

# **GEORGIA DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN**

FOR THE 2020 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

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# The Georgia Delegate Selection Plan For the 2020 Democratic National Convention

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## Section I Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

### A. Introduction

1. Georgia has a total of 120 delegates and 9 alternates. *(Call I & Appendix B)*
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (“Rules”), the *Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (“Call”), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of Georgia, the Georgia election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. *(Call II.A)*
3. Following the State Party Committee’s adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan, the State Party shall submit the Plan for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The State Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Party Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. *(Reg. 2.5, Reg. 2.6 & Reg. 2.7)*
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the State Party must be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. *(Reg. 2.9)*

### B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. Georgia will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Georgia Presidential Preference Primary for apportioning delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of Georgia’s delegate selection process occurs on March 24, 2020, the Presidential Preference Primary. The Georgia Election Code empowers the Secretary of State to establish the date of the Presidential Preference Primary on a date no later than the second Tuesday in June. The Secretary of State must

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announce the date before December 1 of the year preceding the election year. *O.C.G.A. § 21-2-191*. The date for the primary was decided by the Secretary of State in June of 2019.

### C. Voter Participation

1. Participation in Georgia's delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. (*Rule 2.A and Rule 2.C.*)
  - a. To vote in the Presidential Preference Primary, an individual must be registered to vote by February 24, 2020.
  - b. Below is an overview of Georgia's process for voter registration:
    - Registration requires filing an appropriate application with the election supervisor in the county of residence for the registrant.
    - Georgia allows any citizen of the United States at least 17 1/2 years of age not serving a sentence for conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude to register to vote in the county where the person resides, as long as the voter has not been found mentally incompetent by a judge. Applications to register to vote may be obtained on the Georgia Secretary of State website, schools, most social service agencies, libraries, recruitment offices, county board of registrar's offices, or during voter registration drives. Registration can be completed when obtaining a driver's, hunting, or fishing license.
    - The application requires a registrant to supply the full driver's license number or the number on a state-issued identification card. In the absence of these documents, the registration may supply the last four digits of their Social Security number. Age and citizenship questions must be answered under oath. A first-time registrant is required to submit a copy of valid government-issued photo identification, a copy of a current utility bill, a copy of a bank statement, or a copy of a government check showing name and address of the registrant concurrent with mailing the application according to the state-authorized registration form.
    - Registration must be completed 30 days before Election Day.
    - Georgia does not register voters by party. Voters publicly declare party preference by executing a form requesting primary ballots or Presidential Preference Primary ballots for a specific party. Records showing the voters' choice are maintained by the

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Secretary of State and are available to the public. (*Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.A*)

- c. To encourage participation by youth in the delegate selection process, any individual who will have turned 18 by the date of the general election will be allowed to participate in the delegate selection process. (*Reg. 4.3.C*)
  - d. At no stage of Georgia'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. The Georgia Election Code prohibits the assessment of any fee in conjunction with the Presidential Preference Primary or the selection of delegates. Suggested donations for food or beverages at the election locations may be solicited, but will not be required (*O.C.G.A. § 21-198; (Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4)*)
  - e. No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding election. (*Rule 2.E*)
  - f. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or State Chairs or Vice Chairs, who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in a process that is the first determining stage of the delegate election process and in which all individual voters who wish to participate as Democrats are eligible to do so. (*Rule 2.F*)
  - g. No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. (*Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7*)
2. The Democratic Party of Georgia has taken steps and led on many efforts to enhance voter and election security. Georgia is replacing its voting system this year and the Voter Protection Committee and Voter Protection Director of the State Party have been active in advocating for the gold standard—hand-marked paper ballots read by optical scan machines with national best practice audits both in the media and at legislature with lawmakers. Party leaders supplied the Secretary of State a Minority Report after recommendations were passed out of a study committee that did not adhere to these best practices. The Minority Report can be found on the State Party's website [HERE](#). These written comments were submitted in hopes of guiding the current legislation, [HB 316](#), to a better more equitable place. Below are some of the ways in which the Party works to protect our rights to a fair and secure election:
- a. The State Party fights for the Secretary of State to maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible American who

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registers to vote has their personal information protected and secure; (*Rule 2.H.1*). Currently, Democrats in the legislature have introduced [HB 6](#), a bill to change the way the Secretary of State is allowed to purge the voter rolls.

Security has also been a real concern in Georgia as the former Secretary of State and current Governor committed what was at the time the second largest data breach of sensitive voter data when he released discs to more than a dozen organizations (including the state parties and the press) with voters' social security numbers on the discs. Now Democratic State Senator, Jen Jordan, led the lawsuit to force the office to offer credit protections to all registered voters and the Party was extraordinarily committed to holding him and the office accountable with the public and the press and started a microsite tracking all of his transgressions.

- b. The State Party urges lawmakers to implement transparent and accurate voter registration list maintenance procedures that comply with federal requirements and ensure that every eligible voter stays on the rolls; (*Rule 2.H.2*), such efforts can be found in the following legislation, [HB 6](#).
  - c. The State Party promotes the acquisition, maintenance, and regular replacement of precinct based optical scan voting systems wherever possible; (*Rule 2.H.3*) and is indeed on the record advocating for an overhaul of the state's entire voting system to be the gold standard of hand-marked paper ballots and optical scan voting machines.
  - d. The State Party, led by the Voter Protection Committee and Voter Protection Director have testified this legislative session and worked with partners who share our vision that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record; (*Rule 2.H.4*)
  - e. The State Party encourages the implementation of risk limiting post-election audits such as manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records; (*Rule 2.H.5*) as suggested in the [Minority Report](#).
  - f. As part of the Party's comprehensive vision for a voting system that works for all, we advocate to ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures; (*Rule 2.H.6*)
  - g. The State Party and the Disability Caucus have worked together to ensure that the new system for voting will be accessible and secure for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately. (*Rule 2.H.7*)
3. The current efforts of the Georgia Party's Voter Protection division are in accordance with the Democratic Party's requirement to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection process. The State

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Party was the first party to its knowledge to hire a permanent year-round Voter Protection Director at the State Party to augment the work of its year-round Voter Protection Council, of which the Chair sits on the Executive Committee. Leadership of the Party made a point to be demonstrative of the belief that there are three tenants of voter engagement and all are equally important: 1) Registering to vote, 2) Getting out the vote, and 3) Ensuring that every eligible vote was cast with ease and counted. The Committee and Director works to raise awareness of voting and voting rights and to remove obstacles or arbitrary and/or disenfranchising policies, practices or laws by working with Democratic County Committees, the State Committee, the 159 County Board of Elections, the State Elections Board, various clerks of court and probate judges in areas where the Elections Supervisor does double duty, a statewide poll-watching program, the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office, the Legislature and federal elected officials. These efforts have resulted in numerous lawsuits (of which the State Party has been successful in each), suggested legislation and amendment language, media and public pressure and the partnership of various coalition partners. More detailed information can be found on Georgia's efforts as well as general information on vote-by-mail, early vote and more below. (*Rule 2.1 and 2.1.1*)

- a. Absentee in-person voting (referred to often as early voting) begins for the Presidential Preference Primary on March 2, 2020. On Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, Georgia requires mandatory Saturday voting, where at least one early vote precinct in a county is open.

The State Party has led efforts to expand voting with the largest vote-by-mail programs in the state. In 2016, nearly 500,000 absentee ballot request forms were sent to households with more than 950,000 targeted low propensity voters. Efforts expanded in 2017 with the Special Election for the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and were successful, with nearly 20% of Democratic ballots being cast by mail. In 2018, the Party partnered with the DNC to test vote-by-mail efforts with various chase efforts in rural, African American areas of the state and increased voter turnout. And last, the coordinated campaign in 2018 supported the efforts of the Abrams for Governor campaign as they mailed out more than 1,000,000 absentee ballot request forms in the General Election and more than 100,000 forms in the Run-off Election with an expanded hotline and enhanced chase. These efforts have all been possible because Georgia allows for no excuse absentee voting. Democratic lawmakers are seeking to make absentee ballots even easier to access by proposing legislation to allow any voter to apply once to receive every ballot in an election cycle at home via [HB 57](#).

Efforts to curtail Georgia's early vote schedule regularly occur at the legislature and Democrats fight to protect it. Georgia law requires 3 weeks of early vote for Primary and General Elections and within those 3 weeks there is one mandated Saturday vote. The Party has worked with Counties to increase this

offering by including Sunday votes as well—an effort the Republican Party has fought because of the success Democrats have seen in using various Souls to the Polls efforts.

The Party has advocated for same-day voter registration as recently as this year in public comments and written requests for inclusion in the present omnibus voting system legislation, as well as by introduction of [HB 252](#). At this time, there is no movement from the Republicans, who still control both Chambers and all statewide offices, to include same-day registration. (*Rule 2.1.1.a*)

- b. Georgia's former Secretary of State and now current Governor has made national news for his subversion of election law and disenfranchisement of voters who overwhelmingly happen to be voters of color and likely to vote for Democrats. Some of his efforts have including closing more than 200 precincts, failing to ensure there are a sufficient number of voting machines in overwhelmingly urban areas and referring consultants who encourage counties to minimize early and election day polling locations to counties, where such decisions are made. The State Party has fought these measures every step of the way. For example, in 2018 when Randolph County tried to close every precinct but two, the Party worked with local and national partners to make sure that the Court of Public Opinion was fully informed. A small, rural county, Randolph County became national news and a modern-day example of Jim Crow Era policies and practices in action seeking to disenfranchise voters. However, the pressure and scrutiny proved too great, and Randolph County caved, keeping all precincts open.

Additionally, Georgia is home to what is now one of the nation's preeminent voting rights organizations—Fair Fight Action, the organization that rose from the Abrams for Governor campaign and has been fueled by its million-dollar federal lawsuit challenging the widespread voter suppression and disenfranchisement. Should this lawsuit be successful, the state and nation will benefit from a renaissance of voting rights practices and policies. (*Rule 2.1.1.b*)

- c. The State Party deployed in 2018 alone more than 600 badged poll watchers throughout the state who provided regular updates to the Voter Protection Boiler Room about issues at the polls including, but not limited to, machine issues, long lines and general impediments to the voting process. When these issues were reported, members of the committees called the county supervisors to work toward solutions. Were they not found, or were the solutions not fair, the State Party went to court to secure injunctions to keep various precincts open later. The Party was successful at court in many instances. (*Rule 2.1.1.c*)

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- d. The Voter ID law in Georgia has been in place for more than a decade. In various bills, such as HB [211](#) and [HB 522](#), Democrats regularly argue for an expanded list of accepted IDs. *(Rule 2.1.1.d)*
- e. One of the most regular problems in Georgia is voters who go to the wrong precinct in a state election—for example, college students who go to the near-campus precinct rather than the one in which they are registered. The State Party organizes on college campuses to help students who are registered in county to vote early, who are out of county to vote by mail and to provide rides to students on election day to get to the proper precinct. Additionally, a Democratic bill, [HB 117](#), was dropped this legislative session to allow voters to vote anywhere within their counties on election day. *(Rule 2.1.1.e)*
- f. Georgia State Election Run-offs are still held within a timeframe that makes it nearly impossible for absentee ballots to be mailed, cast, mailed back and counted. The four-week timeframe is significantly shorter than the federal standard of ensuring absentee ballots are available 45 days prior to federal elections. The State Party most recently in the 2018 Run-Off successfully filled suit to ensure that the deadline for receipt of all absentee ballots be extended to the three-day post-election deadline for military and overseas ballots. The State Party spent much time in assisting overseas voters in securing with emergency write-in ballots, an often confusing and cumbersome provision intended to help such voters to turn around their ballots in time. *(Rule 2.1.1.f)*

Because of the difficulties posed by the short general election runoff timetable, the State Party requested that the Secretary of State change the law to allow state runoffs for general elections to occur when a Federal Run-off would be held. The request was rejected.

- 4. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, the State Party supports the following efforts to make voter registration easier: *(Rule 2.1.2)*
  - a. The State Party supports Georgia’s online voter registration method and actively promotes same-day and automatic registration *(Rule 2.1.2.a)*
  - b. The State Party supports pre-registration of high school students so that they are already registered once they reach voting age and has sent the Voter Protection Director to schools to answer questions students and educators have about voting and registering to vote; *(Rule 2.1.2.b)*
  - c. The State Party supports the restoration of voting rights to all people who have served the time for their criminal conviction, without requiring the payment of court fees or fines. One additional anecdote related to supporting jailed and incarcerated voters is a Democratic placed provision in HB 316 that allows

people in jail to receive absentee ballots. This is currently not allowed because the law requires ballots be sent to the home addresses of those who request an absentee ballot or to a location outside of the county—meaning that anyone in a jail in the county may not access his or her ballot. Additionally, the State Party is working with legislators to draft language that would eliminate the requirement that all persons previously convicted of a felony pay all outstanding fines and fees prior to having their voting rights restored. (Rule 2.1.2.c)

- d. Georgia does not register by political party and therefore does not need same day party-affiliation switching (Rule 2.1.2.d).
- 5. The State Party operates a year-round voter protection hotline which, at its height, has received more than 10,000 calls in one day. The hotline will be open and fully staffed in anticipation of the Presidential Preference Primary. Because Georgia doesn't register voters by Party, any voter is free to select a Democratic Primary ballot. *(Rule 2.J and Rule 2.J.1)*
- 6. *Georgia does not use a Party-run process to establish presidential preference and therefore #6 is not applicable to this plan.*
- 7. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings

The dates, times and places for all official Party meetings and events related to the state's delegate selection process must be scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings must begin and end at reasonable hours and the State Party will consider any religious observances, state or federal holidays when choosing dates for these events. The District Delegate elections will be the primary responsibility of the Congressional District Chairs. Sitting Executive Committee members, these District Chairs will locate and secure locations for each of the 14 District elections in an area of the District that is most accessible and within a publicly accessible facility to all The State Party Chair and staff will be responsible for securing the locations for the PLEO elections, the At-Large elections and the Convention Chair election. *(Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.)*

## Section II Presidential Candidates

### A. Ballot Access

A presidential candidate gains access to the Georgia presidential preference primary ballot by the following:

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A presidential candidate gains access to the Georgia presidential preference primary ballot by requesting that the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Georgia have the candidate's name placed on the ballot. The Executive Director of the Democratic Party of Georgia will reach out to all the campaigns that meet the requirements of Rule 12.K and Article VI of the Call by November 1, 2019. The Executive Director will request from the campaign an official signed letter from the campaign (either scanned or mailed) that indicates that the candidate wishes to be placed on the Georgia ballot on January 15, 2020.

The Executive Committee will meet on January 21, 2020 and will select names to be placed on the ballot and intends to include all widely recognized, legitimate candidates that meet the requirements of Rule 12.K and Article VI of the Call. The Executive Committee communicates its choices of names to be placed on the ballot to the Secretary of State by January 23, 2020. However, it should be known that the date by which these names are due is set by the Secretary of State pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-193.

That date according to the statute is January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 but the Secretary of State maintains some flexibility. Therefore, if the timing of this plan should not work with the date set (although it is expected to), the Chair will shift the dates of these deadlines with as much notice as possible. (*Rule 1.A.7*)

- Georgia does not impose filing and petition requirements, nor are there filing fees. Deadlines prescribed by state law are set at the discretion of the Secretary of State and have not yet been established (*Rule 1.A.8*)
- The Democratic Party of Georgia does not impose filing and petition requirements or filing fees nor are there deadlines prescribed by state party rules. Candidates will need to submit a signed letter to the State Party that declares their desire to be placed on the Georgia ballot by January 15, 2020. To facilitate the process, the Executive Director will reach out to the campaigns prior to November 1, 2019. (*Rule 1.A.8*)
- OCGA 21-2-193 states that "On a date set by the Secretary of State, but not later than 60 days preceding the date on which a presidential preference primary is to be held, the state executive committee of each party which is to conduct a presidential preference primary shall submit to the Secretary of State a list of the names of the candidates of such party to appear on the presidential preference primary ballot. Such lists shall be published on the website of the Secretary of State during the fourth week immediately preceding the date on which the presidential preference primary is to be held."
- A copy of the adopted Delegate Selection Plan will be sent to the Secretary of State within seven days of its adoption and will be public record (OCGA 21-2-195.)

### **B. Other Requirements**

1. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by January 24. (*Rule 13.D.1*)

2. Each presidential candidate shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. *(Rule 6.I)*

### **Section III Selection of Delegates**

#### **A. District-Level Delegates**

1. Georgia is allocated 68 district-level delegates. *(Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, & Appendix B)*
2. District-level delegates shall be elected by a single level caucus system.

The Presidential Preference Primary will determine the number of delegates assigned to each presidential candidate.

Following the Presidential Preference Primary, caucuses will be held in each Congressional district on Saturday, April 11. The elected Congressional District Chairs of the State Party will be in charge of overseeing and running the election of the district-level delegates. In any instance where the Congressional District Chair is also on the ballot, they can appoint their Vice Congressional District Chair (so long as that person is a state committee member in good standing with the State Party) to run the election. The State Party will have at least one designee to observe the election in each of the 14 Congressional Districts. The State Party will reimburse the Congressional District Chair up to \$500 for any facility rental fee within 30 days of the event so long as the Congressional District provides an approved receipt to the Executive Director. See Attachment #11 for budget. Elections will be held in a centrally located facility within the Congressional District.

The Congressional District Chair will appoint at least four individuals from within the Congressional District to credential voting members of the caucus. The process of issuing credentials will begin between 9:00am and 12:00 noon. The registration process must last for at least two hours. At the end of the two (or more) hour registration, anyone still in line may be credentialed. After that, registration will be closed. Caucus members are Democrats who live in, and are registered voters in, the corresponding Congressional District. All electors must complete the Elector Form for the District Level elections (as shown in appendix) in order to participate in the election.

Potential members of the voting caucus will be notified, based on the outcome of the Presidential Preference Primary—“proportion to the percentage of the primary or caucus vote won in that district by each preference, except that

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preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegate”. If no preference reaches the 15% threshold, the threshold will be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner. The member of the voting caucus must declare which Presidential Candidate’s pledged delegates he or she will be voting for. That member will receive a color-coded name badge to coordinate with the election that they will participate in. They may only vote in the election for delegate for their indicated Presidential Preference.

In order to be a voting member, an individual must reside within the Congressional District, be registered to vote, and must consider their self a Democrat. See Attachment #6 for the form to complete to receive credentials. The potential voting member must fill out the form completely. If there are any questions about a potential voting member’s residence, Votebuilder will be used on site to verify the voters’ registration address.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Congressional District Chair will review the rules for voting, the rules for speech-making and will identify the order of elections based on the results of the Presidential Preference Primary.

Voting will commence immediately after each person standing for election has an opportunity to speak for two minutes. Each district will use one ballot and candidates will be organized by male, female and non-binary gender candidates. Everyone casting a ballot will vote for the number of Delegates pledged to a particular candidate that are allotted to that district. Counting will begin and seating will begin with the highest vote-getter and then the highest vote-getter of the opposite gender until the number allotted to that particular Presidential Candidate has been satisfied.

For example, if on the Presidential Preference Primary election, Candidate A receives 75% of the vote and Candidate B receives 25% of the vote, and the Congressional District is allotted 4 District Delegates, balloting will begin for Delegates pledged to Candidate A (3 top vote getters, fulfilling gender requirements). Then, another election will be held to select the Delegate pledged to candidate B.

3. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates
  - a. Georgia’s district-level delegates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to total population and to the average vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2012 and 2016 presidential elections. Basing delegate allocations on the vote for Democratic candidates in the last two presidential years increases inclusivity because turnout by Georgia’s Democratic voters is robust in Presidential years. Additionally, data broken down by Congressional District is available by the Secretary of State’s office in

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Presidential races and is not available in Gubernatorial races. (*Rule 8.A, Reg. 4.12, Reg. 4.11 & Appendix A*)

- b. The number of men and the number of women in the state’s total number of district-level delegates will not vary by more than one, assuming accommodation for non-binary gender candidates. (*Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9*) In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category.
  
- d. The district-level delegates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following table:

District	Delegates		
	Males	Females	Total
#1	2	3	5
#2	3	2	5
#3	2	2	4
#4	3	4	7
#5	4	3	7
#6	2	3	5
#7	3	2	5
#8	2	2	4
#9	2	2	4
#10	2	2	4
#11	2	3	5
#12	2	2	4
#13	3	3	6
#14	2	1	3
Total	34	34	68

*\*(This may change depending on the filing and potentially electing of non-binary gender candidates.)*

- d. See Attachment #10 for the corresponding data. (*Rule 8.B*)

### 4. District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements

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- a. A district-level delegate candidate may run for election only within the district in which they are registered to vote. (*Rule 13.H*)
- b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party by March 30, 2020. A delegate or candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (*Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.23*)

The form will be available online at [www.GeorgiaDemocrat.org](http://www.GeorgiaDemocrat.org), in a conspicuous, front-page place no later than February 1, 2020. Any member of the public may call Democratic Party headquarters (678) 278-2016 or email the Executive Director, [Scott@GeorgiaDemocrat.org](mailto:Scott@GeorgiaDemocrat.org), and request that copies of the forms be mailed to them.

See Attachment #6 for the form. Scanned form may be emailed to [DNC2020@GeorgiaDemocrat.org](mailto:DNC2020@GeorgiaDemocrat.org) and CCed to the Executive Director, [Scott@GeorgiaDemocrat.org](mailto:Scott@GeorgiaDemocrat.org), by 6:00 pm on March 30, 2020. Alternatively, a hard copy can be mailed and must be received by 6:00pm on March 30, 2020 to:

The Democratic Party of Georgia  
DNC Delegate Selection 2020  
PO Box 89202  
Atlanta, GA 30312

- c. Delegate candidates who were not chosen as district-level delegates may qualify for a state-wide, At-Large delegate or At-large alternate position by following the procedures for state-wide, At-Large delegate selections.
5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates:
- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than April 2, 2020 at 5:00 pm, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 13.D & Rule 13.F*)
  - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by April 6, 2020 by 5:00 pm a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) separate individuals for each position for delegate. (*Rule 13.E.1, Reg. 4.24 & Reg. 4.25*)

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- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than April 6, 2020 by 5:00 pm.
  - d. National convention delegate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 13.E & Reg. 4.24)*
  - e. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days (by April 8) of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan. *(Rule 6.I & Reg.4.10.C)*
6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
- a. Presidential Primary - Proportional Representation Plan *(Rule 14.A, Rule 14.B & Rule 14.D)*

The Georgia Presidential primary election is a “binding” primary. Accordingly, delegate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates selected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates.
  - b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner. *(Rule 14.F)*
  - c. Georgia ensures that district-level delegates are pledged to a presidential candidate by requiring that potential delegates sign statements of support for a specific presidential candidate and that they are elected by a caucus of persons who sign statements of support for the corresponding presidential candidate. The meeting occurs on April 11, 2020. Congressional District Chair appointees will start checking the right of attendees to vote between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 pm—and the registration process must last for at least two hours. Voting will commence immediately after each person standing for election has an opportunity to speak for two minutes. The candidate receiving

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the highest number of votes wins, followed by the candidate of the opposite gender receiving the second most votes, and so on until all delegate positions are filled, assuming that gender equality is achieved. The number of elections held will correspond to the number of applicable Presidential Candidates. (*Rule 13.G*)

7. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates
  - a. To ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) the gender of the first binary delegate elected in each district will be designated as indicated by the table on page 12. At the time of election of delegates in the district, the binary gender advantage will alternate as has been pre-determined by how many binary delegates have been pre-allotted to each district. As delegate positions are filled, the alternation will continue across presidential preferences in order of vote-getting preference. If a district is allotted the same number of gender binary candidates, then the candidate receiving the most votes will begin and alternation will continue across presidential preference until the number is fulfilled. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category (*Rule 6.C., Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10*).
  - b. Georgia selects district level delegates in post-primary caucuses. Delegate positions are pre-designated so that the gender of the first position to be filled by the winning presidential candidate is pre-determined. Once the allocation of district delegates among presidential preferences(s) has been calculated, remaining delegate positions are assigned to the presidential preference(s), in order of vote won, alternating by gender.
  
8. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the state's district-level delegates to the Democratic National Convention by April 15, 2020, after their election. (*Rule 8.C & Call IV.A*)

### **B. Automatic Delegates**

1. Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials
  - a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
    - (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; (*Rule 9.A.1, Call I.F, Call I.J, & Reg. 4.15*)

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- (2) Democratic President and Democratic Vice President; *(Rule 9.A.2 & Call I.G)*
  - (3) All of Georgia’s Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate (where applicable); *(Rule 9.A.3, Call I.H & Call I.J)*
  - (4) The Democratic Governor (if applicable); *(Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H & Call I.J)*
  - (5) “Distinguished Party Leader” delegates who legally reside in the state—President Jimmy Carter; *(Rule 9.A.5, Call I.G & Reg. 4.14)*
- b. An Automatic delegate may run and be elected as a Pledged delegate. If an Automatic delegate is elected and certified as a Pledged delegate, that individual shall not serve as an Automatic delegate at the 2020 National Convention. *(Call I.J)*
- c. The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
- (1) Not later than March 13, 2020, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the Automatic delegates who legally reside in Georgia. *(Rule 9.A)*
  - (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the Automatic delegates from the categories indicated above. *(Call IV.B.1)*
  - (3) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of state’s Automatic delegates 10 days after the completion of the State’s Delegate Selection Process (by May 26, 2020). *(Call IV.C)*
2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women within the state’s entire convention delegation (determined by gender self-identification), the entire delegation includes all pledged and Automatic delegates, including those who identify as male or female. *(Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*

### **C. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates**

1. Georgia is allotted 14 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. *(Call I.D, Call I.E & Appendix B)*
2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements

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- a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. Automatic delegates who choose to run for PLEO delegate will be given equal consideration with big city mayors and state-wide elected officials. *(Rule 10.A.1 & Reg. 4.16)*
- b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by filing a statement of candidacy with the State Party. See Attachment #6 for the form.

The form will be available online at [www.GeorgiaDemocrat.org](http://www.GeorgiaDemocrat.org), in a conspicuous, front-page place no later than February 1, 2020. Forms are also available by mail upon request by calling the Democratic Party headquarters (678) 278-2016 or emailing the Executive Director, [Scott@GeorgiaDemocrat.org](mailto:Scott@GeorgiaDemocrat.org).

Scanned forms may be emailed to [DNC2020@GeorgiaDemocrat.org](mailto:DNC2020@GeorgiaDemocrat.org) and CCed to the Executive Director, [Scott@GeorgiaDemocrat.org](mailto:Scott@GeorgiaDemocrat.org), by 6:00 PM on April 13, 2020. Alternatively, a hard copy can be mailed and must be received by 6:00 PM on April 13, 2020 to:

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DNC Delegate Selection 2020  
PO Box 89202  
Atlanta, GA 30312

*(Rule 10.A.3, Rule 15.G, Reg.4.18 & Reg. 4.17)*

- c. If persons eligible for pledged PLEO delegate positions have not already made known their presidential preference as candidates for district-level or at-large delegate positions, their preference shall be ascertained by filing a signed pledge of support for the singular presidential candidate with the Executive Director by April 13, 2020. A delegate candidate may modify the presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge before the deadline. *(Rule 10.A.3 & Reg. 4.17)*
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
    - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than April 15, 2020 by 5:00 pm, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 10.A.3 & Rule 13.D)*

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- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by April 20, 2020 at 5:00 pm a list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least two (2) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. *(Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)*
  - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than April 20, 2020 at 5:00 pm. *(Rule 13.D)*
  - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days (April 22, 2020) of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan. *(Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10.C)*
4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates
- a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. *(Rule 10.A.2, Rule 11.C, Rule 14.E & Rule 14.F)*
  - b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur at 1:00 pm on April 25 at a meeting facility in Middle Georgia (Macon, Dublin or Milledgeville, which will allow the greatest participation of all district-level delegates elected statewide), which is after the election of district-level delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates. *(Rule 10.A)*

Georgia ensures that PLEO delegates are pledged to a singular presidential candidate by requiring that potential delegates sign statements of support for a specific presidential candidate. Pledges may be filed with the State Party Chairman prior to the election and may be modified up until the stated deadline. Staff will begin to credential the District Level Delegates and the candidates for PLEO Delegate between 10:00 and 12:00 pm, ensuring there is at least one hour for registration. Registration will end after it has been open at least one hour and every person in line will be credentialed. Registration will then close.

The District Level Delegates will vote for the PLEOs who have signed the same

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pledge. The delegates may only vote in the election for delegate for their indicated Presidential Preference.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Chair of the State Party will review the rules for voting, the rules for speech-making and will identify the order of elections based on the results of the Presidential Preference Primary.

Voting will commence immediately after each person standing for election has an opportunity to speak for two minutes. Ballots will be organized by male, female and non-binary gender candidates, and there will be separate ballots grouped by the indicated pledged support. Everyone casting a ballot will vote for the number of Delegates pledged to a particular candidate that are allotted to that district.

Voting will commence immediately after each person standing for election has an opportunity to speak for two minutes. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes wins, followed by the candidate of the opposite gender receiving the second most votes, and so on until all delegate positions are filled, assuming that gender equality is achieved. (Rule 12.G)

In order to ensure PLEO delegates are equally divided between men and women, delegate positions will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting presidential preference. This 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.

- c. These delegates will be selected by a committee consisting of a quorum of the district-level delegates. (Rule 10.B)
5. The State Democratic 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 10 days after their election (by May 8, 2020). (Call IV.A & Reg. 5.4.A)

### **D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates**

1. The state of Georgia is allotted 23 at-large delegates and 9 at-large alternates. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.34)
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 State Party by April

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27, 2020. See Attachment #6 for the form.

A delegate may modify the presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge before the filing deadline.

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*(Rule 13.A., Rule 13.B, Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.22, Reg. 4.23, & Reg. 4.31)*

- 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 Committee of the Democratic Party of Georgia, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. *(Rule 19.A)*

### 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than April 30, 2020 at 5:00 pm a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 13.D) (Reg. 4.24.D & Reg. 4.31.C)*
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, by May 6, 2020 at 5:00 pm a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum of two (2) names remain(s) for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. *(Rule 13.D.4, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)*
- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or

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the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than May 6, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

- d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion section of this Plan within three (3) business days (May 11, 2020) of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in this Section.
4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
    - a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the state-wide primary vote. *(Rule 11.C)*
    - b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. *(Rule 14.E)*
    - c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner. *(Rule 14.F)*
    - d. If a presidential candidate otherwise entitled to an allocation is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, their allocation will be proportionally divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation. *(Rule 11.C)*
    - e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one (1) or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one (1) at-large alternate position. *(Rule 19.B, Call I.I & Reg. 4.33)*
  5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates
    - a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur at 1:00 pm on May 16, 2020 at a conveniently located location which will adequately house the state committee, the candidates and visitors and is within the State Party Budget. This election is occurring after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. *(Call III)*

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Registrations will begin no sooner than 10:00 am and will end promptly at 1:00 pm. Members of the State Committee will be seated by the Congressional District in which they live. The Chair of the Congressional Districts will be responsible for balloting. Should the Chair be on the ballot, a Vice Chair will be asked to take over the responsibilities.

- b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the State Party Committee. *(Rule 11.B & Rule 11.B)*
  - (a) Membership on the State Party Committee is apportioned on the basis of population using United States Census data. *(Rule 10.B.1 & Reg. 4.18.A)*
  - (b) Members of the State Party Committee are elected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. The Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Georgia provide for geographic and gender diversity in electing members of the State Committee. To encourage diversity, State Party rules specify that a State Committee member does not need to be a County Committee member. Candidates for the State Committee must certify that they believe in the goals of the Democratic Party and that they are not affiliated with another political party. The candidate receiving the most votes is seated first; the candidate of the opposite gender receiving the most votes is next seated. The process is alternated until all seats are filled. In addition, each county is required to have an apportionment plan detailing a good faith effort to ensure representation by all segments of the population including minorities. *(Rule 10.B.2 & Reg. 4.18.B)*
  - (c) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of district-level delegates. *(Rule 10.B.3)*
  - (d) State Party Committee members were elected during County Party meetings held in each county with an organized Democratic Party between February 1 and February 28, 2019, unless an election was necessitated by a vacancy or a sanctioned vote of removal. *(Rule 10.B.4 & Reg. 4.18.B)*
  - (e) Membership of the State Party Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. As stated above, Counties seat State Committee members based on first, who has received

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the most votes and then the candidate of the opposite gender receiving the most votes is seated next. *(Rule 10.B.5 & Reg. 4.18.C)*

### d. Priority of Consideration

- (1) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women, if such priority of consideration is needed to fulfill the affirmative action goals outlined in the state's Delegate Selection Plan. *(Rule 6.A.3)*
- (2) To continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identify, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability. *(Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3, Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8)*
- (3) The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. *(Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*
- (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. *(Rule 6.C.1, Rule 11.A, Reg. 4.9 & Reg. 4.20)*

6. The State Democratic 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 10 days after their election (May 26, 2020). *(Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)*

## E. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates

1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:
  - a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: *(Rule 19.D.3)*
    - (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.

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- (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference and gender of the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
  - (a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
  - (b) If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of a different gender, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 19.D.2, the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of a different gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. *(Reg. 4.36)*
- (3) If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not certified to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies, or is no longer eligible to serve, they shall be replaced, after consultation with the State Party, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged. *(Rule 19.D.2)*
  - a. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: *(Rule 19.D.4)*
    - (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 they replace, and to the extent possible shall be of the same gender and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
  - b. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: The alternate who receives the highest number of votes becomes the delegate. *(Rule 19.D.1)*
  - 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 Democratic Chair. *(Rule 19.D.3)*

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- (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 Georgia's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. *(Call IV.D.1)*
  - (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. *(Call IV.D.1 & Reg. 4.35)*
  - (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet. *(Call IX.F.3.e, Call IX.F.3.c & Reg. 5.6)*
- d. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference, of the same gender and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. *(Rule 19.E)*
2. Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: *(Call IV.D.2 & Reg. 4.37)*
- 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. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. *(Call IV.D.2.a)*
  - b. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall

constitute verification of the corresponding change of Automatic delegates.  
*(Call, IV.D.2.b)*

- c. Automatic distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. *(Call IV.D.2.c)*
- d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an Automatic delegate. *(Call IX.F.3.e)*

## **Section IV**

### **Selection of Convention Standing Committee Members**

#### **A. Introduction**

- 1. Georgia has been allocated 4 member(s) on each of the three (3) standing committees for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of 12 members. *(Call VII.A & Appendix D)*
- 2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. *(Call VII.A.3)*
- 3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. *(Rule 1.G)*

#### **B. Standing Committee Members**

- 1. Selection Meeting
  - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Georgia's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on May 23, 2020. *(Call VII.B.1)*
  - b. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. *(Call VII.B.1)*
- 2. Allocation of Members
  - a. The members of the standing committees allocated to Georgia shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 14.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. *(Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.9)*

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- 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 Georgia. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. *(Call VII.C.2)*
      - c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. *(Call VII.C.3)*
      - d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three (3) standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. *(Call VII.C.4)*
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
  - a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. *(Call VII.D.1)*
  - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by May 20, 2020, a minimum of (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members from among names submitted by the presidential candidates. Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one (1) person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. *(Call VII.D.2)*
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 Georgia's

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affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and that their respective male and female members are equally divided between the men and women determined by gender self-identification. (*Rule 6.1 & Reg. 4.10*)

- b. The first binary gender position on each standing committee shall be assigned by binary gender as self-identified. For example, the first binary position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a female, and the next binary position, if one occurs, will be designated for male, and the remaining binary positions, to the extent they occur, shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between females and males, where applicable. For avoidance of doubt: there is no requirement that positions be assigned to gender non-binaries but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used to exclude a gender non-binary from consideration for a committee position. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by gender, 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 male and female membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided among the men and women as possible under the state allocation; the variance between men and women in any committee or among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. (*Call VII.E.2*)
  - (3) Gender non-binary committee members shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). (*Call VII.E.1*)
  - (4) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate gender.

### 5. Certification and Substitution

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

- b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected but not later than 48 hours before the respective standing committee meets, except in the case of death. *(Call VII.B.4)*

## **Section V**

### **Delegation Chair and Convention Pages**

#### **A. Introduction**

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

#### **B. Delegation Chair**

1. Selection Meeting
  - a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held at the same time as the Standing Committee Members are chosen on May 23, 2020. *(Call IV.E & Call VII.B.1)*
  - b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. *(Rule 3.C)*
2. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection (by May 26, 2020). *(Call IV.E)*

#### **C. Convention Pages**

1. 3 individuals will be selected to serve as Georgia's Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place on May 20, 2020. *(Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7)*
2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion guidelines in the state plan. In the case of gender non-binary pages, they shall not be

counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the pages shall be equally divided. *(Reg. 5.7.A)*

3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Georgia's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection (by May 23, 2020). *(Call IV.F.3 & Reg. 5.7.B)*

## Section VI Presidential Electors

### A. Introduction

Georgia will select 16 persons, equal to the number of senators and representatives Georgia is entitled to in Congress, to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2020 Presidential election. (OCGA 21-2-10).

### B. Selection of Presidential Electors

The Presidential Electors are nominated by the Executive Committee of the State Party by February 28, 2020 and care is shown to include diversity and gender equality. Electors, once nominated by the Executive Committee are confirmed that they can indeed participate prior to the opening of the qualifying period at the State Capitol (March 2 at 9:00am – March 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon) by the Executive Director. Results of the confirmation are confirmed with the Executive Committee. Then all confirmed electors go through the candidate qualifying process set up by the Secretary of State's office that all candidates for public office must do. The Democratic Party of Georgia runs the qualifying process for all Democratic candidates (state house, senate, statewide office, federal office and district attorney) as well as acts as the qualifying agent for the presidential electors. The Secretary of State sets the fee for electors (February 1, 2020 is the final deadline for the Secretary of State to establish the fee scale), and the fee has historically been just a couple of dollars. Once qualified, the list of electors becomes public record.

### C. Affirmation

1. Each candidate for Presidential Elector shall certify in writing that they will vote for the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees. *(Call VIII)*
2. In the selection of the Presidential Electors, the State Party will provide the voting record of each nominated elector via Votebuilder to the entire Executive Committee as well as ask each Elector to sign a sworn affidavit to the State Party to ensure the persons selected are bona fide Democrats who are faithful to the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic

Party of the United States (*Call VIII*). State law does not require Electors be bound to vote for the Party's nominee, but the Executive Committee will ask the elector to act on good faith in that regard as noted in the above section.

## **Section VII**

### **General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees**

- A. The Georgia Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the “six basic elements” as listed below. As our Party strives to progress in the fight against discrimination of all kinds, these six basic elements have evolved and grown along with the constant push for more inclusion and empowerment. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. (*Rule 4.A, Rule 4.B & Rule 4.C*)
1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Georgia should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). (*Rule 4.B.1*)
  2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party in Georgia should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on “status.” (*Rule 4.B.2*)
  3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in Georgia on all levels should be publicized fully and, in such manner, as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. (*Rule 4.B.3*)
  4. The Democratic Party in Georgia, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” (*Rule 4.B.4*)
  5. The Democratic Party in Georgia should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of the State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. As part of this, the State Democratic Party should develop a strategy to provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running

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for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. *(Rule 4.B.5)*

6. The Democratic Party in Georgia should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. *(Rule 4.B.6)*
- B. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.B)*
  - C. Georgia’s delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, i.e. the number of men and women shall not vary by more than one. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all automatic delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division as determined by gender self-identification. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. *(Rule 6.C)*
  - D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference status at all levels which determine presidential preference. *(Rule 13.A)*
  - E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person’s presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. *(Rule 13.I)*
  - F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. *(Rule 13.J)*
  - G. Each delegate, alternate and standing committee member must be a bona fide Democrat, who is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribes to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. *(Rule 13.H, Call VII.A.4 & Reg. 4.26)*
  - H. 40% of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. *(Rule 16)*

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- I. An accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having established credentials, may register a non-transferable proxy with (i.e., deliver a signed proxy to) another duly accredited participant at that meeting (except where an accredited alternate is present and eligible to serve as a replacement), provided that no individual may hold more than one (1) proxy at a time. *(Rule 17 & Reg. 4.32)*
- J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.A)*
- K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.B)*
- L. 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 and Outreach and Inclusion Programs. *(Rule 1.F & Rule 12.B)*
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention, the State Democratic Party hereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in Georgia, a full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action and outreach and inclusion plans toward that end; that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention; and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention. *(Call II.B)*

## Section VIII

### Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program

#### A. Statement of Purpose and Organization

- 1. Purpose and Objectives
  - a. To make sure that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by Georgia. *(Rule 5.A)*

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- b. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.B)*
  - c. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Georgia should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). *(Rule 4.B.1)*
  - d. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or disability, Georgia has established goals for these groups. *(Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.8)*
  - e. To encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the Georgia Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, the State Party has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups, including the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth. *(Rule 6.A & Rule 7)*
    - (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. *(Rule 6.A.1)*
    - (2) For the delegate selection process, “Youth” is defined as any participant younger than 36 years old at the time of election. *(Reg. 5.3.A)*
    - (3) For the delegate selection process, individuals identifying as Native Americans should provide their tribal affiliation and indicate if they are enrolled in a tribe. *(Reg. 5.3.B)*
    - (4) These goals shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party’s imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs. *(Rule 6.A.2)*
2. Organizational Structure
- a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair by March 1, 2019. *(Rule 6.F)*

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- b. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State's Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and contact information of the members no later than March 14, 2019. *(Reg. 2.2.J) (See Attachment #1.b)*
  - c. The Committee shall consist of members who are regionally diverse and represent the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. *(See Attachment #1.a)*
  - d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
    - (1) Helping develop and design the proposed Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair. *(Rule 6.F)*
    - (2) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.
    - (3) Implementing a specific outreach and financial assistance program for persons of low and moderate income to encourage their participation and representation in the national convention delegation. *(Rule 6.G)*
    - (4) Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. *(Rule 6.E)*
  - e. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers, and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.
3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program shall begin on September 13, 2019, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 1.F)*

**B. Representation Goals**

1. In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the state’s Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. *(Rule 6.A)*
  
2. In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state’s Democratic electorate. The State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. *(Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8.C.iii)*
  
3. The State Party looked at data from Votebuilder, “Turnout by Demographics” files from the Secretary of State and data from the DNC Data Department to determine its representation goals. Then, with the partnership of the DNC, the State Party increased the participation levels with the LatinX community and AAPI communities based on the estimates given from the document “Demographics of Democratic Supporters in Georgia” by the DNC Data and Analytics Team on February 15, 2019. As the number for African American voters was lower in the DNC document, the State Party chose to maintain the original goal. The numbers for Native Americans, LGBTQ and Disabled were identical. The Affirmative Action Committee raised the number of youth in committee. See below for the explanation.

Additionally, some of the numbers from the turnout data in 2020 gave us lower Affirmative Action goals for African Americans, Native Americans and LGBTQ Americans than the state projected in 2016. The State Party did not want to lose any of its aspirational goals between 2016 and 2020 and thereby increased the data-given number of 73 to 78 for African Americans, the Native American data-driven number from 0 to 1 and upped the LGBTQ number that was at 9 back to 16, where it was in 2016. In the end, Georgia feels confident that our diversity is our greatest asset, and raising our aspirations to meet these goals is a worthy task.

	African Americans	Latin X/ Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ+ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
Percent in Democratic Electorate	56.7%	7%	0.1%	3%	7%	15%	30.1
Numeric Goals for Delegation	78	9	1	4	16	19	48

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\* The Affirmative Action Committee, based on public comment from DNC Member and President of Young Democrats of America, **increased our goal of Youth from 39 to 48 Delegates**. The reason is as follows:

Thanks to recently-released Census Bureau data, we now know that youth turnout in last year's mid-term elections was far higher than usual. In anticipation of this trend continuing into the 2020 cycle, the recommendation is that the youth representation goal be increased to 40% (or 48 delegates) from the current goal of 32.5% (or 39 delegates). This will lessen the chance of Georgia sending a delegation to the 2020 convention with a percentage of youth that is no longer representative of our party's share of young people."

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"Where Georgia outdid the nation was among younger Gen Xers, millennials – and those near to them. Nationally, 37% of those between the ages of 25 to 34 voted last November. In Georgia, the figure was 43%."

Young people actually rocked the vote in 2018, new Census Bureau data finds

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"The Census found that 36 percent of citizens ages 18-29 reported voting in last year's midterm elections, jumping 16 percentage points since 2014 (when turnout was 20 percent) and easily surpassing any midterm election since the 1980s. Turnout also increased sharply among adults ages 30-44, rising from 36 percent in 2014 to 49 percent in 2018. "

4. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and Automatic) shall be compared with the State Party's representation goals to achieve an at-large selection process that helps to bring about a representative balance. *(Rule 11.A)*
5. Although the selection of the at-large delegation may be used to fulfill the affirmative action goals established by this Plan, the State Party will conduct outreach and inclusion activities such as recruitment, education and training at all levels of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 6.A.3)*

### C. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process

1. Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in September 2019. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate and alternate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to

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various organizations representative of the Democratic voting electorate. (*Rule 3.A, Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D*)

2. A speaker's bureau of volunteers from the State Party, including the Affirmative Action Committee, shall be 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.
3. The State Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and making sure that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.
4. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the State Party and Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than September 30, 2019. (*Rule 1.H*)
5. Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded. (*Rule 2.A*)
6. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated voters and new voters to register or enroll, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters wish to register. (*Rule 2.C*)
7. The Affirmative Action Committee in conjunction with the Voter Protection Committee will develop a State Party strategy to be implemented beginning September 13, 2019 that will provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. (*Rule 4.B.5*)

### **D. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process**

1. The State Party shall direct special attention to publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process, and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in the State Party communications and on the

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State Party's website. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. *(Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)*

2. The State Party shall have a Delegate Selection Media Plan (**see Attachment 9**) for using all available and appropriate resources, such as social media, websites, newspapers, radio and television, to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, the Delegate Selection Media Plan will provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Regular updates should be posted/released throughout the state's delegate selection process to ensure broad and timely coverage and awareness about the process to all interested persons. *(Rule 4.B.3 & Rule 6.D)* The Affirmative Action Committee authorizes the State Party Executive Director to maintain the accuracy of the media/press list through the entirety of the process and to make any necessary corrections, additions and/or changes needed.
3. A priority effort, as described in the Delegate Selection Media Plan, shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
  - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be posted on and made available to social and specialty media directed toward the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.
  - b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of district caucuses and the At-large election at the State Committee meeting shall be effectively publicized, multilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. *(Rule 6.D)*
4. Not later than September 13, 2019 the State Party will make information about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:
  - a. materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;
  - b. a summary explaining the role of the 2020 Convention in nominating the Party's Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;

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- c. a summary of the State Party's delegate selection process including all pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process;
- d. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district, along with filing forms or information on how to obtain the filing forms.

### **E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation**

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the Georgia Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Georgia will impose reasonable specific affirmative action obligations on presidential candidates consistent with the delegate selection system employed by our state. *(Rule 6.H)*
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by January 31, 2020 which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in Georgia's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate pledged to the presidential candidate. *(Rule 6.H.1)*
3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. *(Rule 6.H.2)*
4. Presidential candidates shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegates, alternates and standing committee members shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and that the number of men and the number of women in their respective delegations shall not differ by more than one (as determined by gender self-identification). Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate, alternate, and standing committee candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations to promote and achieve the state's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and equal division for their respective delegations. *(Rule 6.C., Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10)*

### **F. Outreach and Inclusion Program**

1. The State Democratic Party is committed to help achieve full participation of those groups of Americans who have historically been explicitly denied the right to vote or who have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices that have denied them voting rights and full participation in the delegate selection process and

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other Party meetings, events and elections, along with other groups of Americans who are also underrepresented in Party affairs.

2. As such, the State Democratic Party has developed outreach and inclusion programs and is committed to fully implementing the programs so that all persons who wish to participate as Democrats understand they are welcome and encouraged to be a part of the delegate selection process and in the Party at the local, state and national levels.
3. The State Party will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with disabilities in collaboration with the Disability Caucus of the State Party. Efforts will include assistance for the hearing and visually impaired as well as requiring ADA facilities for all public delegate selection trainings and elections.
4. In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the State Party will invite each Caucus and Constituency and other groups, listed (but not limited to) those below to invite their memberships and contacts within the general public to a statewide call hosted by the State Chair, Executive Director and Affirmative Action Committee Chair that will both provide an overview of delegate selection rules and regulations as well as a question and answer period. Invitations for this call will go out no later than January 16, 2020 and the call will be completed prior to February 27, 2020. Groups will include:
  - African American Caucus
  - Latino Caucus
  - AAPI Caucus
  - LGBTQ Caucus
  - Environmental Caucus
  - Senior Caucus
  - Rural Caucus
  - Disability Caucus
  - Veterans Caucus
  - Labor allies including but not limited to the Georgia AFLCIO, IBEW, UFCW, Teamsters, AFSCME, UAW, Building Trades, etc.
  - GA Federation of Democratic Women
  - GA Alliance of Democratic Women
  - Young Democrats
  - Legislative Black Caucus
  - Women's Legislative Caucus
  - And various ally groups including, but not limited to, the NAACP, Georgia Equality, WIN List, GALEO, AAAJ, Georgia Shift, Her Term, Planned Parenthood, NARAL

## Section IX Challenges

### A. Jurisdiction & Standing

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (Reg. Sec. 3)*, and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.” (*Call Appendix A*)
2. Under Rule 21.B. of the *2020 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (*Rule 21.B & Call Appendix A*)
3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention. (*Call Appendix A & Reg. 3.1*)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.” (*Call Appendix A*)
5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the *Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention*. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (*Call VII.B.5*)
6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (*Appendix A*), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of 15 Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (*Appendix A, Sec. 2.A*), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

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

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1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 30 calendar days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. *(Rule 21.A & Reg. 3.4.A)*
2. A challenge to the state's Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the Georgia Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within 15 calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. *(Reg. 3.4.B)*
3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the RBC Regulations, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

### 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 Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. *(Reg. 3.1.C)*
2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 15 days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has 21 days to render a decision. Within 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 10 days after expiration of the above 21-day period. *(Reg. 3.4.C, Reg. 3.4.E & Reg. 3.4.H)*
3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. *(Rule 6.B)* The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than 30 days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. *(Reg. 3.4.C)*

4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

## Section X Summary of Plan

### A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Georgia will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Primary apportioning its delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Georgia’s delegate selection process will occur on March 24, the Primary election.

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

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates	68	0	4/11/2020	<b>Selecting Body:</b> Caucus within Congressional Districts
				<p><b>Summary of Method:</b> District level delegates are apportioned by a formula giving equal weight to the total population and to the average vote for the Democratic candidates in 2012 and 2016 Presidential elections.</p> <p>The district- level delegates will be equally divided between men and women with the inclusion of non-binary gender.</p> <p>Advertising to potential delegates and electors throughout the state will be comprehensive and will follow the state’s Affirmative Action plan so as to encourage robust participation from underrepresented and minority groups as well as robust geographical diversity.</p> <p>Those seeking election must file their intents and pledged support with the State Party no later than March 30, 2020.</p> <p>Those elected to District-Level Delegates will be responsible for attending a meeting on April 25, 2020 in Middle Georgia to elect PLEO delegates and a full delegation meeting on May 23, 2020 to elect standing committees and a delegation chair.</p>
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	15	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	14	**	4/25/2020	<b>Selecting Body:</b> A quorum of the District-level delegates.
				<b>Summary of Method:</b> Individuals are eligible for delegate positions according to the following priority- big city mayors, state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected

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Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
				<p>officials.</p> <p>Those seeking election must file their intents with the State Party no later than April 13, 2020.</p> <p>The selection of the PLEO delegates will occur at a meeting facility in Middle Georgia on April 25, 2020.</p> <p>The PLEO delegates will be equally divided between men and women, with the inclusion of gender non-binary.</p> <p>Those elected to PLEO delegates will be responsible for attending a full delegation meeting on May 23, 2020 to elect standing committees and a delegation chair.</p>
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	23	9	5/16/2020 5/16/2020	<p><b>Selecting Body:</b> The State Committee of the Democratic Party of Georgia</p> <p><b>Summary of Method:</b> Those seeking election must file their intents with the State Party no later than April 27, 2020.</p> <p>The selection of the At-Large and Alternate delegates will occur at a meeting facility such as the IBEW building in Georgia at 1:00 on May 16, 2020.</p> <p>The At-Large and Alternative delegates will be equally divided between men and women- or in another fashion so as to satisfy the Affirmative Action plan.</p> <p>After the At-large Delegates are elected, those persons not chosen will then be considered for At-Large Alternates positions unless they specify otherwise when filing.</p> <p>Those elected to At-large and Alternative delegates will be responsible for attending a full delegation meeting on May 23, 2020 to elect standing committees and a delegation chair.</p>
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	120	9		

\* Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, in Georgia, who legally reside in the state: Democratic National Committee Members, all Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the *2020 Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact number of Automatic PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

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

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

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
4	12	5/23/2020	<p><b>SUMMARY of Method:</b> The members of the 3 committees will be elected by a quorum of the full delegation on May 23, 2020.</p> <p>The members of the committees shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates.</p> <p>Each Presidential Candidate has the Right of Review, and Standing Committee Members are submitted by the Presidential candidates by May 20, 2020.</p> <p>In order to Achieve Equal Division, and to ensure a robust commitment to the inclusion of women, the highest vote-getting female will be seated first, followed by the male, and alternating until all committees are seated, allowing for the inclusion of gender non-binary members.</p>

**C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages**

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on May 23, 2020.

3 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on May 20, 2020 in consultation with DNC members.

**D. Selection of Presidential Electors**

16 Presidential Electors will be selected by the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Georgia by March 3, 2020.

**E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline**

All Presidential Candidates must file their intention of appearing on the ballot with the State Party Chair no later than January 15, 2020. *(Rule 11.B & Rule 14.E)*

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by January 24, 2020.

**F. Timetable**

The following reflects each specific step in Georgia’s process. *(Reg. 2.2.B)*

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Date	Activity
<b>2019</b>	
March 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
March 14	List of Affirmative Action Committee members submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
March 24	Affirmative Action Committee meets to discuss the Delegate Selection Plan Process and the overview of the Affirmative Action and Inclusion plans.
March 26	Executive Committee reaches tentative approval of plan and permits plan to be posted on website.
March 27	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
April 25	Period for public comment on State Plan is concludes. Responses are compiled for review by the Affirmative Action Committee and Executive Committee.
April 29	Affirmative Action Committee meets to discuss Public Comment and votes to recommend the plan for passage to the Executive Committee.
May 1	State Party Executive Committee meets to accept the recommendations of the Affirmative Action Committee and to adopt the revised plan after the public comment period to send to the DNC RBC committee. Press releases are sent announcing the adoption of the plan.
May 3	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September	Congressional District Chairs begin to host their district-wide delegate selection trainings. Each District will have completed at least one training by November.
September 13	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, are sent to all state media. Distribution of materials from the Voter Protection Committee and Affirmative Action Committee become available.
September 30	Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the State Party and Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts.
November 1	Date by which the Executive Director of the State Party has reached out to any presidential candidate complying with the rules for inclusion that has not yet contacted the State Party.
December 1	Statutory deadline for the Secretary of State to announce the date of the Georgia Presidential Preference Primary
<b>2020</b>	
January 15	Letters from Presidential Candidates indicating their desire to be placed on the Georgia ballot are due to the State Party Chair.
January 21	Executive Committee of the DPG meets to select which candidates will appear on the ballot.
January 23	Executive Committee submits the names of Democratic candidates to be placed on the ballot.
January 24	Presidential candidates must name their authorized representatives to the State Party Chair.
January 31	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.)
January 26	Deadline for invitations to go out to the Caucus and Constituency statewide call.
February 1	Last day to fix and publish qualifying fees for offices to be filled during the 2020 Election Cycle—including Presidential Electors
February 1	State Party must make all delegate and alternate forms available on the state party website in a conspicuous place.

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Date	Activity
February 4	Earliest day for a registrar to mail an absentee ballot for the Presidential Preference Primary
February 24	Voter registration deadline to participate in the Presidential Preference Primary on March 24, 2020
February 27	Deadline for statewide call with caucuses and constituency groups to have occurred.
February 28	Deadline for Executive Committee to choose electors in advance of candidate qualifying.
March 2	Advanced in person (early) voting begins for Presidential Preference Primary
March 2 – March 6	State candidate (House of Representatives, Senate, District Attorney) and Presidential Elector Qualifying
March 6	DNC Secretary certifies to the State Chair the names of the automatic delegates to Georgia.
March 14	Mandatory Saturday voting for the Presidential Preference Primary
March 24	Presidential Preference Primary in Georgia.
March 30	District-level delegate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
April 2	State Party provides list of district-level delegate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
April 6	Presidential candidates provide list of approved district-level delegate candidates to State Party.
April 8	State Party Chair certifies to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee that the Presidential Candidates used their best efforts to adhere to Affirmative Action guidelines in their approval of candidates.
April 11	District Level Delegate Elections are held.
April 13	Pledged PLEO candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
April 15	State Party provides list of PLEO candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
April 20	Presidential candidates provide approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to State Party.
April 21	State Party certifies elected district-level delegates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
April 22	State Party Chair certifies to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee that the Presidential Candidates used their best efforts to adhere to Affirmative Action guidelines in their approval of candidates.
April 25	Pledged PLEO delegates selected by quorum of district level delegates.
April 27	At-Large and At-Large Alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
April 30	State Party provides list of at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
May 6	Presidential candidates provide approved list of at-large delegate and alternate delegate candidates to State Party.
May 8	State Party certifies elected PLEO delegates to the Secretary of the DNC.
May 11	State Party Chair certifies to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee that the Presidential Candidates used their best efforts to adhere to Affirmative Action guidelines in their approval of candidates.
May 16	State Committee selects at-large delegates and alternates.
May 20	Presidential candidates submit names for Standing Committee Members to State Party.
May 20	State Chair, in consultation with the DNC members, selects 3 pages.
May 23	Delegation meeting occurs and standing committee members and a delegation chair are chosen.

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Date	Activity
May 23	Chair certifies the selection of Pages to the DNC.
May 26	State Party certifies elected At-Large and Alternative delegates to the Secretary of the DNC.
May 26	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair and Standing Committee Members.
May 26	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of the state's Automatic Delegates.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

**1. Affirmative Action Committee**

**a. List of Affirmative Action Committee Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Woman</b>	<b>Man</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>AAPI</b>	<b>L/H</b>	<b>Dis</b>	<b>LGBTQ</b>	<b>NB</b>	<b>&lt;36</b>	<b>65+</b>	<b>Rural</b>	<b>Other</b>
Dominick Perkins		x	x										
Bee Ngyuen	x				x								
Lisa Ring	x			x								x	
Bobby Fuse		x	x				x				x	x	
Jimmy Glenn		x		x						x		x	
Ryan Barrett		x		x						x		x	
TJ Copeland		x	x										
Ben Meyers		x		x							x		x
Cheryl Williams	x			x							x		
Fenika Miller	x		x										
Josh McCall		x		x								x	
Norman Garrett		x	x										
Sheree Giardino	x			x							x		
Chistopher Johnson		x	x										
Myesha Good	x		x										
Lucas Newborn		x		x				x				x	
Dan Lovingood		x		x				x				x	
Maria Andrade	x					x				x			
Serene Varghese	x					x				x			x
Vinny Olszewski		x		x			x					x	
Barbara Campbell	x		x										
Tristan Fernandes		x		x	x					x			
Deborah Gonzalez	x					x							
Carlotta Harrell	x		x										
Hattie Dorsey	x		x								x		
Louis Elrod		x		x						x			
Sheikh Rahman		x			x								
Rep. Erica Thomas	x		x							x			
Sarah Todd	x			x									
Adrienne White	x		x										
Michelle Sanchez	x					x		x		x			
Rep. Calvin Smyre		x	x								x		

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Dr. James Beverly		x	x										
Gloria Butler	x		x								x		
Patricia Lassiter	x		x					x					
Jen Rafanan	x				x								
Glen Paul Freedman		x		x					x				
Bianca Keaton	x		x							x			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>

Woman

Man

African American

White

Asian and Pacific Islander

LatinX/Hispanic

Disability

Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Bisexual,

Queer

Non-Binary Gender

Under 36 years of age

65 years or older

Rural

Other

**b. Chair's Statement confirming the composition of the Affirmative Action Committee.**

I, Nikema Williams, certify that on March 14, 2019, the DPG sent the Affirmative Action demographic data and contact information to the DNC and that the composition of the State Affirmative Action Committee complies with Rules 5.C, 6.A, and 7.

Signed,

SIGNATURE NEEDED

Nikema, Williams  
Democratic Party of Georgia

**2. *As specified in Reg. 2.2, the following documentation must accompany the state's Delegate Selection Plan at the time it is formally submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee.***

**a. Summary**

See plan, Section X, Parts A – Parts E, pages 43-45.

**b. Timetable**

See plan, Section X, Part F, pages 46- 47.

3. **A copy of the press release** distributed by the State Party Committee announcing its adoption of the Plan and summarizing the major components of the Plan. *(Reg. 2.2.D)*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: May 1, 2019

Contact: Maggie Chambers, Communications Director

Email: [pressoffice@georgiademocrat.org](mailto:pressoffice@georgiademocrat.org)

## Georgia Democrats Adopt Delegate Selection Plan for 2020 National Convention

ATLANTA - Tonight, the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Georgia, led by Affirmative Action Committee Chair Dominick Perkins of Muscogee County, adopted their [delegate selection plan](#) for the 2020 Democratic National Convention. The plan specifies policies and procedures for electing Georgia's delegates and alternates, who will attend the 2020 DNC Convention in Milwaukee to officially nominate the next Democratic president.

"Our leadership team has put in the work to ensure that Georgia's delegate selection process is both inclusive and diverse," said Nikema Williams, Chair of the Democratic Party of Georgia. "We look forward to welcoming Democrats across our state into the process to nominate and elect our next president."

The DNC has until September 13th to notify the DPG of any changes, but the general components of the plan are as follows:

- Georgia is allocated 129 delegates, nine of whom will be alternates.
- 68 district level delegates will be elected within the delegates' congressional district on March 29, 2020. There are no district level alternates.
- Fourteen Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs) will be elected by the 68 district level delegates on April 18, 2020 at a central location in the state.
- On May 16, 2020, 23 at-large delegates and nine alternates will be elected by a quorum of the State Committee of the Democratic Party of Georgia.
- While these dates are set in the plan, until Georgia's Secretary of State announces the date of the 2020 presidential primary, the dates are subject to change.

The Affirmative Action Committee of the DPG will continue to implement a robust effort to ensure that all communities are represented in Georgia's delegation. The Democratic Party of Georgia is committed to sending a delegation to Milwaukee that reflects the diversity of our party and our state.

While the DPG's delegate selection plan is under DNC review, the plan will remain online to ensure access and transparency throughout the process. Interested parties may view the plan [here](#).

**4 a. A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying the following:**

I, Nikema Williams, Chair of the Democratic Party of Georgia certify that the plan we are submitting to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee was approved by the State Party Committee. The Proposed plan, including all attachments and appendices, was placed on the State Party website during the 30-day public comment period and that the party complied with Rule 1.c regarding the 30-day public comment period. The Affirmative Action Committee met several times and had a robust discussion about our plan.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Chair, Nikema Williams**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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**4 b.** A statement from the Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee:

I, Dominick Perkins, Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee, certify today that the Affirmative Action Committee of the Democratic Party of Party met and reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action outreach plan. Our review included studying and offering recommendations to the numerical goals established.

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**Dominick Perkins, Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee      Date**

5. **A copy of all written public and online comments** submitted through the process provided above about the Plan are below. Three public comments were submitted by email and are in their entirety copied here (*Rule 1.C & Reg. 2.2.G*):

**COMMENT 1:**

Hi,

I would suggest a microsite where the congressional delegation can communicate and/or see delegate nominees online -- maybe a Facebook group managed by the party.

Best,

Larry Lowe

[larry.lowe.ms@gmail.com](mailto:larry.lowe.ms@gmail.com) | [thelarrylowe.com](http://thelarrylowe.com)

**COMMENT 2:**

Good afternoon, I am happy to bring this up on the next Affirmative Action call as well, but I wanted to pass along one comment to get it on the record.

By tying the representation goals to the percentage share of Georgia's Democratic Primary electorate, I believe we're missing out on an opportunity to set aspirational goals. The plan's youth representation goal of 39 delegates out of 120 is a little over 30%, like the perceived youth breakdown of the party electorate, yet I've been told other red states like Texas have set their youth goal at 40%. Unless states like Texas have a significantly higher youth share of their primaries, I recommend considering a youth vote goal of 40%.

Thank you,

Louis Elrod

**COMMENT 3:**

The African American Caucus in a phone conference on April 22, 2019 submits the following concerns and recommendations:

Based on the data from Vote Builder the representation goal for African Americans is 73.

Historical perspective: In the last Democratic National Convention, the goal for African Americans numerically was not reached and this was not addressed when we voted on at-large delegates.

Priority of Consideration addresses this concern on page 22, d: 1-4.

The Caucus would like this to be stressed in the training sessions and at the election of at-large delegates so that the goals are reached and a plan that is already in place be enforced.

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The Congressional District Chair selects the site for the district election and we would like for the Chair to get input from the county party and members of the district as to the location of the election so that the location is central to the members in that district.

The selection plan should include a section that addresses appropriate behavior at the convention and consequences for inappropriate behavior. At the last convention a group of delegates for one of the candidates was loud, rude and boisterous when other candidates had the floor. They demonstrated a lack of respect for our floor leader and the leaders of our party.

Seating if not addressed should be addressed, because some delegates go over 3 hours before the convention and are told to give up their seat or move.

Fund raisers should be addressed to allow young adults and others to raise funds for the convention, make this general knowledge.

Prior the state committee (Back when Thurbert Baker was treasurer of the Party) delegates could fill out a form and ask for assistance. Can this be addressed?

Some of these concerns may not be under the selection plan, however the AAC wanted these concerns lifted up for the state party.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Barbara Campbell, Chair  
African American Caucus

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

**See below:**

- a. **Georgia Caucus Member, Elector Form for District Level Delegates**
- b. **Georgia Delegate Statement of Intent**
- c. **Georgia Delegate: Party Declaration and Presidential Preference Form**

**Georgia Caucus Member  
Electors for District Level Delegates**

*For submission at registration at the District Level Elections on March 29, 2020.*

Please complete this form to be credentialed to vote in the District Level Delegate Elections.

**Complete Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Congressional District where you live and are registered to vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete home address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

By declaring your preferred presidential candidate, you are agreeing to vote in the election of delegates to support that particular presidential candidate and only that candidate.

**Preferred Presidential Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

My **initials** below signify and proclaim that the below statements are true and accurate:

\_\_\_\_\_ I believe in the goals of the Democratic Party of Georgia.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not a member of any other political party or body as defined in the Georgia Election Code.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PRINTED NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

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Georgia Delegate - Statement of Intent

Please complete this Georgia Statement of Intent (1) to officially declare your Presidential Candidate of choice and (2) to acknowledge your financial responsibilities if selected ad a Georgia Delegate.

Complete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Congressional District where you live and are registered to vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

The Democratic Party of Georgia is committed to sending a diverse delegation to Milwaukee. Please help us achieve these goals by checking all that you self-identify with.

Please check ALL that apply:

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Binary Gender  
Ethnicity/Race: \_\_\_\_\_ African American \_\_\_\_\_ Asian-Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_\_ Caucasian  
\_\_\_\_\_ Latino \_\_\_\_\_ Native American \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Under 36 \_\_\_\_\_ Ages 36-64 \_\_\_\_\_ Ages 65 and above  
LGBTQ: \_\_\_\_\_

Party Leadership or Elected Positions: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Presidential Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Running as (circle one): District Level Delegate Public Leader and Elected Official (PLEO)  
At-Large Delegate Alternate Delegate

Receipt of this Statement of Intent certifies that I, \_\_\_\_\_, officially intend to seek election as a Georgia Delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

Please initial the following two statements to indicate that you have read and understood them:

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the Presidential Candidates have the right to deny my candidacy.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if elected, I am financially responsible for ALL delegated related expenses including, but not limited, travel, lodging, meals, registration fees, entertainment, etc.

I hereby declare my candidacy as a Georgia Delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME SIGNATURE DATE



**7. Copies of all state statutes and other relevant legal authority:**

The following is a list of all state statutes from the Georgia Election Code Annotated, 2014 edition, related to the Delegate Selection Process. (Reg. 2.2 L)

Presidential Preference Primary: O.C.G.A § 21-2-191

Voter Participation in Process: O.C.G.A. § 21-2-198

Ballot Access: O.C.G.A § 21-2-193

Procedures by which delegates and alternates to national nominating conventions selected: O.C.G.A. § 21-2-195.

Qualification oath of delegates and alternates to national convention: O.C.G.A. § 21-2-196.

8. Attachment 8 requires that a state supply a copy of all the qualifying forms to be filed with the state and the State Party by the presidential candidates. However, this particular requirement in Georgia is not applicable to our statute.

The State of Georgia does not require candidates to file any forms in order to be placed on the ballot. The Democratic Party of Georgia is required to notify the Secretary of State in writing of all names it wishes to have on the presidential preference primary ballot by December 1, 2015. The Democratic Party of Georgia asks that an official representative of any candidate notify the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Georgia of a desire to be placed on the ballot by October 1, 2015.

9. **State Delegate Selection Media Plan**, describing how the State Party will communicate information about the process to all available and appropriate sources, including social and specialty media directed toward Democratic constituency groups as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.

## Georgia Delegate Selection Media & Outreach Plan

The Executive Director, Communications Director and Digital Director of the State Party will work closely with the State Chair, Executive Committee, Affirmative Action Committee and the Delegation to the 2020 National Convention (as they are elected) to ensure all opportunities to engage the public at-large—with particular attention towards historically marginalized communities—with the process and elections for Delegate Selection.

On September 13, 2019, the Communications Director and Digital Director of the State Party will distribute the press kits to a large media list, curated with effort to include all specialty constituency-based media outlet. The Executive Director has the authority to add outlets throughout the delegate selection process.

***\*\*\*The list of media outlets to be included is listed at the end of this plan\*\*\****

Beginning in September of 2019 and concluding by November of 2019, each of the Congressional District Chairs will be responsible for holding at least one—and up to two additional events if the district is geographically large—well-publicized educational workshops. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate and alternate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting electorate.

These workshops shall be listed on the state party website in a prominent location and shared on various social media platforms as well. An email should go out to the general distribution list of the State Party informing the public of the trainings. The trainings should also be in a press release and sent to the master press list.

A speaker's bureau of volunteers from the State Party, including the Affirmative Action Committee, shall be comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before groups such as the trainings in district—

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or in front of any other group that requests their presence, as needed, to provide information concerning the process.

The State Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and making sure that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.

The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the State Party and Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than September 30, 2019.

The State Party shall direct special attention to publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process, and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in the State Party communications in social media, at in-person meetings, on the general distribution list and on the State Party's website in addition to the press list below. 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.

The goal of this plan is to increase the participation of people running to be a delegate and to increase the diversity in the pool of candidates. To achieve this, the Communications Director and the Digital Director will post and share regular updates about the state's delegate selection process, rules, timeline and any other pertinent information to ensure broad and timely coverage and awareness about the process to all interested persons.

At any time deemed necessary, the Communications and Digital Directors will work to provide all communications relating to the National Convention and delegate selection in a multitude of languages.

At all times beginning in September 2019 and throughout the delegate selection process all necessary materials, media alerts, press releases, forms, instructions and notice of meetings and elections will be kept up-to-date and in a prominent place on the State Party website. Specifically, information to be posted on the website will include:

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- a. materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;
- b. a summary explaining the role of the 2020 Convention in nominating the Party's Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;
- c. a summary of the State Party's delegate selection process including all pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process;
- d. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district, along with filing forms or information on how to obtain the filing forms.

The State Democratic Party is committed to help achieve full participation of those groups of Americans who have historically been explicitly denied the right to vote or who have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices that have denied them voting rights and full participation in the delegate selection process and other Party meetings, events and elections, along with other groups of Americans who are also underrepresented in Party affairs. The Communications and Digital departments are uniquely situated to help move this information to places of transparency.

The State Party will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with disabilities in collaboration with the Disability Caucus of the State Party. Efforts will include assistance for the hearing and visually impaired as well as requiring ADA facilities for all public delegate selection trainings and elections.

In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the State Party will invite each Caucus and Constituency and other groups, listed (but not limited to) those below to invite their memberships and contacts within the general public to a statewide call hosted by the State Chair, Executive Director and Affirmative Action Committee Chair that will both provide an overview of delegate selection rules and regulations as well as a question and answer period. Invitations for this call will go out no later than January 16, 2020 and the call will be completed prior to February 27, 2020. Groups will include:

- African American Caucus
- Latino Caucus
- AAPI Caucus
- LGBTQ Caucus
- Environmental Caucus
- Senior Caucus
- Rural Caucus
- Disability Caucus

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Veterans Caucus  
 Labor allies including but not limited to the Georgia AFL-CIO, IBEW, UFCW, Teamsters, AFSCME, UAW, Building Trades, etc.  
 GA Federation of Democratic Women  
 GA Alliance of Democratic Women  
 Young Democrats  
 Legislative Black Caucus  
 Women’s Legislative Caucus  
 And various ally groups including, but not limited to, the NAACP, Georgia Equality, WIN List, GALEO, AAJ, Georgia Shift, Her Term, Planned Parenthood, NARAL

The list of media outlets regularly updated with Delegate Selection information and press includes:

<b>Outlet</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Group</b>
Albany Southwest Georgian	Newspaper	Albany	AA
The Metro Gazette	Online	Albany	AA
Atlanta Daily World	Newspaper	Atlanta	AA
Atlanta Inquirer	Newspaper	Atlanta	AA
Atlanta Tribune	Magazine	Atlanta	AA
Atlanta Black Star	Newspaper	Atlanta	AA
Metro Atlanta Black News	Blog	Atlanta	AA
Crossroads	Newspaper	Atlanta	AA
V103 (CBS Local)	Radio	Atlanta	AA
The Atlanta Voice	Newspaper	Atlanta	AA
The Ryan Cameron Show	Radio	Atlanta	AA
Augusta Metro Courier	Newspaper	Augusta	AA
Columbus Times	Newspaper	Columbus	AA
The Champion Newspaper	Newspaper	Dekalb	AA
Black Gwinnett Magazine	Online	Gwinnett	AA
Ask Elaine/100.5 The Light	Radio	Macon	AA
New Macon Black Pages	Newspaper	Macon	AA
Savannah Herald	Newspaper	Savannah	AA
Savannah Tribune	Newspaper	Savannah	AA
The Georgia Star/The Florida Star	Newspaper	Southeast GA	AA
Atlanta Chinese News	Newspaper	Atlanta	AAPI
Korea Daily	Newspaper	Atlanta	AAPI
Khabar (Indian American)	Newspaper	Atlanta	AAPI
Manchitro News (Bangla)	Newspaper	Atlanta	AAPI
Bao Tre	Newspaper	Atlanta	AAPI
Wow Now	Newspaper	Atlanta	AAPI
Korea Times	Newspaper	Atlanta	AAPI

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Cho Sun Daily	Newspaper	Atlanta	AAPI
Xin Times	Newspaper	Atlanta	AAPI
China Tribune	Newspaper	Atlanta	AAPI
World Journal	Newspaper	Atlanta	AAPI
NRI Pulse	Newspaper	Atlanta	AAPI
Atlanta Korea Radio	Radio	Atlanta	AAPI
Atlanta Dunia	Digital	Atlanta	AAPI
Desh-Videsh	Newspaper	Atlanta	AAPI
Huanxun Today	Newspaper	Atlanta	AAPI
Korean Television Network	TV	Atlanta	AAPI
Wake Up Atlanta	Online	Atlanta	AAPI
Desi Express	Newspaper	Atlanta	AAPI
Khabar	Newspaper	Duluth	AAPI
NBC Asia America	Online	State	AAPI
Georgia Asian Times	Newspaper	Suwanee	AAPI
Korean Christian Times	Newspaper	Atlanta	AAPI/Faith
Bright Side	Magazine	Cobb County	Alt
Creative Loafing	Weekly	Atlanta	Alt Weekly
Connect Savannah	Weekly	Savannah	Alt Weekly
Metro Spirit - Christian	Newspaper	Augusta	Alt Weekly- Faith
Mountain Country Radio	Radio	Blue Ridge	Faith
Christian Index - Duluth	Blog	Duluth	Faith
The Southern Cross	Newspaper	Savannah	Faith
Atlanta Jewish Times	Newspaper	Atlanta	Jewish
Savannah Jewish News	Newspaper	Savannah	Jewish
Accion Newspaper	Newspaper	Atlanta	Latino
Univision	TV	Atlanta	Latino
La Raza	Radio	Atlanta	Latino
The Courier Eco Latino Newspaper	Newspaper	Columbus	Latino
Telemundo Atlanta	TV	Duluth	Latino
Radio Informacion	Radio	Duluth	Latino
Que Pasa	Newspaper	Macon	Latino
La Voz De Dalton	Newspaper	North GA	Latino
La Voz Latina	Newspaper	Savannah	Latino
Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights	Organization	State	Latino
La Vision	Newspaper	State	Latino
Mundo Hispanico	Newspaper	State	Latino
El Nuevo Georgia	Newspaper	State	Latino
Project Q	Blog	Atlanta	LGBT
Fenuxe	Weekly	Atlanta	LGBT
GA Voice	Weekly	State	LGBT
Benning News	Military News	Columbus	Military
Infantry Magazine	Magazine	Fort Benning	Military
Bayonet & Saber	Newspaper	Fort Benning	Military
Military Child Education Coalition	Blog	State	Military

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Albany Herald	Newspaper	Albany	Non-Minority
Albany Journal	Newspaper	Albany	Non-Minority
WALB News 10 (NBC)	TV	Albany	Non-Minority
WFXL News 31 - FOX - Albany	TV	Albany	Non-Minority
The Alma Times	Newspaper	Alma	Non-Minority
Americus Sumter Observer	Newspaper	Americus	Non-Minority
Americus Times Recorder	Newspaper	Americus	Non-Minority
Athens Banner-Herald	Newspaper	Athens	Non-Minority
Morgan County Citizen	Newspaper	Athens	Non-Minority
WGAU - 1340AM - Athens	Radio	Athens	Non-Minority
WUGA-TV - GPB	TV	Athens	Non-Minority
Flagpole Magazine	Newspaper	Athens	Non-Minority
Atlanta Business Chronicle	Blog	Atlanta	Non-Minority
Atlanta Journal-Constitution	Newspaper	Atlanta	Non-Minority
Atlanta Progressive News	Blog	Atlanta	Non-Minority
Atlanta Unfiltered	Blog	Atlanta	Non-Minority
CBS Radio	Radio	Atlanta	Non-Minority
Midtown Patch	Blog	Atlanta	Non-Minority
WAGA - FOX 5 - Atlanta	TV	Atlanta	Non-Minority
WGCL - CBS 46 - Atlanta	TV	Atlanta	Non-Minority
WSB Radio - Atlanta	Radio	Atlanta	Non-Minority
WSB TV - ABC - Atlanta	TV	Atlanta	Non-Minority
WXIA - NBC - Atlanta	TV	Atlanta	Non-Minority
Virginia Highlands Patch	Blog	Atlanta	Non-Minority
Atlanta Magazine	Magazine	Atlanta	Non-Minority
Jefferson County News and Farmer	Medium	Augusta	Non-Minority
WFXG-TV - Augusta	TV	Augusta	Non-Minority
WJBF - ABC - Augusta	TV	Augusta	Non-Minority
WJBF-TV	TV	Augusta	Non-Minority
WRDW - CBS - Augusta	TV	Augusta	Non-Minority
WRDW-Augusta	TV	Augusta	Non-Minority
Augusta Chronicle	Newspaper	Augusta	Non-Minority
Columbia County News-Times	Newspaper	Augusta	Non-Minority
Augusta Magazine	Newspaper	Augusta	Non-Minority
Fort Gordon Globe	Newspaper	Augusta	Non-Minority
Bainbridge GA.com	Blog	Bainbridge	Non-Minority
Bainbridge Post Searchlight	Newspaper	Bainbridge	Non-Minority
Baldwin Bulletin	Newspaper	Baldwin	Non-Minority
Barnesville Herald Gazette	Newspaper	Barnesville	Non-Minority
The Baxley News Banner	Newspaper	Baxley	Non-Minority
Herald-Leader	Newspaper	Ben Hill	Non-Minority
Blackshear Times	Newspaper	Blackshear	Non-Minority
News-Observer	Newspaper	Blue Ridge	Non-Minority
Fannin Sentinel	Newspaper	Blue Ridge	Non-Minority
The Brunswick News	Newspaper	Brunswick	Non-Minority
Cairo Messenger	Newspaper	Cairo	Non-Minority
WGRA News Talk Radio AM 790	Radio	Cairo	Non-Minority

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WJTH Radio	Radio	Calhoun	Non-Minority
Camilla Enterprise	Newspaper	Camilla	Non-Minority
Metter Advertiser	Newspaper	Candler	Non-Minority
Daily Tribune News - Cartersville	Newspaper	Cartersville	Non-Minority
Cartersville Daily Tribune	Newspaper	Cartersville	Non-Minority
Cherokee Ledger-News	Newspaper	Cherokee County	Non-Minority
Claxton Enterprise	Newspaper	Claxton	Non-Minority
Clayton Tribune	Newspaper	Clayton	Non-Minority
Marietta Patch	Blog	Cobb	Non-Minority
Cochran Journal	Newspaper	Cochran	Non-Minority
WLTZ News 38 - NBC - Columbus	TV	Columbus	Non-Minority
WRBL News 3 (CBS)	TV	Columbus	Non-Minority
WTVM News 9 - ABC - Columbus	TV	Columbus	Non-Minority
WXTX - Fox	TV	Columbus	Non-Minority
Columbus Ledger-Enquirer	TV	Columbus	Non-Minority
Columbus Times	Newspaper	Columbus	Non-Minority
Citizens Times	Newspaper	Columbus	Non-Minority
Cordele Dispatch	Newspaper	Cordele	Non-Minority
Covington News	Newspaper	Covington	Non-Minority
Georgia Post	Newspaper	Crawford	Non-Minority
Dahlonega Nugget	Newspaper	Dahlonega	Non-Minority
The Daily Citizen	Newspaper	Dalton	Non-Minority
Daily Citizen - Dalton	Newspaper	Dalton	Non-Minority
The Darien News	Newspaper	Darien / Savannah	Non-Minority
Dawson Community News	Newspaper	Dawsonville	Non-Minority
N. Druid Patch	Blog	DeKalb	Non-Minority
Stone Mountain Patch	Blog	DeKalb	Non-Minority
Donalsonville News	Newspaper	Donalson	Non-Minority
WTVY-TV (Dothan)	TV	Dothan	Non-Minority
The Douglas Enterprise	Newspaper	Douglas	Non-Minority
Douglasville Patch	Blog	Douglas	Non-Minority
Douglas County Sentinel	Newspaper	Douglasville	Non-Minority
Dublin Courier Herald	Newspaper	Dublin / Macon	Non-Minority
Dunwoody Crier	Newspaper	Dunwoody	Non-Minority
First Coast News	Newspaper	Duval	Non-Minority
East Atlanta Patch	Blog	East Atlanta	Non-Minority
Effingham Herald	Newspaper	Effingham	Non-Minority
Elberton Star	Newspaper	Elberton	Non-Minority
Eufaula Tribune	Newspaper	Eufala	Non-Minority
The Citizen News	Newspaper	Fayetteville	Non-Minority
Henry Daily Herald	Newspaper	Fayetteville	Non-Minority
Forsyth County News	Newspaper	Forsyth	Non-Minority
Forsyth Herald	Newspaper	Forsyth	Non-Minority
The Leader Tribune	Newspaper	Fort Valley	Non-Minority
Gainesville Times	Newspaper	Gainesville	Non-Minority
The Northeast Georgian - Habersham County	Newspaper	Gainesville	Non-Minority

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WRWH 1350 Radio	Radio	Gainesville	Non-Minority
Glennville Sentinel	Newspaper	Glennville	Non-Minority
Brunswick Business Journal	Newspaper	Glynn	Non-Minority
WFXM 107.1 FM	Radio	Gordon	Non-Minority
Griffin Daily News	Newspaper	Griffin	Non-Minority
Gwinnett Daily Post	Newspaper	Gwinnett	Non-Minority
Gwinnett Magazine	Newspaper	Gwinnett	Non-Minority
Gwinnett Patch	Blog	Gwinnett	Non-Minority
Harris County Journal	Newspaper	Harris	Non-Minority
Hartwell Sun	Newspaper	Hartwell	Non-Minority
Houston Home Journal	Newspaper	Houston	Non-Minority
Pickens County Progress	Newspaper	Jasper	Non-Minority
Millen News	Newspaper	Jenkins	Non-Minority
Johnson Journal	Newspaper	Johnson	Non-Minority
Clayton News Daily	Newspaper	Jonesboro	Non-Minority
LaGrange Daily News	Newspaper	Lagrange	Non-Minority
Valley Times	Newspaper	Lanett	Non-Minority
Montgomery Monitor	Newspaper	Laurens	Non-Minority
Twigg Times New Era	Newspaper	Laurens	Non-Minority
Franklin County Citizen	Newspaper	Lavonia	Non-Minority
The Lee County Ledger	Newspaper	Leesburg	Non-Minority
Lincoln Journal	Newspaper	Lincoln	Non-Minority
Jones County News	Newspaper	Macon	Non-Minority
Macon Telegraph	Newspaper	Macon	Non-Minority
WMAZ - CBS - Macon	TV	Macon	Non-Minority
WMGT - Macon	TV	Macon	Non-Minority
WGXA	TV	Macon	Non-Minority
Taylor County News	Newspaper	Macon / Columbus	Non-Minority
Madison County Journal	Newspaper	Madison	Non-Minority
Manchester Star-Mercury	Newspaper	Manchester	Non-Minority
Marietta Daily Journal	Newspaper	Marietta	Non-Minority
McDuffie Progress	Newspaper	McDuffie	Non-Minority
Dekalb Champion	Weekly	Metro Atlanta	Non-Minority
Georgia Gang	TV	Metro Atlanta	Non-Minority
Jeff Davis Ledger	Newspaper	Middle GA	Non-Minority
Dodge County News	Newspaper	Middle GA	Non-Minority
Milledgeville Union-Recorder	Newspaper	Milledgeville	Non-Minority
The Monticello News	Newspaper	Monitcello	Non-Minority
Monroe County Reporter	Newspaper	Monroe	Non-Minority
Citizen and Georgian	Newspaper	Montezuma	Non-Minority
Moultrie Observer	Newspaper	Moultrie	Non-Minority
Times-Herald - Newnan	Newspaper	Newnan	Non-Minority
Newton Citizen	Newspaper	Newton	Non-Minority
Buckhead Patch	Blog	North Atlanta	Non-Minority
Chatsworth Times	Newspaper	North GA	Non-Minority
Access WDUN	Blog	North GA	Non-Minority
North Georgia News	Newspaper	North GA	Non-Minority
Mountain Valley Independent	Newspaper	North GA	Non-Minority
White County News	Newspaper	North GA	Non-Minority

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Jacobs Media WDUN	Radio	North GA	Non-Minority
KWN-TV 7 and 1420 Radio	Radio	North GA	Non-Minority
Catoosa Walker News	Newspaper	North GA	Non-Minority
Chattanooga Times Free Press	Newspaper	North GA	Non-Minority
Dade Planet	Newspaper	North GA	Non-Minority
Times Free Press	Newspaper	North GA	Non-Minority
WDEF-TV-12 - CBS - Chattanooga	TV	North GA	Non-Minority
WDSI - FOX 61 - Chattanooga	TV	North GA	Non-Minority
WRCB-TV 3 - NBC - Chattanooga	TV	North GA	Non-Minority
WTVC 9 - ABC - Chattanooga	TV	North GA	Non-Minority
Calhoun Times	Newspaper	North GA	Non-Minority
Catoosa County News	Newspaper	North GA	Non-Minority
Sandy Springs Patch	Blog	North Metro	Non-Minority
The Ocilla Star	Newspaper	Ocilla	Non-Minority
Oconee Enterprise	Newspaper	Oconee	Non-Minority
Pierce County Press	Newspaper	Pierce County	Non-Minority
Rockdale Citizen	Newspaper	Rockdale	Non-Minority
Polk County Standard Journal	Newspaper	Rockmart	Non-Minority
Rome News-Tribune	Newspaper	Rome	Non-Minority
Savannah Daily News	Newspaper	Savannah	Non-Minority
Savannah Morning News	Newspaper	Savannah	Non-Minority
WJCL - ABC - Savannah	TV	Savannah	Non-Minority
WJCL - FOX28 - Savannah	TV	Savannah	Non-Minority
WJCL - ABC - Savannah	TV	Savannah	Non-Minority
WSAV - NBC - Savannah	TV	Savannah	Non-Minority
WSAV-TV - Savannah	TV	Savannah	Non-Minority
WTOC - CBS - Savannah	TV	Savannah	Non-Minority
WTOC - CBS - Savannah	TV	Savannah	Non-Minority
WTOC 11 - Savannah	TV	Savannah	Non-Minority
Coastal Empire News	Newspaper	Savannah	Non-Minority
Coastal Family	Newspaper	Savannah	Non-Minority
Savannah Magazine	Magazine	Savannah	Non-Minority
Bryan County News	Newspaper	Savannah Area	Non-Minority
Bryan County Now	Newspaper	Savannah Area	Non-Minority
Sylvania Telephone	Newspaper	Screven	Non-Minority
Associated Press	Wire	Service	Non-Minority
Insider Advantage	Service	Service	Non-Minority
Morris News Service	Wire	Service	Non-Minority
Coastal Courier - Liberty County	Newspaper	South GA	Non-Minority
Miller County Liberal	Newspaper	South GA	Non-Minority
The Atkinson County Citizen	Newspaper	South GA	Non-Minority
The Berrien Press	Newspaper	South GA	Non-Minority
WCTV - CBS - Thomasville/Tallahassee	TV	South GA	Non-Minority
WJXX - ABC - Jacksonville	TV	South GA	Non-Minority
WTEV - CBS - Jacksonville	TV	South GA	Non-Minority
WTLH-FOX 49 - Tallahassee	TV	South GA	Non-Minority

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WTLX ABC 27- Tallahassee	TV	South GA	Non-Minority
WTWC-TV 40 - NBC - Tallahassee	TV	South GA	Non-Minority
Camden (Tribune & Georgian)	Newspaper	South GA	Non-Minority
Early County News	Newspaper	South GA	Non-Minority
Florida Times-Union	Newspaper	South GA	Non-Minority
Tribune & Georgian - St. Mary's	Newspaper	St. Mary's	Non-Minority
Georgia Public Broadcasting	TV and Radio	State	Non-Minority
NPR	Radio	State	Non-Minority
WABE	TV and Radio	State	Non-Minority
Georgia Trend	Magazine	State	Non-Minority
Associated Press	Wire	State	Non-Minority
Statesboro Herald	Newspaper	Statesboro	Non-Minority
Statesboro Herald	Newspaper	Statesboro	Non-Minority
Stewart Webster Journal Patriot Citizen	Newspaper	Stewart	Non-Minority
Cascade Patch	Blog	SW Atlanta	Non-Minority
Emanuel County Live	Newspaper	Swainsboro	Non-Minority
Sylvester Local News	Newspaper	Sylvester	Non-Minority
Tattnall Journal	Newspaper	Tattnall	Non-Minority
The Telfair Enterprise	Newspaper	Telfair	Non-Minority
Thomasville Times Enterprise	Newspaper	Thomasville	Non-Minority
Tifton Gazette	Newspaper	Tifton	Non-Minority
Adel News-Tribune	Newspaper	Valdosta	Non-Minority
Lanier County News	Newspaper	Valdosta	Non-Minority
Valdosta Daily Time	Newspaper	Valdosta	Non-Minority
Valdosta Today	Newspaper	Valdosta	Non-Minority
Waycross Journal-Herald	Newspaper	Waycross	Non-Minority
The Press-Sentinel - Wayne County	Newspaper	Wayne County	Non-Minority
Burke County True Citizen	Newspaper	Waynesboro	Non-Minority
Wilkinson County Post	Newspaper	Wilkinson	Non-Minority
Barrow County News	Newspaper	Winder	Non-Minority
Blog for Democracy	Blog	State	Progressive
Kudzu Vine	Podcast	State	Progressives
Delta Farm Press	Newspaper	State	Rural
AARP	Organization	Statewide	Seniors
WLJA Radio	Radio	Jasper	Some Faith
Albany State University Student Press	Newspaper	Albany	Student
Albany Technical College News	Newspaper	Albany	Student
Red and Black	Newspaper	Athens	Student
Georgia State Signal	Newspaper	Atlanta	Student
Technique (GT)	Newspaper	Atlanta	Student
Emory Wheel	Newspaper	Atlanta	Student
Spelman BluePrint	Newspaper	Atlanta	Student
Morehouse Magazine	Newspaper	Atlanta	Student
Clayton State University Bent Tree	Newspaper	Atlanta	Student

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Kennesaw State University Sentinel	Newspaper	Atlanta	Student
Oglethorpe University Stormy Petrel	Newspaper	Atlanta	Student
Augusta University Bell Ringer	Newspaper	Augusta	Student
Berry College Campus Carrier	Newspaper	Berry	Student
College of Coastal Georgia Crow's Nest	Newspaper	Brunswick	Student
UWG The West Georgian	Newspaper	Carrollton	Student
Columbus State University Saber	Newspaper	Columbus	Student
Andrews College Andrew Weekly	Newspaper	Cuthbert	Student
UNG Vanguard	Newspaper	Dahlonega	Student
Agnes Scott College Profile	Newspaper	Decatur	Student
Georgia Gwinnett College Globe	Newspaper	Gwinnett	Student
Mercer University Cluster	Newspaper	Macon	Student
GCSU Colonnade	Newspaper	Macon	Student
Savannah College of Art and Design District	Newspaper	Savannah	Student
Armstrong State University Inkwell	Newspaper	Savannah	Student
Savannah State University Tiger's Roar	Newspaper	Savannah	Student
George-Anne (Georgia Southern)	Newspaper	South GA	Student
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Newspaper	Tifton	Student
Valdosta State University Spectator	Newspaper	Valdosta	Student
Reinhardt University Eagle Eye	Newspaper	Waleska	Student
Maroon Tiger	Newspaper	Atlanta	Student / AA
CAU Panther	Newspaper	Atlanta	Student / AA
Fort Valley State University Peachite	Newspaper	Fort Valley	Student / AA
Georgia Fed of Teachers	Organization	Statewide	Teachers
CBS National	TV	Statewide	Non-Minority

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**10. District Delegate Math**

Formula #1: Population and 2 Presidential Elections  
 Population Source: 2017 American Community Survey

<b>DELEGATE APPORTIONMENT</b>	<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>CD 1</b>	<b>CD 2</b>	<b>CD 3</b>	<b>CD 4</b>
Total Population	10,429,279	747,334	674,100	738,066	765,854
Total Clinton Votes in 2016	1,877,963	110,191	136,455	102,155	224,907
Total Obama Votes in 2012	1,773,827	111,949	153,998	97,746	218,499
AVG of Clinton/Obama Votes	1,825,895	111,070	145,227	99,951	221,703
Georgia District Level Delegates	68	68	68	68	68
Formula #1 Allocation Fraction	1	0.06624	0.07209	0.06275	0.09743
<b>Formula 1: Number of Delegates</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>4.504583</b>	<b>4.901865</b>	<b>4.267313</b>	<b>6.625057</b>
<b>Rounded Number of Delegates</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>

<b>DELEGATE APPORTIONMENT</b>	<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>CD 5</b>	<b>CD 6</b>	<b>CD 7</b>	<b>CD 8</b>
Total Population	10,429,279	784,370	756,389	807,492	702,262
Total Clinton Votes in 2016	1,877,963	259,805	155,077	132,012	91,360
Total Obama Votes in 2012	1,773,827	241,217	115,017	101,065	99,677
AVG of Clinton/Obama Votes	1,825,895	250,511	135,047	116,539	95,519
Georgia District Level Delegates	68	68	68	68	68
Formula #1 Allocation Fraction	1	0.10620	0.07324	0.07063	0.05982
<b>Formula 1: Number of Delegates</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>7.221854</b>	<b>4.980579</b>	<b>4.802531</b>	<b>4.068062</b>
<b>Rounded Number of Delegates</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>DELEGATE APPORTIONMENT</b>	<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>CD 9</b>	<b>CD 10</b>	<b>CD 11</b>
Total Population	10,429,279	755,181	736,838	768,968
Total Clinton Votes in 2016	1,877,963	57,467	112,691	116,457
Total Obama Votes in 2012	1,773,827	54,388	107,039	94,447
AVG of Clinton/Obama Votes	1,825,895	55,928	109,865	105,452
Georgia District Level Delegates	68	68	68	68
Formula #1 Allocation Fraction	1	0.05152	0.06541	0.06574

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Formula 1: Number of Delegates	68	3.503356	4.447927	4.470498
Rounded Number of Delegates	<b>68</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5*</b>

**\* Needed another one due to rounding**

<b>DELEGATE APPORTIONMENT</b>	<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>CD 12</b>	<b>CD 13</b>	<b>CD 14</b>
Total Population	10,429,279	722,937	752,631	716,857
Total Clinton Votes in 2016	1,877,963	108,937	213,936	56,513
Total Obama Votes in 2012	1,773,827	117,085	202,794	58,906
AVG of Clinton/Obama Votes	1,825,895	113,011	208,365	57,710
Georgia District Level Delegates	68	68	68	68
Formula #1 Allocation Fraction	1	0.06561	0.09314	0.05017
Formula 1: Number of Delegates	68	4.461191	6.333582	3.411601
Rounded Number of Delegates	<b>68</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>

**11. State Party Budget**

Each Congressional district may be reimbursed up to \$500 for facility rentals with an approved receipt within 30 days of the District Delegate Elections.

Total Max Budget - \$7,000

The State Party will pay for the costs associated with the PLEO elections, including facilities, any food or beverage and any printing costs in a sum not to exceed \$2,500.

The State Party will pay for the costs associated with the At-Large elections, including facilities, any food or beverage and any printing costs in a sum not to exceed \$3,000.

The State Party will pay for the costs associated with the Delegation Meeting, including facilities, any food or beverage and any printing costs in a sum not to exceed \$2,500.

Total budget: \$15,000