“2004 OHIO REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY”**

**General Guidelines and Information**

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<td>District Delegates and Alternate Delegates (3 of each from each of Ohio’s 18 Congressional Districts)</td>
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**Filing Requirements for Delegates and Alternate Delegates under Ohio Revised Code Section 3513.121:**

Under Ohio Revised Code Section 3513.121, any Presidential candidate who is eligible to receive payments under the “Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account Act” may file a declaration of candidacy and a list of At Large and District delegates and alternate delegates with the Ohio Secretary of State, bypassing the petition process. The delegates must be selected in accordance with Article X of the Ohio Republican Party State Central and Executive Committee Permanent Rules.

**Filing Requirements for Delegates and Alternate Delegates not meeting the Requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 3513.121:**

*At Large Delegates and Alternate Delegates:* For those candidates who do not qualify under Ohio Revised Code Section 3513.121, petitions for each At Large delegate and At Large alternate delegate must be signed by at least 1,000 but no more than 3,000 registered Republicans and filed with the office of the Ohio Secretary of State.

*District Delegates and Alternate Delegates:* For those candidates who do not qualify under the above provisions, petitions for each district delegate and district alternate delegate must be filed with the County Board of Elections in the county with the
largest portion of the population of that Congressional District. At least 50 but not more than 150 registered Republicans from the Congressional district must sign petitions.

Consent forms from the Presidential candidate, listing those people he wishes to represent him, must also be filed.

PRIMARY ELECTION
Ohio is a “winner-take-all” state. The Presidential candidate’s name is the only name that appears on the ballot for At Large delegates and At Large alternate delegates and for District delegates and District alternate delegates.

The winner of the primary election statewide receives all the At Large delegates and At Large alternate delegates. The winner within each Congressional District receives all three District delegates and District alternate delegates.

While delegate and alternate delegates sign a pledge of support for their chosen contender, they are not bound by any legally enforceable restraints to vote for that contender at the nominating convention.

Ohio law and the Ohio Republican Party State Committee Rules provide no automatic role for party leaders or officeholders, other than through individual campaigns of the various Presidential candidates.

GENDER REPRESENTATION
The current rules of the Ohio Republican Party mandate that the delegation consist of 50 percent men and 50 percent women, with the following breakdown for the Year 2004:

**Delegates:**

Odd-numbered Congressional Districts: 2 men, 1 woman

Even-numbered Congressional Districts: 1 man, 2 women

**Alternate Delegates:**

Odd-numbered Congressional Districts: 1 man, 2 women

Even-numbered Congressional Districts: 2 men, 1 woman

Following certification of the election results by the Ohio Secretary of State, the Republican State Chairman and the Chairman of the Presidential campaign(s) shall issue a joint notice announcing the first meeting of the delegation.

Vacancies on the delegation are filled by the designated Presidential campaign official.

2004 NATIONAL CONVENTION
The 2004 Republican National Convention will be held August 30 - September 2 in New York City. For further information, please contact: Ohio Republican Party, 211 S. Fifth St., Columbus, OH 43215. Phone (614) 228-2481.
HOW TO BECOME A DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE 2004 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Who Selects Delegates and Alternate Delegates?

The Presidential candidates, not the State Republican Party, choose Delegates and Alternate Delegates. To become a Delegate or Alternate Delegate, contact the Republican Presidential candidate of your choice to notify them of your interest in serving as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate and becoming involved in their campaign. Along with your letter, you should send a resume or information outlining your party and campaign background.

How Many Ohio Delegates are there?

Ohio will send a total of 91 Delegates and 88 Alternate Delegates (a total of 179 individuals) to the 2004 National Convention. The breakdown is as follows:

- 37 At Large Delegates
- 34 At Large Alternate Delegates *
- 54 District Delegates (3 from each Congressional District**)
- 54 Alternate Delegates (3 from each Congressional District**)

* Republican National Committee Delegates do not have alternates.
** Ohio has 18 Congressional Districts.

Are There Gender Requirements to the Delegation?

The Permanent Rules of the Ohio Republican Party mandate that the delegation must consist of a 50/50 split of men and women.

The 34 Delegates At Large and 34 Alternate Delegates At Large are chosen throughout the state by the candidate, with no gender requirements other than to bring the delegate to a 50/50 split.

The 54 District Delegates and Alternate Delegates are chosen as follows:

In Year 2004, in odd-numbered Congressional Districts, the first delegate chosen will be a man, thus giving odd-numbered districts 2 men and 1 woman, Even-numbered Districts will have 1 man and 2 women.

The selection of Alternate Delegates is the same as for Delegates, except odd-numbered districts will have 1 man and 2 women, and even-numbered districts will have 2 men and 1 woman.

How are Delegates and Alternate Delegates allotted to Candidates?

Delegate and Alternate Delegate allotment is based upon Congressional Districts. The candidate who wins a majority of votes in a Congressional District receives that district’s Delegates and Alternate Delegates.

All Delegates At Large and Alternate Delegates At Large go to the candidate who receives the most votes statewide. Therefore, it is possible for more than one candidate to win delegates from Ohio to the Convention.
When and where is the 2004 Republican National Convention?
The 2004 Republican National Convention will be held August 30-September 2 in New York City.

Who Pays for Delegate and Alternate Delegate Travel and Lodging?
Those who serve as Delegates and Alternate Delegates are responsible for their own travel and lodging expense at the Convention as well as miscellaneous expenses.

Ballot Access Methods - Republican Presidential Primary

1. PETITION METHOD (R.C. 3513.12)

   A presidential candidate who chooses not to accept, or is not eligible to receive, federal matching funds, or who wants to use the petition process, may obtain access to the Republican Party’s presidential primary ballot through the filing of petitions for delegate and alternate delegate candidates.

   Under the petition method, the presidential candidate is represented on the party’s primary ballot by candidates for delegate and alternate delegate to the party’s national convention who have pledged their support to the candidate. Under the rules of the Ohio Republican Party, the delegates and alternates are elected both from the state at-large and by congressional district.

   Candidates for delegate or alternate delegate may file either as an individual or as a group.

SELECTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE CANDIDATES

Generally

Each candidate for delegate or alternate delegate filing under the petition method must file a declaration of candidacy and petition with the appropriate election officials.

Individual candidates for district delegates or alternate delegates file with the board of elections of the most populous county in the congressional district. Individual candidates for at-large delegates or alternate delegates file with the Secretary of State.

The Declaration of Candidacy and Petition may consist of separate petition papers, each of which must contain signatures of electors of only one county. If a petition paper contains signatures of electors from more than one county, even if in the same congressional district, the election officials who accepted the filing will determine the county from which the majority of signatures came, and only signatures from that county shall be counted. Any other signature on that petition paper will be invalidated. (R.C. 3513.05)

Each petition paper must be circulated by one qualified Ohio elector, and is governed by the rules set forth in R.C. 3501.38 and R.C. 3503.06. The Secretary of State’s office has prescribed forms that satisfy the statutory requirements. Forms may be obtained from the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division, 180 E. Broad St., 15th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215.
DISTRICT DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE - SINGLE (INDIVIDUAL) CANDIDATE

Forms for use by a Single District Candidate:

2-J Declaration of Candidacy – District Delegate or Alternate - Single Candidate
2-L Consent for use of Name as First Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate
2-N Consent for use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate

Petition and Signature Requirements

A candidate for district delegate or alternate delegate is elected from the congressional district in which his or her voting residence address is located. The delegate or alternate delegate candidate files a Declaration of Candidacy and Petition (Form 2-J), which designates the district delegate or alternate delegate candidate’s first and second choices for president.

The Declaration of Candidacy and Petition, for a district delegate or district alternate candidate, must contain signatures of at least 50, but not more than 150, qualified electors from that congressional district.

To be qualified to sign or circulate the petition, an elector must be affiliated with the Republican Party, as defined by Ohio election law. For purposes of signing or circulating a petition for a Republican candidate in 2003, an elector is considered affiliated with the Republican Party if the elector either voted at primary elections only of the Republican Party in 2001, 2002 and 2003, or did not vote in any other political party’s primary election in those years.

Additional Filing Requirements

The district delegate or district alternate delegate candidate also must file the appropriate Consent for Use of Name forms (Forms 2-L and 2-N) signed by his or her first or second choice, as appropriate, for president.

When and Where to File

The properly completed and signed forms must be filed no later than 4 p.m. on January 2, 2004, with the board of elections of the most populous county in the congressional district. (R.C. 3513.05)

Following is a list of Ohio’s 18 congressional districts, the most populous county of each district, and the city of the most populous county in which the county board of elections office is located:

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See pages 57-58 for Board of Election contact information.
Filing Fee

No filing fee is required of any candidate for delegate or alternate to a political party’s convention.

**AT-LARGE DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE – SINGLE (INDIVIDUAL) CANDIDATE**

At-large delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican national nominating convention are elected on a statewide basis.

**Prescribed forms for use by a Single At-large Candidate:**

- 2-H Declaration of Candidacy – At-large Delegate or Alternate - Single Candidate
- 2-L Consent for use of Name as First Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate
- 2-N Consent for use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate

**Petition and Signature Requirements**

A candidate for at-large delegate or alternate delegate files a Declaration of Candidacy and Petition (Form 2-H), that designates the candidate’s first and second choices for nomination as the Republican candidate for president.

The petition must contain signatures of at least 1,000 qualified Ohio electors affiliated with the Republican Party. For purposes of signing or circulating a petition in 2003, an elector is considered affiliated with the Republican Party if the elector either voted in the primary elections only of the Republican Party in 2001, 2002 and 2003, or did not vote in any other political party’s primary elections in those years.

**Additional Forms to be Filed**

Each at-large delegate or alternate candidate also must file the appropriate Consent for Use of Name forms (Form 2-L, Form 2-N), signed by the presidential candidates designated in the declaration of candidacy as the delegate or alternate’s first and second choices for party nomination for president.

**When and Where to File**

A candidate for at-large delegate or alternate delegate must file properly completed and signed Declaration of Candidacy and Petition and Consent for Use of Name forms with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division, 180 E. Broad St., 15th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215, by 4 p.m. on January 2, 2004.

**Filing Fee**

No filing fee is required of any candidate for delegate or alternate to a political party’s convention.
DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES – GROUP PETITION

Prescribed forms for use by a group of several candidates:

2-I Declaration of Candidacy – At-large Delegate or Alternate - Several Candidates
2-K Declaration of Candidacy – District Delegate or Alternate - Several Candidates
2-M Consent for use of Name as First Choice for the Presidency - Several Candidates
2-O Consent for use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Several Candidates

If a group of candidates for delegate or alternate delegate files with the Ohio Secretary of State a properly completed petition that designates the same two people as the first and second choices for president, and the appropriate Consent for Use of Name forms (Form 2-M and Form 2-O), then that single petition will suffice for all of the candidates for delegate or alternate named in the petition.

Note: A group petition may be filed only if the group of candidates listed on the petition is equal in number to the whole number of delegate or alternate candidates to be elected on either an at-large or district basis.

Petition and Signature Requirements

The signature requirement for a group petition is the same as for a petition filed by a single delegate or alternate candidate:

- District (Form 2-K): signatures of at least 50, but not more than 150, qualified electors
- At-Large (Form 2-I): signatures of at least 1,000, but not more than 3,000, qualified electors.

For purposes of signing or circulating a petition in 2003, an elector is considered affiliated with the Republican Party if the elector either voted in the primary elections only of the Republican Party in 2001, 2002 and 2003, or did not vote in any other political party’s primary elections in those years.

When and Where to File

Group petitions for delegate or alternate at-large candidates must be filed with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division, 180 E. Broad St., 15th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215, by 4 p.m. on January 2, 2004.

Filing Fee

No filing fee is required of any candidate for delegate or alternate to a political party’s convention.

2. MATCHING FUNDS METHOD (R.C. 3513.121)

A. Eligibility

A Republican presidential candidate who receives payments under the Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account Act (88 Stat. 1297, 26 U.S.C.A. 9031), may be certified to the Ohio presidential primary ballot by the filing of declarations of candidacy (no petition containing signatures of Ohio electors) by the presidential candidate, and the candidates for delegate and alternate delegate who have pledged to support that presidential candidate.
B. Presidential Candidates –What, When and Where to File

Each presidential candidate filing for the Republican primary election under the matching funds method must file the following documents with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division:

1. The FEC letter establishing the candidate’s eligibility – valid as of the date the candidate files in Ohio – to receive presidential primary matching payments.
2. The appropriate declarations of candidacy (no petition):
   • Form 1-A, Declaration of Candidacy for Party Primary Election for President – Designation of Delegates and Alternates elected by congressional district, indicating the Ohio congressional districts in which the presidential candidate wishes to appear on the ballot and including the presidential candidate’s list of approved district delegates and alternate delegates in each congressional district; and
   • Form 1-B, Declaration of Candidacy for Party Primary Election for President – Designation of Delegates At-Large and Alternates At-Large, including the presidential candidate’s list of approved delegates and alternate delegates to be elected on the statewide ballot.

These documents must be filed, in person or by mail, at the same time with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division, 180 E. Broad Street, 15th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215, by 4 p.m. on January 2, 2004.

C. Delegate or Alternate Delegates under the Matching Funds Method

District Delegate and District Alternate – Single (Individual) Candidate

Single (individual) candidates for district delegate or district alternate delegate who are designated by a Republican presidential candidate filing under the matching funds method must file the following documents with the Secretary of State by 4 p.m. on January 2, 2004:

1. Secretary of State Form No. 2-JA, Declaration of Candidacy Party Primary Election for District Delegate or District Alternate to the National Convention (Single Candidate), that includes a signed statement indicating the delegate or alternate delegate's first and second choices for president.
2. Secretary of State Form No. 2-L, Consent for Use of Name as First Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate, bearing the original signature of the delegate or alternate delegate’s first choice for president.
3. Secretary of State Form No. 2-N, Consent for Use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate, bearing the original signature of the delegate or alternate delegate’s second choice for president.

At-Large Delegate and At-Large Alternate Delegate

Candidates for at-large delegate and at-large alternate delegate for a Republican presidential candidate who submit a declaration of candidacy under the matching funds method are selected in accordance with rules adopted by the state central committee of the presidential candidate’s political party.
A candidate for at-large delegate or at-large alternate delegate who is designated by a Republican presidential candidate filing under the matching funds method must file the following documents with the Secretary of State by 4 p.m. on January 2, 2004:

1. Secretary of State Form No. 2-HA, Declaration of Candidacy Party Primary Election for Delegate At-Large or Alternate At-Large to the National Convention (Single Candidate), that includes a signed statement indicating the delegate or alternate delegate’s first and second choices for president.

2. Secretary of State Form No. 2-L, Consent for Use of Name as First Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate, bearing the original signature of the at-large delegate or alternate delegate’s first choice for president.

3. Secretary of State Form No. 2-N, Consent for Use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate, bearing the original signature of the at-large delegate or alternate delegate’s second choice for president.

D. No Filing Fee

No filing fee is required of any presidential candidate or candidate for delegate or alternate delegate.
BALLOT ACCESS - MINOR POLITICAL PARTY

Definition

"Minor political party" means any political party organized under the laws of this state whose candidate for governor or nominees for presidential electors received less than ten per cent but not less than five per cent of the total vote cast for such office at the most recent regular state election, or which has filed with the secretary of state, subsequent to any election in which it received less than five per cent of such vote, a petition signed by qualified electors equal in number to at least one per cent of the total vote cast for such office in the last preceding regular state election, except that a newly formed political party shall be known as a minor political party until the time of the first election for governor or president which occurs not less than twelve months subsequent to the formation of such party, after which election the status of such party shall be determined by the vote for the office of governor or president. (R.C. 3501.01(F)(3).)

Holding a Primary Election

Any newly formed political party attaining legal status, pursuant to R.C. 3517.10 as of Oct. 31, 2003, will be entitled to hold a primary election on March 2, 2004.

Signature Requirement

Candidates participating in a minor political party’s presidential primary obtain ballot access using the same methods as candidates participating in a major party’s presidential primary. However, if a candidate seeking a minor party’s nomination uses the petition method of R.C. 3513.12, his or her candidates for delegate and alternate are required to submit only one-half the number of signatures required for those of major party candidates. (R.C. 3513.05)

Alternative to Holding a Primary Election

A newly formed political party is not required to hold a primary election to select its candidates for president and vice president.

As an alternative, Ohio law (R.C. 3505.10) provides that authorized officials of a minor political party may certify the names of its candidates for president and vice president to the Secretary of State, for placement on the ballot, in accordance with its party rules. Certification under R.C. 3505.10 must be made by 4 p.m. on Sept. 3, 2004, and must be accompanied by the party’s list of 20 presidential electors.
BALLLOT ACCESS - INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

Independent joint candidates for president and vice president run without a political party designation. Instead of participating in the primary process, they participate in Ohio’s general election by filing either a valid and sufficient joint nominating petition, or a declaration of intent to be joint write-in candidates.

Independent Joint Candidates - Names Printed on the Ballot

What to File

Persons wanting their names to be printed on the general election ballot for the offices of president and vice president must file with the Ohio Secretary of State:

1. A valid and sufficient Joint Nominating Petition (Form 3-V) that complies with R.C. 3513.257 and R.C. 3501.38. The nominating petition must contain the names and signatures of both the candidate for president and the candidate for vice president, and at least 5,000 – but not more than 15,000 – signatures of qualified Ohio electors;
   Any qualified Ohio elector may sign the petition, regardless of the elector’s political party affiliation.
2. A slate of presidential electors. Joint candidates must file a list of names of 20 electors who will represent them in the Electoral College, should the candidates win the general election. (R.C. 3513.257)

Desired Ballot Designation

Independent candidates who are nominated by petition may be designated in one of three ways on the ballot:

- “nonparty candidates,”
- “other-party candidates”
- or no designation. (R.C. 3513.257.)

When the candidates file their joint nominating petition and slate of presidential electors, they must advise the Secretary of State’s office if they want either “nonparty candidates” or “other-party candidates” printed on the ballot below their names. If the candidates do not request either the “nonparty candidates” or “other-party candidates” ballot designation, then no designation will be printed on the ballot below their names.

Filing Fee

None.

When and Where to File

Candidates must file the necessary documents, all at the same time, with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division, 180 E. Broad St., 15th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215, by 4 p.m., August 19, 2004.
Independent Write-In Candidates

What to File
Write-in joint candidates must file with the Ohio Secretary of State:

1. A properly completed Declaration of Intent to be Joint Write-in Candidates (Form 13-A). The declaration of intent must contain the names and signatures of both the candidate for president and the candidate for vice president. Note: Only candidates who have filed declarations of intent are eligible to have votes counted in the general election;

2. A slate of presidential electors. Joint candidates must file a list of names of 20 electors who will represent them in the Electoral College, should the candidates win the general election. (R.C. 3513.257)

Filing Fee
None.

When and Where to File – Independent Joint Write-in Candidates
Candidates must file the necessary documents, all at the same time, with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division, 180 E. Broad St., 15th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215, by 4 p.m., August 19, 2004.

Campaign Finance Requirements

All candidates for the offices of president and vice president, including write-in candidates, are required to comply with all campaign finance laws and to file certain financial statements with the Federal Election Commission. Candidates are advised to contact the Federal Election Commission, 999 E St., NW, Washington, DC 20463, telephone (800) 424-9530, for more information on these requirements before accepting contributions or making expenditures.

The Electoral College

(U.S. Constitution, Art. II, §1, and Amendment XII; 3 U.S.C. 1; R.C. 3505.10, 3505.39, 3505.40, 3513.11 and 3513.111)

A. Allocation and Selection of Presidential Electors

Each state is allocated a number of presidential electors equal to the number of its U.S. Senators and the number of its U.S. Representatives. Thus, Ohio will have 20 presidential electors in 2004.

The legislature of each state prescribes the method for appointing presidential electors. A political party or independent candidate in every state submits to the state’s chief election official, a list of individuals pledged to its candidate for president, equal in number to the state’s electoral vote.
B. APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF OHIO'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

Each major political party in the state may hold a state convention at a time and place fixed by the party’s state central committee, no later than 40 days prior to the general election, for nominating candidates for election as presidential electors. Within five days after that convention, the party chairman and secretary certify in writing to the Secretary of State, the names of all persons nominated as candidates for presidential electors. (R.C. 3513.11)

If a major political party does not hold a state convention pursuant to R.C. 3513.11, then the executive committee of the party’s state central committee must nominate candidates for election as presidential electors in accordance with party rules. These nominations must occur no later than 40 days prior to the presidential election. Within five days after these candidates are nominated, the chairman or secretary of the executive committee, or, in the absence of the chairman or secretary, a designated committee member, must certify in writing to the Secretary of State, the names of all persons so nominated. (R.C. 3513.111)

An intermediate or minor party in the state must certify in writing to the Secretary of State, the names of persons designated in accordance with the party’s rules. (R.C. 3505.10)

C. MEETING OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE, ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

After completing the canvass of general election, the Secretary of State mails to each newly-elected presidential elector a certificate of election and notice of the meeting of Ohio’s electoral voters. At the designated time and place, all of the state's presidential electors meet, organize, and discharge their duties. A presidential elector must cast his or her electoral vote for the nominees for president and vice president of the political party which certified him or her as a presidential elector. (R.C. 3505.39, 3505.40)

On the Monday following the second Tuesday of December in a presidential election year, each state's presidential electors meet in their respective state capitols and cast their electoral votes, one for president and one for vice president. The electoral votes then are sealed and transmitted to the president of the U.S. Senate, who, on the following January 6, opens and reads them before both houses of Congress. The presidential candidate who receives the absolute majority of electoral votes is declared president; the vice presidential candidate who receives the absolute majority of electoral votes is declared vice president.

In 2004, the presidential electors will meet at noon on Dec. 13, 2004.

D. COMPENSATION

Each presidential elector receives $10.00 for each day's attendance in Columbus, plus mileage. This compensation and mileage must be upon vouchers issued by the Secretary of State, and paid by the Treasurer of State, out of the general fund. (R.C. 3505.39)
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I. SUMMARY OF PLAN

A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Ohio will use a primary proportional representation system.

The first determining step will occur on March 2, with the Presidential Preference Primary.

Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

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B. Selection of Standing Committee Members

(for Credentials, Platform, and Rules Committee)

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C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on May 15, 2004.

Four (4) Convention Pages will be selected by the State Chair on May 8, 2004.

This information was submitted by the Ohio Democratic Party.
D. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadlines

Presidential candidates must certify the names of their authorized representative(s), in writing to the Chair of the Ohio Democratic Party by November 29, 2003. The deadline by which presidential candidates must file with the appropriate Board of Elections or the Secretary of State is January 2, 2004.

E. Timetable

In the event that the State of Ohio changes the date of Ohio’s Primary, the Chair of the Ohio Democratic Party is hereby granted the authority to change the dates within this plan to comply with State law.

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<td>March 1</td>
<td>Public comment period for the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans begins.</td>
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<td>April 1</td>
<td>Public comment period ends.</td>
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<td>Delegate Selection/Affirmative Action Committee meets to recommend a Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan to the State Democratic Executive Committee.</td>
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<td>April 14</td>
<td>State Democratic Executive Committee adopts Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.</td>
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<td>April 28</td>
<td>Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the Rules and Bylaws Committee.</td>
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<td>Virtual Workshop On Internet <a href="http://www.ohiodems.org">www.ohiodems.org</a></td>
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<td>November 5</td>
<td>Presidential candidate petitions, delegate and alternate</td>
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<td>December 7</td>
<td>The State Chair shall appoint a congressional district caucus coordinator for each congressional district after consultation with each presidential candidate or their authorized representative. Each presidential candidate or their authorized representative shall appoint a caucus chair for each caucus they will participate in.</td>
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<td>Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Chair indicating steps to be taken to insure full participation in the delegate selection process.</td>
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<td>December 10-January 12</td>
<td>Caucus coordinator and caucus chair training sessions will be conducted by Ohio Democratic Party staff.</td>
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<td>Caucus Coordinators report site or sites for their caucus to State Chair.</td>
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<td>All persons interested in running as a delegate or alternate at the district level must file an Ohio Democratic Party Declaration of Candidacy and Consent form including a signed pledge of support with the State Chair.</td>
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<td>January 2</td>
<td>State Chair files with respective campaign representative(s) a list of persons who have filed an Ohio Democratic Party &quot;Declaration of Candidacy and Consent&quot; form.</td>
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<td>February 16</td>
<td>State Executive Committee files with the Secretary of State its rules governing the issuance of certificates of elections.</td>
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<td>Presidential candidates using the petition method of selecting delegates and alternates must submit a list indicating the order in which certificates of election are to be issued to delegate or alternate candidates.</td>
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<td>April 1 (tentative)</td>
<td>Secretary of State certifies results of March 2nd Primary. This is a tentative date. A change in this date could affect all of the dates which follow. District-level delegates and alternates will be certified within (3) days of confirmation of the election results by the Secretary of State.</td>
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<td>All persons interested in running as delegate at the pledged party leader and elected official level or delegate or alternate at the at-large level must file an Ohio Democratic Party &quot;Declaration of Candidacy and Consent &quot; form including a signed pledge of support with the State Chair. The form will allow persons to file for all types of delegates and alternates at the same time.</td>
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<td>State Chair files with the respective campaign representative(s) a list of persons who have filed as a pledged party leader end elected official delegate or as an at-large delegate or alternate.</td>
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<td>Campaign representative(s) file with the State Chair list of all approved candidates for pledged party leader and elected official.</td>
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<td>Campaign representative(s) file with the State Chair list of all approved candidates for at-large delegates and alternates.</td>
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II. SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

A. Introduction
1. Number of Delegates and Alternates
   Ohio has a total of 159 delegates and 24 alternates.
2. Governing Rules
   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 2004 Democratic National Convention ("Rules"), the Call for the 2004 Democratic National Convention ("Call"), the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2004 Democratic National Convention ("Regs"), the rules of the Democratic Party of Ohio, the Ohio Revised Code and this Delegate Selection Plan.
3. Qualifications of Delegates
   To be qualified to serve as a delegate or alternate, a candidate must:
   a. Be 18 years of age before the date of the general election;
   b. Be a resident of Ohio;
   c. Be a citizen of the United States;
   d. Be a qualified elector in the congressional district from which he or she seeks to be elected (residence will be determined according to Ohio Revised Code 3503.02); and
   e. Must sign a statement that he or she will not participate in the nominating processes of any other party for the corresponding elections.

B. Presidential Candidates
1. Ballot Access
   A presidential candidate gains access to the Ohio ballot by using one of the following procedure:
   A presidential candidate may gain access to the ballot by having a presidential At-Large delegate candidate file a "Declaration of Candidacy" and petition containing the signatures of 1000 to 3000 qualified electors of the Democratic Party who reside in the state with the Secretary of State no later than 4:00 PM on January 2, 2004. This At-Large delegate candidate must also file a statement stating their first and second choices for president and a "Consent for Use of Name" form with their declaration of candidacy.

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This filing will allow the name of the presidential first choice to appear on the ballot in every congressional district.

The actual delegates and alternates candidates will be selected at the May 8, 2004 State Executive Committee meeting based on the results of the March 2, 2004 Primary Election.

2. **Authorized Representative**

Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) by November 29, 2003. If the presidential candidate certifies more than one authorized representative, one name shall be identified to the State Chair to facilitate operations and communications between the presidential candidate and the Ohio Democratic Party.

The authorized representative shall:

a. Supervise the proper filing of both party and state documentation. This documentation shall be filed as stipulated in the plan.

b. Ensure that district and at-large delegates and alternates are in rank order and in compliance with equal division and the affirmative action provisions of this plan.

c. Inform the State Chair of the date, time, place, and purpose of any meeting/event that involves the delegate selection process.

d. Consult with the State Chair on the selection of Caucus Coordinators and Caucus Chairs.

e. Name in each Congressional District an Outreach Committee consisting of two to six persons, of which at least two persons are between the ages of 18 and 25. This committee will be formed for the purpose of recruiting new Party members among people who will shape the future of the political process.

3. **Affirmative Action**

Each presidential candidate shall use his or her best efforts to ensure that his or her respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women.

4. **Uncommitted**

“Uncommitted” does not appear on the Presidential Primary ballot.

C. **District-Level Delegates and Alternates**

1. **Number of Delegates and Alternates**

Ohio is allocated 91 district-level delegates and 16 district-level alternates.

2. **Presidential Primary**

District-level delegate and alternate positions will be allocated to presidential preferences through a proportional representation system based on a primary, with the first determining step on March 2, 2004.

3. **Allocation of District-Level Delegates and Alternates**

a. The district-level delegates and alternates shall be elected by a pre-primary caucus to slate delegates to be held in each congressional district on January 12, 2004 followed by a presidential preference primary held on March 2, 2004.

b. Ohio's district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2000 presidential and the 2002 gubernatorial election.
c. The state's total number of district-level delegates and alternates will be equally divided between men and women.

d. The district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following chart:

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4. District-Level Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

a. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference.

b. A district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which he or she is registered to vote.

c. An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate or alternate to the 2004 Democratic National Convention by the proper filing of the following:

Ohio Democratic Party "Declaration of Candidacy and Consent" form including a signed pledge of support. This form must be filed with the Ohio Democratic Party, 271 E State St. Columbus, Ohio 43215 by 5:00 PM on January 1, 2004.

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The Democratic Party "Declaration of Candidacy and Consent" forms may be obtained from the Ohio Democratic Party or the registered authorized representatives of the presidential candidates.

d. Candidates for delegate or alternate positions shall file a statement of candidacy designating their presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the Ohio Democratic Party by January 1, 2004.

5. **Presidential Candidate Right of Approval**

a. The State Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative, not later than 12:00 Noon on January 2, 2004, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate.

b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative must then file with the State Chair by 5 PM on January 7, 2004, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate men, and three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate women, and three (3) times the number of candidates for alternate men, and three (3) times the number of candidates for alternate women to be selected.

c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate and alternate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative signifies otherwise in writing to the State Chair not later than 5 PM on January 7, 2004.

d. National convention alternate and delegate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative may not be elected as a delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate at this level.

6. **Pre-Primary Caucus Procedure**

a. Delegates and alternates pledged to a presidential candidate shall be selected or nominated by a caucus of persons from the congressional district electing the delegates and alternates who sign statements of support for that presidential candidate. There shall be one caucus location per congressional district. The State Chair may after consultation with the presidential candidates or their authorized representatives order separate caucus locations for each candidate. No candidate may have more than one caucus per congressional district. All caucuses will meet January 12, 2004 and begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

b. The State Chair shall appoint a Caucus Coordinator for each congressional district no later than December 7, 2003 after consultation with each presidential candidate or their authorized representative. If a Caucus Coordinator resigns a new appointment shall be made prior to January 12, 2004 using the same consultation procedure.

c. Each presidential candidate or their authorized representative shall appoint a Caucus Chair for each Congressional District Caucus they will participate in no later than December 7, 2003 after consultation with the State Chair. If a Caucus Chair resigns, a new appointment shall be made prior to January 12, 2004 using the same consultation procedure. If a vacancy occurs on January 12, 2004, the Caucus Coordinator shall train and appoint a replacement.

d. The Caucus Coordinator in consultation with the caucus chairs shall select a centrally located site for their caucus and report this location(s) to the State Chair no later than December 29, 2003. Caucus sites may be in separate locations for each presidential candidate. The site must accommodate separate rooms for each individual caucus unless otherwise agreed to by the Caucus Chairs. If there are multiple locations, the caucus coordinator may designate additional coordinators as necessary.

e. Each Caucus Coordinator and Caucus Chair shall be required to attend a caucus training session held between December 10, 2003 and January 12, 2004. The training session shall train the Caucus Coordinators and Caucus Chairs in caucus procedures. The training session shall be conducted by Ohio Democratic Party staff or by trained Caucus Coordinators.

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f. The following procedure shall be used in the conduct of each congressional district caucus:

(1) One hour prior to the caucuses, the doors will be opened to allow participants to sign statements of support indicating their presidential preference. Participants may only sign one statement of support. These statements will be available at the caucuses and only those individuals who sign such statements of support will be allowed to participate. Individuals who arrive after the meeting begins shall be allowed to sign the statements of support.

(2) The Caucus Coordinator or their designee shall call the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 PM and read a welcome and announcements from the State Chair. The Caucus Coordinator or their designee shall remind participants of the need to sign statements of support and indicate that Ohio Democratic Party membership applications are available for those wishing to make a voluntary donation to the Party.

(3) The caucus shall then divide into individual caucuses composed of the participants who signed statements of support for each specific candidate. The Caucus Chairs for each presidential candidate shall conduct these meetings.

(4) The Caucus Chairs shall read the names of all candidates for the district delegate positions and shall indicate the number of male and female delegates that may be selected from their congressional district. Only those individuals who have filed an "Ohio Democratic Party Declaration of Candidacy" form and who have been approved by the presidential candidate or his authorized representative may be considered for the delegate or alternate slots.

(5) The Caucus Chair may allow each delegate candidate to speak to the caucus. The Caucus Chair may limit candidates speech to a reasonable time.

(6) Participants who have signed statements of support shall then vote by signed ballot. Ballots shall be distributed at a central location by the Caucus Coordinator or their designee(s). Participants shall only be allowed to vote for delegates/alternate pledged to the candidate for whom they signed a statement of support. Separate ballots shall be distributed for male and female candidates. The ballots shall be collected, counted, and the results announced.

(7) A separate election shall then be held for the alternate position if available for the congressional district using the same procedure. All delegate candidates are eligible to be alternate candidates.

(8) The ranking of elected candidates for district delegate and alternate shall be determined in a manner set by the pre-primary caucus in accordance with the Rules & Bylaws of the Democratic National Committee. This ranking must be reported to the state chair.

(9) The Caucus Chair must certify the outcome of the caucuses to the State Chair no later than January 16, 2004.

(10) By January 16, 2004, the Caucus Coordinator shall file with the State Chair, a list of those people who filled out signed statements of support at each caucus meeting. The list shall include the names, addresses and phone numbers of all caucus participants as designated on their statements of support.

g. The following Democratic National Committee rules for scheduling of delegate selection meetings are incorporated as part of this plan:

(1) All official Party meetings and events related to the national convention delegate selection process, including caucuses, conventions, committee meetings, filing dates, and Party enrollment periods, shall be scheduled for dates, times and public places which would be most likely to encourage the participation of all Democrats, and must begin and end at reasonable hours.

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(2) All such meetings or events which are the first meeting or event in the delegate selection process shall be scheduled at times and dates which are uniform throughout the state, except where it is established by the state party and approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee that such uniform times and dates would significantly reduce participation in the delegate selection process.

(3) The times, dates, places, and rules for the conduct of all caucuses, conventions, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the Party organization, official, candidate or member calling the same.

(4) Concise statements in advance of all meetings and events concerning the relationship between the business to be conducted and the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the Party organization, official, candidate or member calling the same.

(5) No person shall participate in more than one meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process.

7. **Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference**

   a. Presidential Primary - Proportional Representation Plan

   The Ohio presidential primary election is a "binding" primary. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates and alternates 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 or alternates.

   The following method shall be used in allocating delegates by proportional representation:

   1. Calculate to three decimals the percentage of vote that each presidential preference received.

   2. Identify those preferences who met the 15% threshold and total their sums. This will be the new base vote. Then recalculate to three decimals the percentage of the vote that each presidential preference received against the new base vote.

   3. Multiply the percentage for each presidential preference by the number of delegates to be awarded in the congressional district. Calculate the figure to three decimals.

   4. Each presidential preference shall be entitled to the whole number of delegates assigned in (3).

   5. Any remaining delegates are awarded in the order of the highest fractional remainders for the final tally.

   b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner minus 10%.

   c. If a presidential candidate has certified at least one candidate for delegate in a congressional district or has qualified through the filing of a statewide petition and receives enough votes to qualify for more delegates than the number of certified candidates, than a special post-primary caucus shall be held in the congressional district to select these delegates or alternates.

8. **Equal Division of District-Level Delegates and Alternates**

   a. In order to ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women, delegate positions within each district will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting presidential preference. The assignment of delegate positions, alternating by sex as mathematically practicable, will continue with the next highest vote-getting preferences in descending order until the gender of each position has been assigned.
The gender of the first delegate assigned in each congressional district shall be as indicated on the chart of delegates and alternates.

b. After the delegates are selected, the alternates will be awarded using the same process described above.

9. Certification of Delegates and Alternates

The State Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's district level delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within three (3) days after their election is certified by the Secretary of State.

The time frame for certification of election results is as follows:

- March 2: Primary Election Day
- March 12: Armed Service Ballot Deadline
- March 13: Canvass of Election Returns Begins

The canvass does not have to begin until March 17. Canvass continues until completed, there is no deadline. Normally all canvassing is completed within ten days.

- April 3 (est.): Secretary of State Certifies Results

10. Special Post-Primary Caucus

If a presidential candidate has qualified to receive delegates and alternates but has failed to slate a sufficient number of delegate and alternate candidates, then additional delegates and alternates for that preference will be selected in a special post-primary caucus according to the following procedure:

a. An individual may qualify as a candidate for delegate or alternate by filing a "Declaration of Candidacy and Consent" form including a signed pledge of support with the Ohio Democratic Party by 5:00 PM on April 6, 2004.

b. The State Chair shall appoint a Caucus Coordinator for each congressional district in which a special post-primary caucus is necessary no later than April 7, 2004 after consultation with each participating presidential candidate or their authorized representative.

c. The State Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative, not later than 5:00 PM on April 9, 2004, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate.

d. Each Caucus Coordinator shall select a site for their caucus and report this location to the State Chair no later than April 9, 2004.

e. Each participating presidential candidate or their authorized representative shall appoint a Caucus Chair for each special post-primary caucus no later than April 12, 2004 after consultation with the State Chair.

f. Each participating presidential candidate or their authorized representative must file with the State Chair by April 12, 2004, a list of all delegate or alternate candidates he or she has approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled.

Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate and alternate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate.

g. All special post-primary caucuses will be held on April 15, 2004 and shall follow the same procedure and rules outlined for the pre-primary caucus outlined in C (6) (f) & (g).

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h. The Caucus Chairs must certify the outcome of their caucus to the State Chair no later than 5:00 PM on April 16, 2004.

i. The State Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the results of the special post-primary caucus no later than April 19, 2004.

j. By April 23, 2004, the Caucus Coordinator shall file with the State Chair, a list of those people who filled out signed statements of support at each caucus meeting. The list shall include the names, addresses and phone numbers of all caucus participants as designated on their statements of support.

D. Unpledged Delegates

1. Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials
   a. The following categories shall constitute the unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
      (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in Ohio.
      (2) All of Ohio’s Democratic Members of Congress.
   b. The certification process for the unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
      (1) Not later than March 1, 2004, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the Ohio Democratic Party Chair the names of the unpledged delegates who legally reside in Ohio.
      (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the unpledged delegates from the categories indicated above.

2. Unpledged Add-On Delegates
   a. Ohio will select 3 unpledged add-on delegates.
   b. The procedures to be used in selecting the unpledged add-on delegates will be as follows:
      (1) Selection of the unpledged add-on delegates will occur on May 8th by the State Democratic Executive Committee prior to the selection of the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates. The State Chair shall nominate a list of candidates for these positions.
      (2) The equal division and affirmative action provisions of Rule 9.A apply to the selection of these unpledged add-on delegates.
      (3) The list from which the State Executive Committee chooses the unpledged add-on delegates shall contain at least two (2) names for every unpledged add-on position to be filled.
      (4) Unpledged add-on delegate candidates may be selected whether or not they previously filed a statement of candidacy for a delegate position or submitted a pledge of support for a presidential candidate.
   c. Unpledged add-on delegates shall be certified in writing by the State Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection.

E. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates

1. Number of PLEO Delegates
   Ohio is allotted 18 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates.

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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; state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county, and local elected officials and party leaders.
   
b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by properly filing the Ohio Democratic Party "Declaration of Candidacy and Consent" form including a signed pledge of support with the Ohio Democratic Party by May 1, 2004.

3. **Presidential Candidate Right of Approval**
   a. The State Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative, not later than May 3, 2004, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate.
   
b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative must file with the State Chair by May 7, 2004 a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, as long as approval is given to at least two (2) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled.
   
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 signifies otherwise in writing to the State Chair by May 7, 2004.

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.
   
b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur on May 8, 2004 at the State Executive Committee meeting after the election of the unpledged add-on delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates.
   
c. These delegates will be selected by the State Executive Committee (membership composition described in Section VIII.) using the following procedure:
      
      (1) The State Chair will announce the results of the March 2, 2004 primary and indicate the number of PLEO delegates each Presidential candidate is entitled to.
      
      (2) The State Chair will announce the candidates pledged to each presidential candidate and call for a separate vote for each set of delegates.
      
      (3) The vote shall be taken by hand vote or by signed ballot.
   
d. Alternates are not selected at the Party Leader and Elected Official level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and selected as one unit.

5. **Certification of Delegates**
   The State Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within three (3) days after their election.

F. **At-Large Delegates and Alternates**
   1. **Number of Delegates and Alternates**
      
      The state of Ohio is allotted 31 at-large delegates and 8 at-large alternates.
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 presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates with the Ohio Democratic Party by May 1, 2004. This form shall allow persons to file for all types of delegates and alternates at the same time.

b. 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 the State Executive Committee, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing.

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval

a. The State Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative, not later than May 3, 2004, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate.

b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative must then file with the State Chair, following the selection of Party Leader and Elected Officials, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that at a minimum, two (2) names remain for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled.

c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all at-large delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative signifies otherwise in writing to the State Chair prior to their selection.

4. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the state-wide primary vote.

b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates.

c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner, minus 10%.

d. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur on May 8, 2004 after all unpledged delegates and pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected.

e. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the State Executive Committee (membership composition described in Section VIII.)

f. In the selection of the at-large delegation, priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, lesbians and gay men, and women. The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan. Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose.

In order to continue the Democratic Party’s ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, priority of consideration should be given to other groups by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation or disability.

g. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, then those at-large slots that would have been allocated to the candidate will be proportionally divided among the remaining preferences entitled to an allocation.

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h. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one at-large alternate position.

i. The following procedure shall be used for the selection of at-large delegates and alternates:

(1) The State Chair will announce the results of the March 2, 2004 primary and indicate the number of at-large delegates each Presidential candidate is entitled to.

(2) The State Chair will announce the candidates pledged to each presidential candidate and call for a separate vote for each set of delegates and alternates.

(3) The vote shall be taken by hand vote or by signed ballot.

5. Certification of Delegates and Alternates

The State Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within three (3) days after their election.

G. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates

1. Replacement of Pledged Delegates and Alternates

A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines.

a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate

(1) 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.

(2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference and sex of the delegate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.

(a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.

(b) If a presidential candidate has only one alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of the opposite sex, 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, not withstanding Rule 17 D (2), the presidential candidate or their authorized representative shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of the opposite sex, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women.

(c) If the delegate is pledged to a presidential candidate, the presidential candidate or their authorized representative will select the alternate who replaces the delegate subject to the approval of the delegation members pledged to the presidential candidate.

b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate

(1) 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.

(2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference as the delegate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be of the same sex and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
(3) The presidential candidate or their authorized representative shall choose the alternate who temporarily replaces the pledged delegate, delegate subject to the approval of the delegation members pledged to the presidential candidate.

c. Certification of Replacements

(1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Chair.

(2) 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 State Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected.

(3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 48 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene.

(4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 48 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.

d. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference, of the same sex, and to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced.

2. Replacement of Unpledged Delegates

Unpledged delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following conditions:

a. Members of Congress shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state'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.

b. Members of the Democratic National Committee and unpledged add-on delegates 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 state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2004 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of unpledged delegates.

c. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an unpledged delegate.

III. SELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A. Introduction

1. Number of Members

Ohio has been allocated 7 members on each of the three standing committees for the 2004 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of 21 members.

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2. Membership Requirements

Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

B. Selection of Members

1. Selection Meeting
   a. The members of the standing committee shall be elected by a quorum of Ohio's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on May 15, 2004.
   b. A quorum shall consist of 40% of Ohio's delegates to the National Convention.
   c. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members.

2. Allocation of Members
   a. The members of the standing committees allocated to Ohio shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates receiving the threshold percentage used in Ohio's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 12 E of the Delegate Selection Rules.
   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 Ohio. 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.
   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.
   d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three 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.

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval
   a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative shall be given adequate notice of the date, time, and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members.
   b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative, must submit to the State Chair, by May 10, 2004, a minimum of one (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members submitted by the presidential candidates. Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees.

4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division
   a. Presidential candidates shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Ohio's affirmative action goals and that their respective members are equally divided between men and women.

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b. Each position on each standing committee shall be assigned by gender. For example, the first position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a female, the second position for a male, and the remaining positions shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each candidate. After positions on the Credential Committee are designated by sex, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.

(1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.

(2) The membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided as possible under the state allocation; if the number is even, the membership shall be equally divided between men and women; if the number is odd, the variance between men and women may not exceed one (1), and the advantaged gender must not remain constant for the three standing committees.

(3) 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 sex.

5. Certification and Substitution

- The State Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection.

- 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.

IV. SELECTION OF THE DELEGATION CHAIR AND CONVENTION PAGES

A. Introduction

Ohio will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and 4 to serve as Convention Pages.

B. Delegation Chair

1. Selection Meeting

a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of Ohio's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on May 15, 2004.

b. A quorum shall consist of 40% of the state's delegates to the National Convention.

c. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair.

2. Certification of Delegation Chair

The State Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after his or her selection.

C. Convention Pages

1. Four individuals will be selected to serve as Ohio's Convention Pages by the State Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place on May 8, 2004 at the State Executive Committee meeting.

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2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action guidelines in the Affirmative Action Plan.

3. The State Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Ohio's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection.

V. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURAL GUARANTEES

A. Participation in Ohio's delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Duly registered or publicly declared Democrats will not be required to undertake a further enrollment as a condition of participation. Ohio law sets forth provisions for challenging a qualified elector's right to vote in a party primary election. Such a challenge may be asserted against one who is not affiliated with or is not a member of the party, according to Ohio Revised Code, Section 3513.15.

B. At no stage of Ohio'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.

C. No persons 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 elections.

D. No person shall vote in more than one meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process.

E. The Ohio Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the provisions listed below. 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.

1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Ohio should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status, or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status.")

2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to the Democratic Party in Ohio 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."

3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in Ohio on all levels should be publicized fully and in such manner 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.

4. The Democratic Party in Ohio, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on "status."

5. The Democratic Party in Ohio 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 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.

6. The Democratic Party in Ohio 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 Ohio Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office.

F. Discrimination on the basis of "status" in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited.

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G. Ohio’s delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate man and alternate women. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all unpledged delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division.

H. 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.

I. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them.

J. Forty percent 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 convention delegates.

K. No proxy voting will be permitted in any delegate selection caucus committee or any other body selecting delegates or alternates in Ohio.

L. 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 the majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process.

M. 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.

N. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan.

   In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2004 Democratic National Convention, Ohio thereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the state full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action programs toward that end, and that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2004 Democratic National Convention, and that the voters in the state will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by said Convention, and for electors pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States, 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.

   All delegates, alternates and standing committee members must be bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party at heart, who subscribe 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.

   All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference at all levels which determine presidential preference.

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VI. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN

A. Introduction

1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Ohio should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status, or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status").

2. In order 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 in Ohio.

3. Discrimination on the basis of "status" in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited.

4. In order to achieve full participation by groups that are significantly under-represented in our Party's affairs, Ohio has developed Party outreach programs.

   a. Such programs include recruitment, education and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs for 2004.

   b. As part of these programs, outreach will be directed at all Democratic constituencies, including groups such as ethnics, youth, persons over 65 years of age, lesbians and gay men, workers, persons with a high school education or less, persons with physical disabilities, and persons of low and moderate income.

5. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the Ohio Democratic Party has adopted and will implement affirmative action programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, lesbians and gay men, and women.

   a. The goal of the affirmative action 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.

   b. This goal 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.

6. Presidential candidates shall assist the Ohio Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan.

   a. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Chair by November 21, 2003 which indicates the specific steps he or she will take to encourage full participation in Ohio's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate.

   b. 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.

7. Presidential candidates shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegations shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and that the respective delegations of each presidential candidate shall be equally divided between men and women. Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district-level to approve delegate and alternate candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action goals and equal division for their respective delegations.

8. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan shall begin on September 15, 2003, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the process.

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B. Organizational Structure - Affirmative Action Committee

1. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Chair on March 1, 2003.

2. The Committee shall consist of members from each delegate district representing the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan.

3. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:

   a. Reviewing the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans and making recommendations to the State Chair.

   b. Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action section of this plan.

   c. Implementing a financial assistance program for delegates and alternates. In carrying out this responsibility, the Affirmative Action Committee shall:

      (1) Encourage the participation and representation of persons of low and moderate income;

      (2) Advise prospective delegates and alternates in a timely manner of the role and mandate of this Affirmative Action Committee;

      (3) Receive requests for financial assistance from delegates and alternates otherwise unable to participate in the National Convention.

      (4) Prepare specific information for all delegates and alternates as to how and where to seek financial assistance to defray expenses to the Convention. This information may include lists of groups or organizations willing to help and fund-raising ideas; and

      (5) Plan and conduct the fundraising events or solicitations necessary to supplement other efforts.

   d. Ensuring, on behalf of the Ohio Democratic Party, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, lesbians and gay men, and women.

4. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the Ohio Democratic Party to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, the state party staff and volunteers and all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this plan.

C. Implementation of the Plan

1. Publicity

   a. Special attention shall be directed at 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 newsletter. 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.

   b. Newspapers, radio and television will be utilized to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, this information should provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Special effort shall be directed to the major daily newspapers, radio and television stations by the State Chair, Affirmative Action Committee members and staff. Regular releases during the delegate selection process to all other media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services should complete timely coverage.

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c. A priority effort shall be directed at publicity in minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian/Pacific American, Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations, and publications, and women's organizations, student newspapers and any other special media in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan. 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 caucuses and state executive committee meetings shall be effectively publicized, bilingual where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups.

d. Not later than September 15, 2003, a press kit shall be made and provided to each daily and weekly newspaper as well as to the electronic media. This press kit will include:

(1) a summary of all pertinent rules related to the state's delegate selection process;
(2) a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district;
(3) a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2004 Convention; and
(4) materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate candidates.

2. Education

a. A virtual workshop shall take place at the Ohio Democratic Party's website beginning in October 2003 which will take and answer all questions from any interested parties concerning the delegate selection process. Information on the delegate selection process, including this plan will be available for all interested parties to read and download. The Ohio Democratic Party’s website is www.ohiodems.org.

b. A speakers bureau of volunteers from the Affirmative Action Committee comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before groups as needed, to provide information concerning the process.

c. 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; an explanation of how, where and when persons can register to vote; and delegate district maps. 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 relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than September 15, 2003.

d. The state shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration procedures.

3. Representation Goals

a. The state party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, and lesbians and gay men in the state's Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals of representation in the state's convention delegation.

b. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and unpledged) shall be compared with the state party's goals in order to achieve an at-large selection process which helps to bring about a representative balance. Priority of consideration will be given to women, African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, and lesbians and gay men in the selection of the at-large delegation.
c. Use of the at-large delegation to achieve the affirmative action goals established by this Plan does not obviate the need for the state party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training.

VII. CHALLENGES

A. Introduction

1. Jurisdiction

a. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2004 Democratic National Convention and the "Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2004 Democratic National Convention."

b. Under Rule 19 B of the 2004 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 Plans.

c. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided that it is initiated before May 31, 2004.

d. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2004 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after May 31, 2004 shall be processed in accordance with the "Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2004 Democratic National Convention."

e. 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 2004 Democratic National Convention. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before May 31, 2004.

f. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2004 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.

2. Standing

Any group of fifteen 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.

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

1. A challenge to the status of the Ohio Democratic Party as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from Ohio shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process.

2. A challenge to the state's Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the Ohio Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within fifteen (15) calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Party.

3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the Regs., which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

C. 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

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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.

2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the Ohio Democratic Party and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than fifteen (15) days after the alleged violation occurred. The state party has twenty-one (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 the expiration of the above twenty-one (21) day period.

3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If the state party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the state party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegate composition or primary results. The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action section of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process.

4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VII. 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.

VIII. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The State Executive Committee is the selecting body for Unpledged Add-On Delegates, Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates, and Pledged At-Large Delegates and Alternates.

The State Executive Committee pursuant to Article Three Section 6 of the Constitution of the Ohio Democratic Party is composed of 66 members elected from Ohio's 33 State Senate Districts on Primary Election Day in even-numbered years; ex-officio members which includes Statewide officeholders, Democratic Candidates for Statewide Office, and the Democratic leaders of both the Ohio House of Representative and the Ohio Senate; 67 at-large members; 10 members of the Finance Council, and 5 members who represent various statewide Democratic organizations. Those members who are not elected are recommended by the State Chair and approved by the State Executive Committee and must be broadly representative of all the various elements of the party in accordance with the principles contained in the Charter and By-Laws of the Democratic Party of the United States. This requires the membership to comply with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party.

The State Executive Committee pursuant to the authority granted to it by the State Central Committee shall promulgate and file with the Secretary of State its rules governing the issuance of certificates.

2004 EXHIBITS

1. Media Outlets

Major Daily Newspapers, Radio and Television Stations

The following major media outlets that will be the target of special efforts by the State Democratic Chair, the Affirmative Action Committee members, and the staff to publicize information about the state's delegate selection process:

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Other "Non-Minority" Media Outlets

The following media outlets will receive regular releases during the delegate selection process:

Associated Press
United Press International
Gongwer News Service
Ohio News Network Radio
Alliance Review
Ashland Times Gazette
Athens Messenger
Beavercreek News
Bellevue Gazette
Chillicothe Gazette
Daily Advocate (Greenville)
Daily Sentinel Tribune
Delphos Herald
Galion Enquirer
Massillon Independent
Mount Vernon News
Newark Advocate
Norwalk Reflector
Pomeroy Daily Sentinel
Portsmouth Daily Times
St Marys Evening Leader
Shelby Daily Globe
Springfield News-Sun
Bryan Times
The Chronicle-Telegram (Elyria)
The Courier (Findlay)
Daily Chief Union (Upper Sandusky)
Delaware Gazette
Fairborn Daily Herald
Lisbon Morning Journal
Marion Star
New Philadelphia Times Reporter

Gallipolis Daily Tribune
Ohio Public Radio
Ironton Tribune
Journal-News (Hamilton)
Kenton Times
Lancaster Eagle Gazette
Logan Daily News
Mansfield News Journal
Marietta AM
Marietta Times
Marysville Journal Tribune
Massillon Independent
Middletown Journal
Mount Vernon News
Newark Advocate
Northwest Signal
Piqua Daily Call
Port Clinton News Herald
Ravenna Record-Courier
Salem News
Sidney Daily News
Steubenville Herald-Star
Bucyrus Telegraph-Forum
Circleville Herald
The Crescent-News (Defiance)
Daily Standard (Celina)
Evening Review (East Liverpool)
The Lima News
Lorain Morning Journal
Medina County Gazette
News-Messenger (Fremont)

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The Review Times (Fostoria)  The Star-Beacon (Ashtabula)
The Times Leader (Martins Ferry)  The Tribune (Coshocton)
Tiffin Advertiser-Tribune  Troy Daily News
Urbana Daily Citizen  Van Wert Times Bulletin
Wapakoneta Daily News  Warren Tribune Chronicle
Willoughby News Herald  Wilmington News-Journal
Wooster Daily Record  Xenia Daily Gazette
Zanesville Times Recorder  Ohio News Network Television
Washington Court House Record Herald

**Minority and Special Media Outlets**

The following media outlets will be targeted for a priority effort to effectively publicize information about the delegate selection process:

**College/Student Publications**

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Troubadour
The Collegian
Carroll News
The Wooster Voice
Jambar

Other Targeted Publications
American Israelite (Religious)            Buckeye Review (African American)
Call and Post (African American)         Catholic Chronicle (Religious)
Catholic Telegraph (Religious)           Catholic Times (Religious)
Cincinnati Herald (African American)     Cleveland Jewish News (Religious)
Communicator News (African American)    Columbus Post (African American)
Dirva-Lithuanian Newspaper (Ethnic)      Labor Union Gazette (Union)
Nueva Horizontes Magazine (Hispanic)     La Prensa Weekly (Hispanic)
Ohio Jewish Chronicle (Religious)       Ohio Labor Citizen (Union)
Reporter Newspapers (African American)  Toledo Journal (African American)
UTU News (Union)                         Toledo Union Journal (Union)
Gay People's Chronicle                   Outlook News
Major Metro-Area African American Radio Stations
WZIP-FM (Akron)                          WCKX-FM (Columbus)
WIZF-AM (Cincinnati)                      WVKO-AM (Columbus)
WZAK-FM (Cleveland)                       WDAO-AM (Dayton)
WZJM-FM (Cleveland)                       WROU-FM (Dayton)
WWWM-AM (Toledo)                          WANR-AM (Warren)
WCSU-FM (Wiberforce - Central State University)

The media outlets listed are not exclusive. Additional media outlets will be added upon request.
2. Demographic Study and Analysis

The demographic composition of Ohio's Democratic electorate was determined by using a combination of 2000 Census Data and the Voter News Service National Exit Poll conducted in November, 2000 in which respondents indicated their vote for President.

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Affirmative Action Goals

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Young Democrats are Democrats age 18-35. The goal for Young Democrats applies only to Congressional District Level Delegates.
### 2004 Filing Locations for Ohio's 18 Congressional Districts

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                          Email: cusyahoga@sos.state.oh.us  
                          Web site: www.electionohio.com/cuyahoga/ | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Monday thru Friday) |
| 11                     | Cuyahoga County Board of Elections  
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| 12                     | Franklin County Board of Elections  
                          280 E. Broad St., 1st Flr., Columbus, OH 43215  
                          Tel. (614) 462-3100 / Fax: (614) 462-3489  
                          Email: boe@co.franklin.oh.us  
                          Web site: www.co.franklin.oh.us/boe | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Monday thru Friday) |
| 13                     | Summit County Board of Elections  
                          470 Grant St., Akron, OH 44311-1157  
                          Tel. (330) 643-5200 / Fax: (330) 643-5422  
                          Email: summit@sos.state.oh.us | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Monday thru Friday) |
| 14                     | Lake County Board of Elections  
                          105 Main St., Painesville, OH 44077-0490  
                          Tel. (440) 350-2700 or 800-899-5253 ext 2700  
                          Fax: (440) 350-2670  
                          Email: lake@sos.state.oh.us  
                          Web site: www.lakeelections.com | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Monday thru Friday) |
| 15                     | Franklin County Board of Elections  
                          280 E. Broad St., 1st Flr., Columbus, OH 43215  
                          Tel. (614) 462-3100 / Fax: (614) 462-3489  
                          Email: boe@co.franklin.oh.us  
                          Web site: www.co.franklin.oh.us/boe | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Monday thru Friday) |
| 16                     | Stark County Board of Elections  
                          201 Third St. NE, Canton, OH 44702-1296  
                          Tel. (330) 451-8683 / Fax: (330) 451-7000  
                          Email: boe@co.stark.oh.us  
                          Web site: www.boe.co.stark.oh.us | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Monday thru Friday) |
| 17                     | Trumbull County Board of Elections  
                          2947 Youngstown Rd. SE, Warren, OH 44484  
                          Tel. (330) 369-4050 / Fax: (330) 369-4160  
                          Email: norma@tcvote.com  
                          Web site: www.electionohio.com/trumbull/ | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Monday thru Friday) |
| 18                     | Tuscarawas County Board of Elections  
                          Court House Sq., New Philadelphia, OH 44663  
                          Tel. (330) 343-8819 / Fax: (330) 343-3125  
                          Email: tcbelect5@tusco.net  
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### Numerical List of Election Forms

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Provisions of the Revised Code of Ohio

Relating to Presidential Primary and General Elections

Revised Code Section 3501.01.

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(E)(1) "Primary" or "primary election" means an election held for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates of political parties for election to offices, and for the purpose of electing persons as members of the controlling committees of political parties and as delegates and alternates to the conventions of political parties. Primary elections shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each year except in years in which a presidential primary election is held.

(2) "Presidential primary election" means a primary election as defined by division (E)(1) of this section at which an election is held for the purpose of choosing delegates and alternates to the national conventions of the major political parties pursuant to section 3513.12 of the Revised Code. Unless otherwise specified, presidential primary elections are included in references to primary elections. In years in which a presidential primary election is held, all primary elections shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March except as otherwise authorized by a municipal or county charter.

Revised Code Section 3501.38.

All declarations of candidacy, nominating petitions, or other petitions presented to or filed with the secretary of state or a board of elections or with any other public office for the purpose of becoming a candidate for any nomination or office or for the holding of an election on any issue shall, in addition to meeting the other specific requirements prescribed in the sections of the Revised Code relating to them, be governed by the following rules:

(A) Only electors qualified to vote on the candidacy or issue which is the subject of the petition shall sign a petition. Each signer shall be a registered elector pursuant to section 3503.11 of the Revised Code. The facts of qualification shall be determined as of the date when the petition is filed.

(B) Signatures shall be affixed in ink. Each signer may also print the signer's name, so as to clearly identify the signer's signature.

(C) Each signer shall place on the petition after the signer's name the date of signing and the location of the signer's voting residence, including the street and number if in a municipal corporation or the rural route number, post office address, or township if outside a municipal corporation. The voting address given on the petition shall be the address appearing in the registration records at the board of elections.

(D) No person shall write any name other than the person's own on any petition. No person may authorize another to sign for the person. Where a petition contains the signature of an elector two or more times, only the first signature shall be counted.

(E) On each petition paper, the circulator shall indicate the number of signatures contained on it, and shall sign a statement made under penalty of election falsification that the circulator witnessed the affixing of every signature, that all signers were to the best of the circulator's knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of the circulator's knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be.
Revised Code Section 3501.38 - continued

(F) If a circulator knowingly permits an unqualified person to sign a petition paper or permits a person to write a name other than the person's own on a petition paper, that petition paper is invalid; otherwise, the signature of a person not qualified to sign shall be rejected but shall not invalidate the other valid signatures on the paper.

(G) The circulator of a petition may, before filing it in a public office, strike from it any signature the circulator does not wish to present as a part of the petition.

(H) Any signer of a petition may remove the signer's signature from that petition at any time before the petition is filed in a public office by striking the signer's name from the petition; no signature may be removed after the petition is filed in any public office.

(I) No alterations, corrections, or additions may be made to a petition after it is filed in a public office.

(J) All declarations of candidacy, nominating petitions, or other petitions under this section shall be accompanied by the following statement in boldface capital letters: WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.

(K) All separate petition papers shall be filed at the same time, as one instrument.

Revised Code Section 3503.06.

No person shall be entitled to vote at any election, or to sign or circulate any declaration of candidacy or any nominating, initiative, referendum, or recall petition, unless the person is registered as an elector and will have resided in the county and precinct where the person is registered for at least thirty days at the time of the next election.

Revised Code Section 3505.10.

(A) On the presidential ballot below the stubs at the top of the face of the ballot shall be printed "Official Presidential Ballot" centered between the side edges of the ballot. Below "Official Presidential Ballot" shall be printed a heavy line centered between the side edges of the ballot. Below the line shall be printed "Instruction to Voters" centered between the side edges of the ballot, and below those words shall be printed the following instructions:

"(1) To vote for the candidates for president and vice-president whose names are printed below, record your vote in the manner provided next to the names of such candidates. That recording of the vote will be counted as a vote for each of the candidates for presidential elector whose names have been certified to the secretary of state and who are members of the same political party as the nominees for president and vice-president. A recording of the vote for independent candidates for president and vice-president shall be counted as a vote for the presidential electors filed by such candidates with the secretary of state.

(2) To vote for candidates for president and vice-president in the blank space below, record your vote in the manner provided and write the names of your choice for president and vice-president under the respective headings provided for those offices. Such write-in will be counted as a vote for the candidates' presidential electors whose names have been properly certified to the secretary of state.

(3) If you tear, soil, deface, or erroneously mark this ballot, return it to the precinct election officers or, if you cannot return it, notify the precinct election officers, and obtain another ballot."
Revised Code Section 3505.10. - continued

(B) Below those instructions to the voter shall be printed a single vertical column of enclosed rectangular spaces equal in number to the number of presidential candidates plus one additional space for write-in candidates. Each of those rectangular spaces shall be enclosed by a heavy line along each of its four sides, and such spaces shall be separated from each other by one-half inch of open space.

In each of those enclosed rectangular spaces, except the space provided for write-in candidates, shall be printed the names of the candidates for president and vice-president certified to the secretary of state or nominated in one of the following manners:

(1) Nominated by the national convention of a political party to which delegates and alternates were elected in this state at the next preceding primary election. A political party certifying candidates so nominated shall certify the names of those candidates to the secretary of state on or before the sixtieth day before the day of the general election.

(2) Nominated by nominating petition in accordance with section 3513.257 of the Revised Code. Such a petition shall be filed on or before the seventy-fifth day before the day of the general election to provide sufficient time to verify the sufficiency and accuracy of signatures on it.

(3) Certified to the secretary of state for placement on the presidential ballot by authorized officials of an intermediate or minor political party that has held a state or national convention for the purpose of choosing those candidates or that may, without a convention, certify those candidates in accordance with the procedure authorized by its party rules. The officials shall certify the names of those candidates to the secretary of state on or before the sixtieth day before the day of the general election. The certification shall be accompanied by a designation of a sufficient number of presidential electors to satisfy the requirements of law.

The names of candidates for electors of president and vice-president shall not be placed on the ballot, but shall be certified to the secretary of state as required by sections 3513.11 and 3513.257 of the Revised Code. A vote for any candidates for president and vice-president shall be a vote for the electors of those candidates whose names have been certified to the secretary of state.

(C) The arrangement of the printing in each of the enclosed rectangular spaces shall be substantially as follows: Near the top and centered within the rectangular space shall be printed "For President" in ten-point boldface upper and lower case type. Below "For President" shall be printed the name of the candidate for president in twelve-point boldface upper case type. Below the name of the candidate for president shall be printed the name of the political party by which that candidate for president was nominated in eight-point lightface upper and lower case type. Below the name of such political party shall be printed "For Vice-President" in ten-point boldface upper and lower case type. Below "For Vice-President" shall be printed the name of the candidate for vice-president in twelve-point boldface upper case type. Below the name of the candidate for vice-president shall be printed the name of the political party by which that candidate for vice-president was nominated in eight-point lightface upper and lower case type. No political identification or name of any political party shall be printed below the names of presidential and vice-presidential candidates nominated by petition.

The rectangular spaces on the ballot described in this section shall be rotated and printed as provided in section 3505.03 of the Revised Code.
Revised Code Section 3513.041

A write-in space shall be provided on the ballot for every office, except in an election for which the board of elections has received no valid declarations of intent to be a write-in candidate under this section. Write-in votes shall not be counted for any candidate who has not filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate pursuant to this section. A qualified person who has filed a declaration of intent may receive write-in votes at either a primary or general election. *** Any candidate for an office to be voted upon by electors throughout the entire state shall file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the secretary of state before four p.m. of the fiftieth day preceding the election at which such candidacy is to be considered. In addition, candidates for president and vice-president of the United States shall also file with the secretary of state by said fiftieth day a slate of presidential electors sufficient in number to satisfy the requirements of the United States constitution.

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Protests against the candidacy of any person filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate may be filed by any qualified elector who is eligible to vote in the election at which the candidacy is to be considered. The protest shall be in writing and shall be filed not later than four p.m. of the forty-fifth day before the day of the election. The protest shall be filed with the board of elections with which the declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate was filed. Upon the filing of the protest, the board with which it is filed shall promptly fix the time for hearing it and shall proceed in regard to the hearing in the same manner as for hearings set for protests filed under section 3513.05 of the Revised Code. At the time fixed, the board shall hear the protest and determine the validity or invalidity of the declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate. If the board finds that the candidate is not an elector of the state, district, county, or political subdivision in which the candidate seeks election to office or has not fully complied with the requirements of Title XXXV [35] of the Revised Code in regard to the candidate's candidacy, the candidate's declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate shall be determined to be invalid and shall be rejected; otherwise, it shall be determined to be valid. The determination of the board is final.

The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of the declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

Revised Code Section 3513.05

Each person desiring to become a candidate for a party nomination or for election to an office or position to be voted for at a primary election ... shall, not later than four p.m. of the seventy-fifth day before the day of the primary election, or if the primary election is a presidential primary election, not later than four p.m. of the sixtieth day before the day of the presidential primary election, file a declaration of candidacy and petition ... . The declaration of candidacy and all separate petition papers shall be filed at the same time as one instrument. *** The secretary of state or a board of elections shall not accept for filing a declaration of candidacy and petition of a person seeking to become a candidate if that person, for the same election, has already filed a declaration of candidacy or a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or has become a candidate by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 of the Revised Code for any state or county office, if the declaration of candidacy is for a state or county office, or for any municipal or township office, if the declaration of candidacy is for a municipal or township office.

If the declaration of candidacy declares a candidacy which is to be submitted to electors throughout the entire state, the petition .... shall be signed by at least one thousand qualified electors who are members of the same political party as the candidate or joint candidates, and the declaration of candidacy and petition shall be filed with the secretary of state; provided that the secretary of state shall not accept or file any such petition appearing on its face to contain signatures of more than three thousand electors.
Revised Code Section 3513.05 - continued

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, if the declaration of candidacy is of one that is to be submitted only to electors within a district, political subdivision, or portion thereof, the petition shall be signed by not less than fifty qualified electors who are members of the same political party as the political party of which the candidate is a member. ***

No such petition, except the petition for a candidacy that is to be submitted to electors throughout the entire state, shall be accepted for filing if it appears to contain on its face signatures of more than three times the minimum number of signatures. When a petition of a candidate has been accepted for filing by a board of elections, the petition shall not be deemed invalid if, upon verification of signatures contained in the petition, the board of elections finds the number of signatures accepted exceeds three times the minimum number of signatures required. A board of elections may discontinue verifying signatures on petitions when the number of verified signatures equals the minimum required number of qualified signatures.

If the declaration of candidacy declares a candidacy for party nomination or for election as a candidate of an intermediate or minor party, the minimum number of signatures on such petition is one-half the minimum number provided in this section, except that, when the candidacy is one for election as a member of the state central committee or the county central committee of a political party, the minimum number shall be the same for an intermediate or minor party as for a major party.

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For purposes of signing or circulating a petition of candidacy for party nomination or election, an elector is considered to be a member of a political party if the elector voted in that party's primary election within the preceding two calendar years, or if the elector did not vote in any other party's primary election within the preceding two calendar years.

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A petition shall consist of separate petition papers, each of which shall contain signatures of electors of only one county. Petitions or separate petition papers containing signatures of electors of more than one county shall not thereby be declared invalid. In case petitions or separate petition papers containing signatures of electors of more than one county are filed, the board shall determine the county from which the majority of signatures came, and only signatures from such county shall be counted. Signatures from any other county shall be invalid.

Each separate petition paper shall be circulated by one person only, who shall be the candidate or a joint candidate or a member of the same political party as the candidates, and each separate petition paper shall be governed by the rules set forth in section 3501.38 of the Revised Code.

The secretary of state shall promptly transmit to each board such separate petition papers of each petition accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with the secretary of state as purport to contain signatures of electors of the county of such board. The board of the most populous county of a district shall promptly transmit to each board within such district such separate petition papers of each petition accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with it as purport to contain signatures of electors of the county of each such board. The board of a county within which the major portion of the population of a subdivision, situated in more than one county, is located, shall promptly transmit to the board of each other county within which a portion of such subdivision is located such separate petition papers of each petition accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with it as purport to contain signatures of electors of the portion of such subdivision in the county of each such board.
Revised Code Section 3513.05 - continued

All petition papers so transmitted to a board and all petitions accompanying declarations of candidacy filed with such board shall, under proper regulations, be open to public inspection until four p.m. of the seventieth day before the day of the next primary election, or if that next primary election is a presidential primary election, the fifty-fifth day before that presidential primary election. Each board shall, not later than the sixty-eighth day before the day of such primary election, or if the primary election is a presidential primary election, not later than the fifty-third day before such presidential primary election, examine and determine the validity or invalidity of the signatures on the petition papers so transmitted to or filed with it and shall return to the secretary of state all petition papers transmitted to it by the secretary of state, together with its certification of its determination as to the validity or invalidity of signatures thereon, and shall return to each other board all petition papers transmitted to it by such board, together with its certification of its determination as to the validity or invalidity of the signatures thereon. All other matters affecting the validity or invalidity of such petition papers shall be determined by the secretary of state or the board with whom such petition papers were filed.

Protests against the candidacy of any person filing a declaration of candidacy for party nomination or for election to an office or position, as provided in this section, may be filed by any qualified elector who is a member of the same political party as the candidate and who is eligible to vote at the primary election for the candidate whose declaration of candidacy the elector objects to, or by the controlling committee of such party. Such protest must be in writing, and must be filed not later than four p.m. of the sixty-fourth day before the day of the primary election, or if the primary election is a presidential primary election, not later than four p.m. of the forty-ninth day before the day of the presidential primary election. Such protest shall be filed with the election officials with whom the declaration of candidacy and petition was filed. Upon the filing of such protest, the election officials with whom it is filed shall promptly fix the time for hearing it, and shall forthwith mail notice of the filing of such protest and the time fixed for hearing to the person whose candidacy is so protested. They shall also forthwith mail notice of the time fixed for such hearing to the person who filed the protest. At the time fixed, such election officials shall hear the protest and determine the validity or invalidity of the declaration of candidacy and petition. If they find that such candidate is not an elector of the state, district, county, or political subdivision in which the candidate seeks a party nomination or election to an office or position, or has not fully complied with this chapter, the candidate's declaration of candidacy and petition shall be determined to be invalid and shall be rejected, otherwise it shall be determined to be valid. Such determination shall be final.

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The secretary of state shall, on the sixtieth day before the day of a primary election, or if the primary election is a presidential primary election, on the forty-fifth day before the day of the presidential primary election, certify to each board in the state the forms of the official ballots to be used at such primary election, together with the names of the candidates to be printed thereon whose nomination or election is to be determined by electors throughout the entire state and who filed valid declarations of candidacy and petitions.

The board of the most populous county in a district comprised of more than one county but less than all of the counties of the state shall on the sixtieth day before the day of a primary election, or if the primary election is a presidential primary election, on the forty-fifth day before the day of a presidential primary election, certify to the board of each county in the district the names of the candidates to be printed on the official ballots to be used at such primary election, whose nomination or election is to be determined only by electors within such district and who filed valid declarations of candidacy and petitions.
Revised Code Section 3513.05 - continued

The board of a county within which the major portion of the population of a subdivision smaller than the county and situated in more than one county is located shall, on the sixtieth day before the day of a primary election, or if the primary election is a presidential primary election, on the forty-fifth day before the day of a presidential primary election, certify to the board of each county in which a portion of such subdivision is located the names of the candidates to be printed on the official ballots to be used at such primary election, whose nomination or election is to be determined only by electors within such subdivision and who filed valid declarations of candidacy and petitions.

Revised Code Section 3513.07

The form of declaration of candidacy and petition of a person desiring to be a candidate for a party nomination or a candidate for election to an office or position to be voted for at a primary election shall be substantially as follows:

"DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION

I, ................. (Name of Candidate), the undersigned, hereby declare under penalty of election falsification that my voting residence is in ............... precinct of the ........... (Township) or (Ward and City or Village) in the county of ............, Ohio; that my voting residence is ............... (Street and Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number) of the .................... (City or Village) of ............, Ohio; and that I am a qualified elector in the precinct in which my voting residence is located. I am a member of the ........ Party. I hereby declare that I desire to be .................... (a candidate for nomination as a candidate of the Party for election to the office of ...........) (a candidate for election to the office or position of ...........) for the ........ in the state, district, (Full term or unexpired term ending ...........) county, city, or village of ............, at the primary election to be held on the .......... day of .........., ......., and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official primary election ballot of the said ........ Party as a candidate for ........ (such nomination) or (such election) as provided by law.

I further declare that, if elected to said office or position, I will qualify therefor, and that I will support and abide by the principles enunciated by the ........ Party.

Dated this .......... day of .........., .......

........................................................ (Signature of candidate)

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.

PETITION OF CANDIDATE

We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the state of Ohio, whose voting residence is in the county, city, village, ward, township, or school district, and precinct set opposite our names, and members of the ................. Party, hereby certify that ................. (Name of candidate) whose declaration of candidacy is filed herewith, is a member of the ........ Party, and is, in our opinion, well qualified to perform the duties of the office or position to which that candidate desires to be elected.

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(Must use address on file with the board of elections)
Revised Code Section 3513.07 - continued

............... (Name of circulator of petition), declares under penalty of election falsification that the circulator of the petition is a qualified elector of the state of Ohio and resides at the address appearing below the signature of that circulator; that the circulator is a member of the ........ Party; that the circulator is the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing ........ (Number) signatures; that the circulator witnessed the affixing of every signature, that all signers were to the best of the circulator's knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of the circulator's knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be.

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(Signature of circulator)

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(Address of circulator)

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.”

The secretary of state shall prescribe a form of declaration of candidacy and petition, and the form shall be substantially similar to the declaration of candidacy and petition set forth in this section, that will be suitable for joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor.

The petition provided for in this section shall be circulated only by a member of the same political party as the candidate.

Revised Code Section 3513.09.

If the petition, required by section 3513.07 of the Revised Code to be filed with a declaration of candidacy, consists of more than one separate petition paper, the declaration of candidacy of the candidate named need be signed by the candidate on only one of such separate petition papers, but the declaration of candidacy so signed shall be copied on each other separate petition paper before the signature[s] of electors are placed thereon.

Revised Code Section 3513.12.

At a presidential primary election, which shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March in the year 2000, and similarly in every fourth year thereafter, delegates and alternates to the national conventions of the different major political parties shall be chosen by direct vote of the electors as provided in this chapter. Candidates for delegate and alternate shall be qualified and the election shall be conducted in the manner prescribed in this chapter for the nomination of candidates for state and district offices, except as provided in section 3513.151 of the Revised Code and except that whenever any group of candidates for delegate at large or alternate at large, or any group of candidates for delegates or alternates from districts, file with the secretary of state statements as provided by this section, designating the same persons as their first and second choices for president of the United States, such a group of candidates may submit a group petition containing a declaration of candidacy for each of such candidates.

The group petition need be signed only by the number of electors required for the petition of a single candidate. No group petition shall be submitted except by a group of candidates equal in number to the whole number of delegates at large or alternates at large to be elected or equal in number to the whole number of delegates or alternates from a district to be elected.
Revised Code Section 3513.12 - continued

Each person seeking to be elected as delegate or alternate to the national convention of the person's political party shall file with the person's declaration of candidacy and certificate a statement in writing signed by the person in which the person shall state the person's first and second choices for nomination as the candidate of the person's party for the presidency of the United States. The secretary of state shall not permit any declaration of candidacy and certificate of a candidate for election as such delegate or alternate to be filed unless accompanied by such statement in writing. The name of a candidate for the presidency shall not be so used without the candidate's written consent.

A person who is a first choice for president of candidates seeking election as delegates and alternates shall file with the secretary of state, prior to the day of the election, a list indicating the order in which certificates of election are to be issued to delegate or alternate candidates to whose candidacy the person has consented, if fewer than all of such candidates are entitled under party rules to be certified as elected. Each candidate for election as such delegate or alternate may also file along with the candidate's declaration of candidacy and certificate a statement in writing signed by the candidate in the following form:

"Statement of Candidate For Election as .......... (Delegate) (Alternate)

to the .......... (name of political party) National Convention"

I hereby declare to the voters of my political party in the State of Ohio that, if elected as .......... (delegate) (alternate) to their national party convention, I shall, to the best of my judgment and ability, support that candidate for President of the United States who shall have been selected at this primary by the voters of my party in the manner provided in Chapter 3513. of the Ohio Revised Code, as their candidate for such office.

....................................................................... (name)

Candidate for .............................................. (Delegate) (Alternate)"

The procedures for the selection of candidates for delegate and alternate to the national convention of a political party set forth in this section and in section 3513.121 of the Revised Code are alternative procedures, and if the procedures of this section are followed, the procedures of section 3513.121 of the Revised Code need not be followed.

Revised Code Section 3513.121.

(A) Any candidate for the presidency of the United States who is eligible to receive payments under the "Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account Act," 88 Stat. 1297 (1974), 26 U.S.C.A. 9031, et seq., as amended, may file with the secretary of state a declaration of candidacy not later than four p.m. of the sixtieth day before the presidential primary election held in the same year the candidate is eligible to receive such payments. The candidate shall indicate on his declaration of candidacy the congressional districts in this state where his candidacy is to be submitted to the electors. Any candidate who files a declaration of candidacy pursuant to this division shall also file, or shall cause to be filed by a person authorized in writing to represent him, not later than four p.m. of the sixtieth day before the same primary election, a list of candidates for district delegate and alternate to the national convention of his political party who have been selected in accordance with rules adopted by the state central committee of his political party. The candidates for district delegate and alternate whose names appear on this list shall be represented on the ballot in accordance with section 3513.151 of the Revised Code in every congressional district that the presidential candidate named in his declaration of candidacy, provided that such candidates meet the other requirements of this section.
Revised Code Section 3513.121 - continued

(B) Candidates for delegate at large and alternate at large to the national convention of a political party for a presidential candidate who submits a declaration of candidacy in accordance with division (A) of this section shall be selected in accordance with rules adopted by the state central committee of the presidential candidate's political party.

(C) Each candidate for district delegate and alternate to the national convention of a political party selected pursuant to division (A) of this section shall file or shall cause to be filed with the secretary of state, not later than four p.m. of the sixtieth day before the presidential primary election in which he is a candidate, both of the following:

(1) A declaration of candidacy in the form prescribed in section 3513.07 of the Revised Code, but not the petition prescribed in that section;

(2) A statement in writing signed by the candidate in which he states his first and second choices for nomination as the candidate of his party for the presidency of the United States.

(D) A declaration of candidacy filed pursuant to division (A) of this section shall be in substantially the form prescribed in section 3513.07 of the Revised Code except that the secretary of state shall modify that form to include spaces for a presidential candidate to indicate in which congressional districts he wishes his candidacy to be submitted to the electors and shall modify it in any other ways necessary to adapt it to use by presidential candidates. A candidate who files a declaration of candidacy pursuant to division (A) of this section shall not file the petition prescribed in section 3513.07 of the Revised Code.

(E) Section 3513.151 of the Revised Code applies in regard to candidates for delegate and alternate to the national convention of a political party selected pursuant to this section. The state central committee of the political party of any presidential candidate who files a declaration of candidacy pursuant to division (A) of this section shall file with the secretary of state the rules of its political party in accordance with division (E) of section 3513.151 of the Revised Code.

(F) The procedures for the selection of candidates for delegate and alternate to the national convention of a political party set forth in this section and in section 3513.12 of the Revised Code are alternative procedures, and if the procedures of this section are followed, the procedures of section 3513.12 of the Revised Code need not be followed.

Revised Code Section 3513.151

(A) Candidates for delegate and alternate to the national convention of a political party shall be represented on the ballot, or their names shall appear on the ballot, in accordance with this section, but only in a manner that enables an elector to record the vote in the space provided for it by the name of the first choice for president so that the recording of the vote is counted as a vote cast for each candidate for delegate or alternate who has declared such person as that candidate's first choice for president.

(B) The names of candidates for delegate at large and alternate at large to the national convention of a political party shall not appear on the ballot. Such candidates shall be represented on the ballot by their stated first choice for president.

(C) The state central committee of each major political party, through its chairperson, not later than sixty days prior to the date of the presidential primary election, shall file with the secretary of state a statement that stipulates, in accordance with rules adopted by each state central committee at a meeting open to all members of the committee's party, whether or not the names of candidates for district delegate and district alternate to the national convention of that chairperson's party are to be printed on the ballot. The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of the ballot for
Revised Code Section 3513.151 - continued

the election of district delegates and district alternates of each political party in accordance with such statement. If
the state central committee of a political party fails to so provide such statement, the secretary of state shall prescribe
a form of ballot on which the names of candidates for delegate and alternate to such national convention do not
appear on the ballot. Only the names of the presidential first choices of such candidates for delegates and alternates
shall appear on the ballot. If only the names of presidential first choices are printed, the ballot shall provide the
opportunity for an elector to record the vote in the appropriate space provided beside such names and such a vote cast
shall be counted as a vote for each candidate for delegate and alternate who has declared such person as that
candidate's first choice for president.

If the number of candidates for district delegate or for district alternate to the national convention of a political
party exceeds the number to be elected, the names of such candidates, when required to appear on the ballot, shall not
be rotated, but shall be printed in a group on the ballot in alphabetical order immediately below or beside first choice
for president. This form of the ballot shall be prescribed by the secretary so that the recording of the vote in the space
provided beside the name of such choice for president shall be a vote for each candidate whose name is included in
the grouping.

(D) Candidates, grouped by first choice for president, shall be rotated in the same manner as though each
grouping were a separate candidate. As many series of ballots shall be printed as the number of groups to be rotated,
with the total number of ballots to be printed divided by the number of series to be printed in order to determine the
number of ballots to be printed of each series. On the first series of ballots, the candidates shall be alphabetically
grouped by their first choice for president. On each succeeding series, the group of candidates that was the first in the
preceding series shall be last and each of the other groups shall be moved up one place. The ballots shall be rotated
and printed as provided in section 3505.03 of the Revised Code, except that no indication of membership in or
affiliation with a political party shall be printed after or under the candidate's name.

(E) The state central committee of each major political party, through its chairperson, not later than the fifteenth
day prior to the date of the presidential primary election, shall file with the secretary of state the rules of its political
party adopted by the state central committee at a meeting open to all members of the committee's party, which affect
the issuance of certificates of election to candidates for delegate or alternate to its party nominating convention, and
the secretary of state shall issue certificates of election in accordance with such rules.

(F) If party rules prescribe that fewer than all such candidates for delegate and alternate are to be elected,
certificates of election shall be issued in the order preferred by the first choice for president and in such numbers that
the number of delegates and alternates certified as elected reflects, as nearly as possible, the proportion to be elected
under the party rules.

(G) If the state central committee of a political party fails to file the rules with the secretary of state pursuant to
this section, certificates of election shall be issued to the candidates for delegate and alternate receiving the highest
number of votes.
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*** Persons desiring to become independent joint candidates for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States shall file, not later than four p.m. of the seventy-fifth day before the day of the general election at which the president and vice-president are to be elected, one statement of candidacy and one nominating petition for the two of them. The prospective independent joint candidates' statement of candidacy shall be filed with the nominating petition as one instrument.

The statement of candidacy and separate petition papers of each candidate or pair of joint candidates shall be filed at the same time as one instrument.

The nominating petition shall contain signatures of qualified electors of the district, political subdivision, or portion of a political subdivision in which the candidacy is to be voted on in an amount to be determined as follows:

(A) If the candidacy is to be voted on by electors throughout the entire state, the nominating petition, including the nominating petition of independent joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, shall be signed by no less than five thousand qualified electors, provided that no petition shall be accepted for filing if it purports to contain more than fifteen thousand signatures.

(B) ***

All nominating petitions of candidates for offices to be voted on by electors throughout the entire state shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state. No nominating petition for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States shall be accepted for filing unless there is submitted to the secretary of state, at the time of filing the petition, a slate of presidential electors sufficient in number to satisfy the requirement of the United States Constitution. ***

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No petition other than the petition of a candidate whose candidacy is to be considered by electors throughout the entire state shall be accepted for filing if it appears on its face to contain more than three times the minimum required number of signatures. ***

Any nonjudicial candidate who files a nominating petition may request, at the time of filing, that the candidate be designated on the ballot as a nonparty candidate or as an other-party candidate, or may request that the candidate's name be placed on the ballot without any designation. Any such candidate who fails to request a designation either as a nonparty candidate or as an other-party candidate shall have the candidate's name placed on the ballot without any designation.

The purpose of establishing a filing deadline for independent candidates prior to the primary election immediately preceding the general election at which the candidacy is to be voted on by the voters is to recognize that the state has a substantial and compelling interest in protecting its electoral process by encouraging political stability, ensuring that the winner of the election will represent a majority of the community, providing the electorate with an understandable ballot, and enhancing voter education, thus fostering informed and educated expressions of the popular will in a general election. The filing deadline for independent candidates required in this section prevents splintered parties and unrestrained factionalism, avoids political fragmentation, and maintains the integrity of the ballot. The deadline, one day prior to the primary election, is the least drastic or restrictive means of protecting these state interests. The general assembly finds that the filing deadline for independent candidates in primary elections required in this section is reasonably related to the state's purpose of ensuring fair and honest elections while leaving unimpaired the political, voting, and associational rights secured by the first and fourteenth amendments to the United States Constitution.
Revised Code Section 3513.261

A nominating petition may consist of one or more separate petition papers, each of which shall be substantially in the form prescribed in this section. If the petition consists of more than one separate petition paper, the statement of candidacy of the candidate or joint candidates named need be signed by the candidate or joint candidates on only one of such separate petition papers, but the statement of candidacy so signed shall be copied on each other separate petition paper before the signatures of electors are placed on it. Each nominating petition containing signatures of electors of more than one county shall consist of separate petition papers each of which shall contain signatures of electors of only one county; provided that petitions containing signatures of electors of more than one county shall not thereby be declared invalid. In case petitions containing signatures of electors of more than one county are filed, the board of elections shall determine the county from which the majority of the signatures came, and only signatures from this county shall be counted. Signatures from any other county shall be invalid.

All signatures on nominating petitions shall be written in ink or indelible pencil.

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Each nominating petition shall contain a statement of candidacy that shall be signed by the candidate or joint candidates named in it. Such statement of candidacy shall contain a declaration made under penalty of election falsification that the candidate desires to be a candidate for the office named in it, and that the candidate is an elector qualified to vote for the office the candidate seeks.

The form of the nominating petition and statement of candidacy shall be substantially as follows:

"STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

I, ................. (Name of candidate), the undersigned, hereby declare under penalty of election falsification that my voting residence is in ............... Precinct of the ............... (Township) or (Ward and City, or Village) in the county of ............... Ohio; that my post-office address is ............... (Street and Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number) of the ............... (City, Village, or post office) of ............... Ohio; that I am a qualified elector in the precinct in which my voting residence is located. I hereby declare that I desire to be a candidate for election to the office of .... in the .... (State, District, County, City, Village, Township, or School District) for the ............... (Full term or unexpired term ending ........) at the General Election to be held on the ...... day of ......, ....

I further declare that I am an elector qualified to vote for the office I seek. Dated this ...... day of ............, ...... .

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(Signature of candidate)

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.

I, ................., hereby constitute the persons named below a committee to represent me:

Name    Residence

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NOMINATING PETITION

We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the state of Ohio, whose voting residence is in the County, City, Village, Ward, Township or Precinct set opposite our names, hereby nominate .......... as a candidate for election to the office of ............... in the ............... (State, District, County, City, Village, Township, or School District) for the ............... (Full term or unexpired term ending ............... ) to be voted for at the general election next hereafter to be held, and certify that this person is, in our opinion, well qualified to perform the duties of the office or position to which the person desires to be elected.

Signature
City, Street and Village or Township Ward Precinct County Date

(Must use address on file with the board of elections)

................................. (Name of circulator of petition), declares under penalty of election falsification that the circulator of the petition is a qualified elector of the state of Ohio and resides at the address appearing below the signature of that circulator; that the circulator is a member of the .......... Party; that the circulator is the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing ............. (Number) signatures; that the circulator witnessed the affixing of every signature, that all signers were to the best of the circulator's knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of the circulator's knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be.

................................. (Signature of circulator)
................................. (Address of circulator)

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.”

The secretary of state shall prescribe a form of nominating petition for a group of candidates for the office of member of a board of education, township office, and offices of municipal corporations of under two thousand population.

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If such petition nominates a candidate whose election is to be determined by the electors of a county or a district or subdivision within the county, it shall be filed with the board of such county. If the petition nominates a candidate whose election is to be determined by the voters of a subdivision located in more than one county, it shall be filed with the board of the county in which the major portion of the population of such subdivision is located.

If the petition nominates a candidate whose election is to be determined by the electors of a district comprised of more than one county but less than all of the counties of the state, it shall be filed with the board of elections of the most populous county in such district. If the petition nominates a candidate whose election is to be determined by the electors of the state at large, it shall be filed with the secretary of state.

The secretary of state or a board of elections shall not accept for filing a nominating petition of a person seeking to become a candidate if that person, for the same election, has already filed a declaration of candidacy, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or a nominating petition, or has become a candidate through party nomination at a
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primary election or by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 or 3513.31 of the Revised Code for any state or county office, if the nominating petition is for a state or county office, or for any municipal or township office, for member of a city, local, or exempted village board of education, or for member of a governing board of an educational service center, if the nominating petition is for a municipal or township office, or for member of a city, local, or exempted village board of education, or for member of a governing board of an educational service center.

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The nominating petitions of all candidates required to be filed before four p.m. of the seventy-fifth day before the day of the general election, shall be processed as follows:

If such petition is filed with the secretary of state, he shall promptly transmit to each board such separate petition papers as purports to contain signatures of electors of the county of such board.

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All petition papers so transmitted to a board of elections, and all nominating petitions filed with a board of elections shall, under proper regulation, be open to public inspection until four p.m. of the seventieth day before the day of such general election. Each board shall, not later than the sixty-eighth day before the day of such general election examine and determine the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition papers transmitted to or filed with it and the validity or invalidity of petitions filed with it, and shall return to each other board all petition papers transmitted to it by such other board, together with its certification of its determination as to the validity or invalidity of signatures thereon. All other matters affecting the validity or invalidity of such petition papers shall be determined by the board with whom such petition papers were filed.

Written protests against such nominating petitions may be filed by any qualified elector eligible to vote for the candidate whose nominating petition he objects to, not later than the sixty-fourth day before the general election. Such protests shall be filed with the election officials with whom the nominating petition was filed. Upon the filing of such protests, the election officials with whom it is filed shall promptly fix the time and place for hearing it, and shall forthwith mail notice of the filing of such protest and the time and place for hearing it to the person whose nomination is protested. They shall also forthwith mail notice of the time and place fixed for the hearing to the person who filed the protest. At the time and place fixed, such election officials shall hear the protest and determine the validity or invalidity of the petition. Such determination shall be final.