

MISSOURI DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

FOR THE 2016 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
CONVENTION

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The Missouri Delegate Selection Plan
For the 2016 Democratic National Convention

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Section I Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

1. Missouri has a total of 84 delegates and 6 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 2016 Democratic National Convention (“Rules”), the Call for the 2016 Democratic National Convention (“Call”), the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2016 Democratic National Convention (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of Missouri, the Missouri election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. (Call II.A)
3. Following the adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan by the Missouri State Party Committee, it shall be submitted for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The Missouri 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 will be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. (Reg. 2.9)

B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. Missouri will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Primary for apportioning delegates to the 2016 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of Missouri’s delegate selection process will occur on March 15, 2016, with a primary.
3. Voter Participation in Process

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- a. Participation in Missouri's delegate selection process is open to all voters who are registered Democrats.
 - Voting qualifications in Missouri include the following:
 - 18 Years of age by Election Day
 - U.S. Citizen
 - Resident of Missouri
 - Deadline to register to vote in 2016 Missouri Presidential Primary is February 17, 2016 and you may register via the following:
 - By mail through the post-card voter registration application
 - At the office of the local election authority
 - At any Department of Motor Vehicles office, or state agency providing a service to the public (WIC, Social Services, etc.)
 - No person shall be entitled to vote if:
 - Confined under a sentence of imprisonment
 - After conviction of a felony or misdemeanor connected with voting or the right of suffrage
 - b. At no stage of Missouri's delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation. (Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4)
 - c. 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 elections. (Rule 2.E)
 - d. No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting, which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. (Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.6)
4. Missouri is participating in the state government-run presidential preference primary that will utilize government-run voting systems. The State Party has taken provable positive steps to:
 - a. Promote the acquisition, maintenance and regular replacement of accessible precinct based optical scan systems, wherever possible. (Rule 2.H.1)
 - b. Seek enactment of legislation, rules, and policies at the state and local level to ensure that direct recording electronic systems include a voter verified paper trail. (Rule 2.H.2)

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- c. Seek enactment of legislation, rules and policies at the state and local level to ensure that both optical scan and direct recording electronic systems include recognized security measures. These measures include automatic routine manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records following every election and prior to certification or results where possible; parallel testing on election day; physical and electronic security for equipment; banning use of wireless components and connections except where required to provide a voter with a disability a secure and approved means to access voting materials and exercise the right to vote; public disclosure of software design; use of transparent and random selection for all auditing procedures; and effective procedures for addressing evidence of fraud or error. (Rule 2.H.3)
5. These provable positive steps have included:
 - The Missouri Democratic Party believes in policies that make it easier for all eligible Missourians to vote. We have fought against efforts to disenfranchise voters and support efforts to give Missourians more voting options.
 - We have publicly endorsed early voting reforms and support an initiative petition that would allow for early voting should the Missouri General Assembly passed this legislative reform. We believe early voting would give voters more options and accessibility to the polls.
 - Every year since 2006 the Missouri Democratic Party as opposed legislation that would have disenfranchised thousands of seniors, college students, poor and disabled Missourians by requiring them to show a government issued photo ID simply to exercise their right to vote.
6. 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 have been scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings will begin and end at reasonable hours. The state party will consider any religious observations that could significantly affect participation. (Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.5)

Section II Presidential Candidates

A. Ballot Access

A presidential candidate gains access to the 2016 Missouri presidential preference primary ballot by (Rule 1.A.8); (Rule 11.B, Rule 14.A, Rule 14.B, Rule 14.D, Rule 14.E, & Rule 14.H)

- For the 2016 election cycle, the Missouri primary will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. The filing period for candidates for the presidential primary from Missouri's established political parties begins at 8 a.m. on December 1, 2015 and ends at 5 p.m. on December 29, 2015 (Sections 115.123 and 115.755 RSMo) (Rule 1.A.7)
However, primary voters may select only one party's ballot. Voters who do not wish to give a political party preference may request an issues only ballot, if one is available in that particular jurisdiction.
- Candidates filing in Missouri's 2016 Presidential Preference Primary must provide a filing fee receipt of \$1,000 paid to the state committee of candidate's established political party or a statutorily qualifying petition signed by not less than 5,000 registered Missouri voters and a sworn statement that the candidate is unable to pay the filing fee. The receipt of the petition together with a sworn statement must be submitted with the written request to be included on the presidential preference primary.
 - Payment of filing fee should be made to the Missouri Democratic State Committee and mailed to P.O. Box 719, Jefferson City, MO 65102
 - A [written request](#) to be included on the presidential preference primary along with:
 - A receipt of payment of a filing fee to the state committee of the established political party on whose ballot the candidate wishes to appear or,
 - A written statement, sworn to before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths, that the candidate is unable to pay the filing fee and does not have funds in a campaign fund or committee to pay the filing fee and a petition signed by not less than five thousand registered Missouri voters, which are the same signature minimum and maximum that were in place on January 1, 1994, and as determined by the secretary of state, that the candidate's name be placed on the ballot of the specified established political party for the presidential preference primary. (Section 115.761, RSMo.)
- For candidates who file on December 1, 2015 before 5:00 p.m., random drawing will determine the order in which the candidates' names appear

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on the ballot. The drawing is conducted at the Secretary of State's Office and each candidate, or candidate's representative, draws a number at random at the time of filing. If a candidate's representative is used, he/she must have written authorization from the candidate and be willing to show identification at the time of filing. For all other candidates who file between December 2, 2015 and December 29, 2015, candidates will be placed on the ballot in the order of which they are received in the office of the Missouri Secretary of State. (Section 115.765, RSMo.)

- The Elections Division of the Missouri Secretary of State's Office is located in the Kirkpatrick State Information Center, Room 337. The mailing address is P.O. Box 1767, Jefferson City, MO 65102-1767.

B. Other Requirements

1. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) by January 1, 2016. (Rule 12.D.1)
2. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use his or her best efforts to ensure that his or her respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I)

Section III Selection of Delegates

A. District-Level Delegates

1. Missouri is allocated 47 district-level delegates and 0 district-level alternates. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, Appendix B & Reg. 4.31)
2. District-level delegates and alternates shall be elected by a multi-tier caucus and convention system to select delegates beginning on Thursday, April 7, 2016. Candidates must be elected from tier to tier in order to be a National Convention delegate.
 - a. Ward, Township, Legislative District and County Mass Meetings
 - i. Ward, township, legislative district, and county mass meetings shall be held at 7:30pm, Thursday, April 7, 2016. The City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, and Jackson County shall hold mass ward and township meetings. In Blue Township in Jackson County, the mass meetings will be held at the sub district level. In the remainder of this plan, these sub districts in Blue Township are considered the

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equivalent of wards.

- ii. All other counties casting a combined total of 30,000 or more votes for the Democratic nominee for President in the 2008 and 2012 general elections shall hold either mass ward and township meetings or mass legislative district meetings. Mass ward and township or legislative district meetings are optional for those counties casting a combined total of less than 30,000 votes for the Democratic nominee for President and Governor in the 2012 general election.
- iii. In those counties opting not to hold ward, township, or legislative district mass meetings, there shall be a county mass meeting at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 7, 2016.
- iv. In those counties having options as whether to hold mass ward and township or mass legislative district meetings, and in those counties having options as to whether or not to hold ward, township, or legislative district mass meetings or a county mass meeting, the county democratic committee shall make the decision or in the event the county democratic committee expresses no preference, the county democratic chair shall decide. Whatever the decision, it shall be announced in the call.
- v. The county committee chairs and the chair of the City of St. Louis shall each issue a public call setting forth the date, time, and place of each ward, township, legislative district or county mass meeting. In the event a chair is unable to issue the call, the vice-chair shall issue the public call. At least two notices of the mass meetings shall be issued, the first no later than March 10, 2016 and the second no later than March 24, 2016.
- vi. All ward, township, legislative district, and county mass meetings, county conventions, and congressional district conventions shall be held in public places designated in the public call. Ward and township mass meetings shall have their location agreed upon by the committeeman and committeewoman of the respective ward or township. If there is no mutual agreement by the committeeman and committeewoman, the committeeperson receiving the highest number of votes in the last preceding election shall select the meeting location. If neither committeeperson was elected, seniority as a committeeperson shall prevail. The legislative district committee chair shall be responsible for the location of the legislative district mass meeting. In the event the chair is unable to select a location, the vice-chair shall be responsible for the location of the district mass meeting. All mass meetings and conventions shall be held in public places, readily accessible and large enough

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to accommodate the anticipated assembly. At all mass meetings and conventions every effort shall be made to provide public meeting places accessible to handicapped persons, or to provide assistance to those handicapped persons who wish to participate. The location of the mass meetings or conventions shall be a public place within the political subdivision. Private homes shall not be considered public places.

b. Congressional District

- i. Congressional district conventions shall be held in each congressional district in the State of Missouri on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. District-level delegates to the National Convention will be selected at these conventions.
- ii. The congressional district chairs shall each issue a public call setting forth the date, time, and place of the congressional district convention. In the event a congressional district chair is unable to issue the call, the vice-chair shall issue the public call. Said call shall be issued no later than April 7, 2016.
- iii. Delegates elected at the Ward, Township, Legislative District, and County Mass Meetings are eligible to run as district-level delegates to the National Convention at the Congressional District Conventions. Candidates must re-file by the April 14, 2016 filing deadline in order to run at the Congressional District Conventions.

c. State Democratic Committee Meeting

- i. The Missouri Democratic State Committee meeting shall be held at 12 p.m. Saturday, May 7, 2016.
- ii. The State Democratic Chair shall issue a public call setting forth the time date and place of this meeting no later than April 1, 2016. In the event the State Democratic Chair is unable to issue the call, the vice-chair shall issue the public call.
- iii. The State Democratic Committee meeting shall be held in a public place designated in the call.

d. State Democratic Convention

- i. The Missouri Democratic Convention shall be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2016.

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- ii. The State Democratic Chair shall issue a public call setting forth the date, time and place of the State Democratic Convention no later than May 6, 2016. In the event the State Democratic Chair is unable to issue the call, the vice-chair shall issue the public call.
 - iii. The State Democratic Committee meeting shall be held in a public place designated in the call.
- e. Delegate Selection for County and Congressional District Conventions
- i. Those counties casting less than 30,000 combined votes for the Democratic nominee for President and Governor in the 2012 general election and opting to hold county mass meetings rather than county conventions shall elect at said county mass meetings delegates to the congressional district convention and State Democratic Convention on the basis of one (1) delegate for any fraction of the first four thousand (4,000) votes and one (1) delegate for each additional four thousand (4,000) votes or major fraction thereof of the combined votes for the Democratic nominee for President and Governor in the 2012 general election and one (1) delegate for any fraction of the first ten thousand (10,000) population and one (1) delegate and for each additional ten thousand (10,000) or major fraction thereof as of the 2010 census.
 - ii. Each ward or township from St. Louis City, St. Louis County, or Jackson County shall elect at its mass meetings delegates to the congressional district convention and State Democratic Convention on the basis of one (1) delegate for any fraction of the first four thousand (4,000) votes and one (1) delegate for each additional four thousand (4,000) or major fraction thereof of the combined votes for the Democratic nominee for President and Governor in the 2012 general election and one (1) delegate for any fraction of the first ten thousand (10,000) population and one (1) delegate for each additional ten thousand (10,000) or major fraction thereof as of the 2010 census.
 - iii. Those counties holding county mass meetings shall be entitled to elect to the congressional district convention and State Convention one (1) delegate for any fraction of the first four thousand (4,000) votes and one (1) delegate for each additional four thousand (4,000) votes or major fraction thereof of the combined votes for the Democratic nominee for President and Governor in the 2012 general election and one (1) delegate for any fraction of the first ten thousand (10,000) population and one (1) delegate for each additional ten thousand (10,000) or major fraction thereof as of the 2010 census.

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- f. Designation of Chairs and Secretaries
 - i. At the ward or township mass meetings, the committeeman or committeewoman shall be chair and the committeeperson not presiding shall be the secretary of the meeting. If there is no mutual agreement on who should preside, the committeeperson receiving the highest number of votes at the last preceding election shall be the chair. If neither committeeperson was elected, seniority as a committeeperson shall prevail. If neither committeeperson is able to chair the mass meeting, those persons attending the meeting and eligible to participate shall elect a temporary chair and secretary.
 - ii. At the county mass meetings, the county chair shall be the chair and the county vice-chair shall be the secretary. If neither the chair nor vice-chair is able to chair the meeting, those persons attending the meeting and eligible to participate shall elect a temporary chair and secretary.
 - iii. At the congressional district convention, the district chair shall be chair and the vice-chair shall be secretary. If neither the chair nor vice-chair is able to chair the convention, those delegates attending and eligible to participate shall elect a temporary chair and secretary.
 - iv. The Chair of the State Democratic Committee shall chair the State Democratic Committee meeting and the State Democratic Convention. The Secretary of the State Democratic Committee shall serve as Secretary. In the event the Chair is unable to serve, the next available highest ranking officer of the State Democratic Committee shall serve. If no officer is able to serve, those delegates attending and eligible to participate shall elect a temporary chair and secretary.
- g. Participation Certification, Official Rolls
 - i. Mass Meetings
 - i. All persons present and eligible to participate at a mass meeting shall constitute the quorum of the meeting. Every person attending a ward, township, or county mass meeting shall sign a standardized declaration furnished by the State Democratic Committee. They shall then receive a standardized pledge of support form that they shall complete and submit to the temporary caucus leader when caucuses are formed.
 - ii. It shall be the responsibility of the chair of the mass meeting to insure that all persons in line to sign the declaration by 7:30p.m shall be permitted to participate in the meeting. The chair may appoint such persons as may be necessary to carry out this responsibility. It should usually be sufficient to

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note the last person then in line. In no case should meeting doors be secured in such a manner that the public is excluded from the meeting after all eligible participants have signed the declaration and received their pledge of support form.

- iii. It shall be the responsibility of the secretary of the mass meeting to obtain the declaration from every person participating in the mass meeting and to take minutes. The secretary may appoint such persons as may be necessary to assist in carrying out this responsibility. The secretary shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the declaration and minutes of the mass meeting, and for distributing them to the proper authorities in the event of a challenge or an appeal. The secretary shall within (10) days submit copies of the declarations at the mass meeting to the State Committee headquarters. After all the delegates from the mass meeting have been selected, the meeting chair shall certify immediately to the appropriate county and congressional district chairs and State Democratic Chair the list of delegates selected. The certification shall be submitted on a standardized form, furnished by the State Democratic Committee, and attested to by the meeting secretary.

h. Congressional District Conventions

- i. The secretary of the congressional district convention shall be responsible for taking and safeguarding the minutes of the congressional district convention, and for distributing them to the proper authorities in the event of a challenge or appeal. The secretary shall within ten (10) days submit copies of the minutes of the congressional district convention to the State Democratic headquarters. After all national convention delegates have been selected by the congressional district convention, the convention chair shall immediately certify to the State Democratic Chair the list of national convention delegates so selected. The certification shall be submitted on a standardized form furnished by the Missouri State Democratic Committee, and attested to by the convention secretary.

i. State Democratic Committee Meeting

- i. The duly elected members of the Missouri State Democratic Committee shall constitute the official role of the State Democratic Committee meeting. The Secretary of the State Democratic Committee shall be responsible for taking and safeguarding the minutes of the meeting, and for distributing them to the proper authorities in the event of a challenge or appeal.

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- i. The certification lists from county mass meetings and the mass ward and township meetings of the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, and Jackson County shall constitute the official role of the State Democratic Convention. The Secretary of the State Democratic Committee shall be responsible for taking and safeguarding the minutes of the State Democratic convention and for distributing them to the proper authorities in the event of a challenge or appeal.

- k. Meeting Procedures
 - i. As the first order of business at every mass meeting or convention, the chair shall explain the procedure and rules for selection of delegates.
 - ii. Next, in those wards, townships, and counties having more than one congressional district, the chair shall divide the participants by congressional district of residence. The participants in each congressional district shall then hold separate sub meetings for the purpose of forming caucuses and electing congressional district level delegates.
 - iii. Within each mass meeting or convention, only those presidential preferences including uncommitted who on the basis of the presidential preference primary are entitled to at least one National Convention delegate from the congressional district in which the jurisdiction is located (qualified preference) can have caucuses formed on their behalf. Delegate position shall be allocated according to the congressional district primary vote except that preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold shall not be entitled to any delegate, and accordingly shall not be deemed a qualified preference. If no presidential preference reaches a (15%) threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the received by the front-runner minus (10%).

- 3. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates and Alternates
 - a. Missouri's district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned as follows: (Rule 8.A, Reg. 4.10, Reg. 4.11 & Appendix A)
 - (1) Divide the total number of votes obtained by all qualified preferences in the number of votes obtained by each such preference.
 - (2) Multiply such percentage of each qualified preference by the total number of delegates to be selected by the mass meeting or convention. Tabulate to three decimals.
 - (3) Each caucus shall be entitled to the number of delegates as indicated by the integer (whole) number of the product, with any remaining delegate being allotted, in order, to those caucuses

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having the highest remainders. If such remainder shall be exactly the same, the remaining delegate or delegates shall be selected by lot.

- (4) The meeting or convention chairperson shall then ask each participant to join an eligible caucus. Each eligible caucus shall elect a permanent chairperson as the first order of business. Voting shall be a signed, written ballot with adequate safeguards. If no candidate for permanent caucus chairperson receives a simple majority of the votes cast, a runoff election shall be held between the two (2) receiving the highest number of votes.
 - (5) Missouri's district-level delegates are appointed among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2012 presidential and the most recent gubernatorial elections.
- b. The state's total number of district-level delegates will be equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.8)
 - c. The district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following table:

District	Delegates		
	Males	Females	Total
#1	5	5	10
#2	3	3	6
#3	3	2	5
#4	2	3	5
#5	3	4	7
#6	2	3	5
#7	2	2	4
#8	3	2	5
Total	23	24	47

4. District-Level Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

- a. A district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which he or she is registered to vote. (Rule 12.H)

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- b. In order to qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate in the Ward, Township, Legislative District, and County Mass Meetings, a candidate must file a statement of candidacy designating his or her singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party at P.O. Box 719, Jefferson City, MO 65102 by March 31, 2016. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify his or her singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (Rule 12.B, Rule 14.F & Reg. 4.21)

- c. Candidates elected at the Ward, Township, Legislative District, and County Mass Meetings can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate or alternate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating his or her singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party at P.O. Box 719, Jefferson City, MO 65102 by April 14, 2016. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify his or her singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (Rule 12.B, Rule 14.F & Reg. 4.21)
 - 1. No person shall be nominated and elected a delegate or alternate who is not a resident and registered voter in the political subdivision from which he or she is being elected, and a member of the Democratic Party. A member of the Democratic Party is anyone eighteen (18) years of age, who is a registered voter under the laws of Missouri, who declares that he or she is a Democrat, who is not a member of any other political party other than the Democratic Party.
 - 2. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates. But no slate may receive preferential treatment or be publicly identified as the “official” slate. No slate may appear on the official ballots used for casting votes for delegates or alternates.
 - 3. Each caucus leader shall open the floor for the nomination of delegates. Nominating speeches may be limited by the caucus leader but shall not be limited to less than a total of two (2) minutes per delegate candidate. Nominations shall be from the floor only. Individuals nominated from the floor for National Convention delegate must also have been on the list of delegate candidates approved by the presidential candidates.
 - 4. After all nominations have been made delegates shall be elected by written ballot with adequate safeguards.

- c. All candidates considered for district-level alternate positions must meet the same requirements as candidates for district-level delegate positions. (Rule 12.C)

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5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates and Alternates
 - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than April 21, 2016 at 5 p.m., a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 12.D & Rule 12.F)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by April 25, 2016 at 5 p.m., a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate men and three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate women, and three (3) times the number of candidates for alternate men and three (3) times the number of alternate women to be selected. (Rule 12.E.1 & Reg. 4.24)

The presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may approve a number of delegate candidates or alternate candidates three times the number of delegates or alternates allocated to the district. (Rule 12.E.1)
 - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate and alternate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than April 21, 2016 at 5 p.m.
 - d. National convention delegate and alternate 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 or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate (including uncommitted status). (Rule 12.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 (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan.
6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

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- a. Presidential Primary - Proportional Representation Plan (Rule 13.A, Rule 13.B & Rule 13.D)

The Missouri's presidential primary election is a "binding" primary. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential (or uncommitted) preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates and alternates selected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates.

- b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner minus 10%. (Rule 13.F)

7. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates and Alternates

- a. In order to ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women, delegate positions within each district will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting presidential preference. 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. (Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.8)

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

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 and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within 10 days after their election. (Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)

B. Unpledged Delegates

1. Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials

- a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Unpledged 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. 4.13)

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- (2) Democratic President and Democratic Vice President (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.2 & Call I.G)
 - (3) All of Missouri's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; (Rule 9.A.3, Call I.H & Call I.J)
 - (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 (if applicable); [Persons who qualify as "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates are: all former Democratic Presidents or Vice Presidents, all former Democratic Leaders of the U.S. Senate, all former Democratic Speakers of the U.S. House of Representatives and Democratic Minority Leaders, as applicable, and all former Chairs of the Democratic National Committee.] (Rule 9.A.5, Call I.G & Reg. 4.13)
- b. The certification process for the Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
- (1) Not later than March 1, 2016, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the unpledged delegates who legally reside in Missouri. (Rule 9.A)
 - (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the unpledged 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 unpledged delegates 10 days after the completion of the State's Delegate Selection Process. (Call IV.C)
2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women within the state's entire convention delegation, the entire delegation includes all pledged and unpledged delegates. (Rule 6.C)
- C. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates
1. Missouri is allotted 9 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (Call I.D, 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. (Rule 9.B.1 & Reg. 4.15)
 - b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by identifying their presidential or uncommitted status. If persons eligible for pledged party and elected official delegate positions have not submitted their presidential preference as candidates for district level or at-large delegate positions, they must submit a signed statement of candidacy designating a singular presidential preference and pledge of support to the State Democratic Chair at P.O. Box 719, Jefferson City, MO 65102 by May 1, 2016. This preference may be modified before the filing deadline. (Rule 9.B.3, Rule 14.G, Reg.4.16 & Reg. 4.21)
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 May 2, 2016 at 5 p.m., a list of all persons who have filed for a party leader and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 9.B.3 & Rule 12.D)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by May 4, 2016 at 5:00 pm a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, as long as approval is given to at least two (2) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 12.E.2 & Reg. 4.24)
 - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than May 4, 2016 at 5 p.m.
 - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan.
4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates

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- a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. (Rule 9.B.2, Rule 10.C, Rule 13.E & Rule F)
- b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur at 1 p.m. on May 7, 2016 at State Democratic Committee meeting in Jefferson City, which is after the election of district-level delegates and alternates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. (Rule 9.B)
 - i. The recommended order of business for the State Democratic Committee meeting shall be as follows: roll call, election of party leader and elected official delegates then other business.
 - ii. The chair shall call for the committee members to form into caucus according to their preference for those candidates (including uncommitted status), on the basis of the presidential preference primary who are entitled to at least one National Convention Delegate at the at-large level.
 - iii. Pledged party leader and elected official delegate slots will be allocated to presidential preference according to the statewide March 15, 2016 primary vote, except that preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a statewide basis, and candidates who have withdrawn prior to the meeting, shall not be entitled to any pledged party leader and elected official delegates. The apportionment of preference, if any shall be made as follows:
 - a. Divide the total number of votes obtained by all still qualified preferences into the number of votes obtained by each such preference.
 - b. Multiply such percentage determined for each qualified preference by the total number of pledged delegates to be selected by the participants.
 - c. Each candidate and uncommitted preference, if any, shall be entitled to have elected the number of delegates pledged to him or her as is indicated by the integer (whole number) of the product, with any remaining delegate being allotted, in order, to those candidates having the highest remainder. If such remainder shall be exactly the same, the remaining delegate shall be selected by lot.
 - d. Alternates are not selected at the party leader and elected official level. Alternates for this level are the same persons as the at-large alternates elected at the State Democratic Convention
- c. These delegates will be selected by: (Rule 9.C)
 - These delegates will be selected by the State Party Committee, which is apportioned into 34 State Senate Districts that were apportioned by a judicial panel divided equally based on the 2010 census. One man and one woman are elected by democratic

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voters from each State Senate District to serve on the Missouri Democratic State Committee for a two-year term starting in November, 2014.

- A maximum total of 68 votes are available based on those in attendance. Candidates to be elected as one of the 9 delegates to the Democratic National Convention are to be divided by the March 15, 2016 Presidential Primary statewide certified election results. The members of the State Committee are to be separated into Caucuses by Presidential Candidate preference. Only those 68 members can vote based only on those in attendance (no proxies allowed). Each member may vote for the number of candidates based on the number of Delegates allocated to that caucus.
- d. Alternates are not selected at the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and selected as one unit. (Reg. 4.31)
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. (Rule 8.D & Call IV.A)

D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. The state of Missouri is allotted 15 at-large delegates and 6 at-large alternates. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.31)
2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
 - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by May 20, 2016 at 5 p.m. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify his or her singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (Rule 12.B, Rule 14.G, Reg. 4.22, Reg. 4.28 & 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 Missouri Democratic State Convention, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing.(Rule 18.A)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

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- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than May 23, 2016 at 5 p.m., a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 12.D) (Reg. 4.23 & Reg. 4.28)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, by May 27, 2016 at 5 p.m., a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that, at a minimum, two names remain for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 12.D.4, Rule 12.E.2 & Reg. 4.24)
 - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than May 27, 2016 at 5 p.m.
 - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in Section III.D.3.b of this Plan.
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 10.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 13.E)
 - c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner, minus 10%. (Rule 13.F)
 - d. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, then those at-large slots that would have been allocated to the candidate will be proportionally divided among the remaining preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 10.C)

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- 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 18.B, Call I.I & Reg. 4.31 & Reg. 4.34)
5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates
- a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur at 12 p.m., June 18, 2016 at the Missouri Democratic State Convention, which is after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. (Rule 8.D & Call III)
 - i. The Recommended order of business for the State Democratic Convention shall be as follows:
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Credentials Committee Report
 - c. Nomination speeches for president or uncommitted
 - d. Caucus division to nominate delegates and alternates
 - e. Election of National Convention at-large delegates and alternates
 - f. Nominating Committee report
 - g. Election of Presidential Electors
 - h. Election of Democratic Committeepersons
 - i. Resolutions committee report
 - j. Other business and announcements
 - ii. Selection of Democratic National Convention delegates and alternates will follow the procedures set forth in "Meeting Procedures" previously in plan Prior to caucus division, the Convention Chair will announce any categories that must be addressed to meet affirmative action goals through the election of at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National convention as determined by the Affirmative Action and Delegate Selection Committee. The Convention Chair shall also announce the number of male and female delegates and alternates to be elected to maintain the required 50-50 ratio in the entire delegation. Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose.
 - iii. Caucuses will proceed to elect delegates and alternates according to the process outlined in this plan. Delegates and alternates shall be apportioned to each presidential preference or uncommitted caucus on the basis of the formula set out in Meeting Procedures of this plan. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates and alternates, then those at-large positions that would have been allocated to the candidate will be proportionately divided among the remaining

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preferences entitled to allocation. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one at-large alternate position. This apportionment will be announced by the Convention Chair.

- iv. The Nominating Committee shall report its nominees for presidential electors, and the chair will receive all other nominations which may be made from the floor. The Convention shall then proceed to elect presidential electors. Each delegate shall be entitled to 8 votes for presidential electors as there are presidential electors to be elected.
 - v. The Nominating Committee shall report its nominations for national committeepersons, and the chair will receive all other nominations which may be made from the floor. There shall be elected such number of committeepersons as shall be allocated to Missouri by the DNC, with voting conducted in such a manner as to ensure equal division of national committeemen and national committeewomen, with a maximum deviation of one in the event of Missouri is allocated an odd number of committeepersons. Each delegate shall be entitled to as many votes as there are committeepersons to be elected, but not cumulatively.
- b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the state convention. (Rule 8.E & Rule 10.B)
 - c. 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. (Rule 6.A.)
 - (2) In order 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 to other groups by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. (Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3 & Reg. 4.7)
 - (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, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan. (Rule 6.A & Rule 6.C)

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- (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. (Rule 6.A.3, Rule 10.A, Reg. 4.8 & Reg. 4.19)
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. (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 18.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.
 - (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and sex of the delegate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
 - (a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (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 the opposite sex, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 18.D.2, the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of the opposite sex, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (Reg. 4.33)
 - (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, he or she shall be replaced, after consultation with the State Party, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom he or she is pledged. (Rule 18.D.2)

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- b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 18.D.3)
 - (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 (including uncommitted status) as the delegate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be of the same sex and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
- c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: the delegate chooses the alternate. (Rule 18.D.1)
- d. 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 18.D.3)
 - (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 Missouri'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. 4.32)
 - (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 VIII.F.3.d, Call VIII.F.3.b & Reg. 5.6)
- e. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same sex and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. (Rule 18.E)

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2. Unpledged delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (Rule 18.E & Reg. 4.33)
 - a. Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor 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 2016 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of unpledged delegates. (Call, IV.D.2.b)
 - c. Unpledged 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 unpledged delegate. (Call VIII.F.3.d)

Section IV Convention Standing Committee Members

A. Introduction

1. Missouri has been allocated 3 members on each of the three 3 standing committees for the 2016 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of 9 members. (Call VII.A & Appendix D)
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2016 Democratic National Convention. (Call VII.A.3)
3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. (Rule 1.G)

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B. Standing Committee Members

1. Selection Meeting

- a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Missouri's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on June 18, 2016. (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 Missouri shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 13.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. (Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.8)
- 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 Missouri. 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)

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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 June 1, 2016, 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 (including uncommitted status). 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 (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Missouri's affirmative action goals and that their respective members are equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.9)
 - b. Each position on each standing committee shall be assigned by gender. For example, the first position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a [male], the second position for a [female], and the remaining positions shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by sex, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.
 - (1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.
 - (2) The membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided as possible under the state allocation; if the number is even, the membership shall be equally divided between men and women; if the number is odd, the variance between men and women may not exceed one (1), and the advantaged gender must not remain constant for the three (3) standing committees. (Call VII.E.1)

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- (3) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate sex.

5. Certification and Substitution

- 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. (Call VII.B.4)

Section V The Delegation

- A. Missouri 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 on June 18, 2016. (Call IV.E)
 - 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 his or her selection. (Call IV.E)
- C. Convention Pages
 1. 3 individuals will be selected to serve as Missouri's Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place June 18, 2016. (Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7)

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2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action guidelines in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Reg. 5.7.A)
3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Missouri's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. (Call IV.F.3 & Reg. 5.7.B)

Section VI General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

- A. The Missouri Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the "six basic elements" as listed below. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. (Rule 4.A. & Rule C)
 1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Missouri 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, economic status or physical 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 Missouri 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 Missouri 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 Missouri on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on "status." (Rule 4.B.4)
 5. The Democratic Party in Missouri 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 each 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. (Rule 4.B.5)

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6. The Democratic Party in Missouri 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. Missouri's delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all unpledged delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division. (Rule 6.C)
- D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. (Rule 12.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 12.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 12.J)
- G. All delegates, alternates and standing committee members must be bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. (Rule 12.H & Reg. 4.25)
- H. No less than 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 15)
- I. An accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having appeared at such meeting and having established credentials, may register a non-transferable proxy with 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 three (3) proxies at one (1) time. (Rule 16 & Reg. 4.29)

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- 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 17.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 17.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. (Rule 1.F & Rule 11.B)

- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2016 Democratic National Convention, Missouri thereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the state a full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action programs toward that end: that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2016 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. Furthermore, voters in the state will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by said Convention, and for electors pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States. (Call II.B)

Section VII

Affirmative Action, Outreach and Inclusion Plan

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

 - b. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B)

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- c. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Missouri 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, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). The Party has developed outreach programs that include recruitment, education, and training. (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/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability, the Missouri Democratic Party has established goals for these groups. (Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.7)
 - e. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the Missouri 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 LGBT Americans, 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 36 years old and younger.
 - (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.
 - (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 on March 1, 2015. (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 no later than 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.K)
 - c. The Committee shall consist of members from each delegate district representing the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan.
 - d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
 - (1) Reviewing the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
 - (2) Reviewing the proposed Inclusion Programs and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
 - (3) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action section of this Plan.
 - (4) Implementing a financial assistance program for delegates and alternates. (Rule 6.G)
 - (5) 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 shall begin on September 15, 2015, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. (Rule 1.F)

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B. 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 2015. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with physical 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 populace. (Rule 3.A, Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)
2. A speakers bureau of volunteers from the Affirmative Action Committee comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information concerning the process.
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; an explanation of how, where and when persons can register to vote; and delegate district maps. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than December 5, 2015. (Rule 1.H)
5. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration procedures. (Rule 2.C)

C. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process

1. Special attention shall be directed at publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in the State Party communications and on the State Party's website. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling

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- 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. Newspapers, radio and television will be utilized to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, this information should provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Special effort shall be directed to the major daily newspapers, radio and television stations by the State Democratic Chair, Affirmative Action Committee members and staff. Regular releases during the delegate selection process to all other media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services should complete timely coverage. (Rule 4.B.3 & Rule 6.D)
 3. A priority effort shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
 - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be provided to minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and publications, and women's organizations, student newspapers, LGBT press, disability press, and any other specialty media in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan.
 - 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 conventions and meetings shall be effectively publicized, multilingual where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. (Rule 6.D)
 4. Not later than November 1, 2015 a press kit shall be made and provided to each daily and weekly newspaper as well as to the electronic media. The press kit will include:
 - a. a summary of all pertinent rules related to the state's delegate selection process;
 - b. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district;
 - c. a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2016 Convention; and
 - d. materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate candidates.

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D. Representation Goals

1. 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. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBT community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state’s Democratic electorate and furthermore, the State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation.

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBT Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
Percent in Democratic Electorate	24%	3.5%	1%	2%	7%	14%	26%
Numeric Goals for Delegation	18	2	1	1	8	2	4

3. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and unpledged) shall be compared with the State Party’s goals in order to achieve an at-large selection process that helps to bring about a representative balance.

4. Use of the at-large delegation to achieve the affirmative action goals established by this Plan does not obviate the need for the State Party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training. (Rule 6.A.3)

E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the Missouri Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rule 6.H)

2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by December 1, 2015 which indicates the specific steps he or she will take to encourage full participation in Missouri’s delegate selection

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- process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. (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 (including uncommitted status) shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegations within the state's delegate, alternate and standing committee delegations shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and that the respective delegations of each presidential candidate shall be equally divided between men and women. Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate and alternate candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations in order to achieve the affirmative action goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.9)

Section VIII 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 2016 Democratic National Convention (Reg. Sec. 3), and the "Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2016 Democratic National Convention." (Call Appendix A)
2. Under Rule 20.B. of the 2016 Delegate Selection Rules, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. (Rule 20.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 2016 Democratic National Convention. (Call Appendix A & Reg. 3.1)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2016 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be

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processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2016 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 2016 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 2016 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

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 20.A & Reg. 3.4.A)
2. A challenge to the state’s Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the Missouri 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 Regs., which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

C. Challenges to Implementation

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and 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

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- 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. E & Reg. H)
3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If 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 section 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.

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Section IX Summary of Plan

A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Missouri will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the primary apportioning its delegates to the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Missouri’s delegate selection process will occur on March 15, 2016, with a primary.

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

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates District-Level Alternates	47	0	4/28/16	Selecting Body: The Congressional District Convention participants will select the district-level delegates. In order to be elected as a District-Level Delegate to the National Convention, one must first run at the Ward, Township, Legislative District, and County level. These meetings take place on April 7, 2016, and the filing deadline to participate as a candidate is March 31, 2016. If a candidate is elected at the April 7, 2016 meetings, he or she is eligible to run at the Congressional District Conventions. He or she must file to run at the Congressional District Conventions by April 14, 2016 with the State Party.
Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	8	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 8.A. of the 2012 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	9		May 7, 2016	Selecting Body: State Democratic Committee PLEO delegate candidates must file a signed statement of candidacy and signed pledge of support that designates a singular presidential preference or uncommitted status with the State Party by May 1, 2016.
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	15	6	June 18, 2016	Selecting Body: State Convention participants will select the At-Large delegates. Candidates must file a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by May 20, 2016.
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	84	6		

* Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice

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President, all Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the 2016 Delegate Selection Rules. The exact number of Unpledged PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

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
3	9	June 18, 2016	Presidential candidates must file their list of standing committee members with the State Party by June 1, 2016.

C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on June 18, 2016.

Missouri's Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on June 18, 2016.

D. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

The filing period for candidates for the presidential primary from Missouri's established political parties begins at 8am on December 1, 2015 and ends at 5pm on December 29, 2015. Candidates must provide a filing fee receipt of \$1000 paid to the State Committee of the candidate's established political party or a statutorily qualifying petition signed by not less than 5,000 registered Missouri voters and a sworn statement that the candidate is unable to pay the filing fee. The receipt of the petition together with a sworn statement must be submitted with the written request to be included on the presidential preference primary ballot. These materials must be submitted to the Elections Division of the Missouri Secretary of State's Office. (Rule 11.B & 14.E)

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by January 01, 2016.

E. Timetable

Date	Activity
2015	

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Date	Activity
March 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
March 2	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
March 16	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members must be submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee including names, contact information and demographic data.
June 25	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are tentatively approved for public comment by State Party Committee.
July 27	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
August 26	Period for public comment on state Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
August 26	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
August 26	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 15	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan, are sent to all state media. [Note: This is the deadline by which implementation of the affirmative action program must begin.]
December 01	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.)
December 01	Presidential candidate petition forms are available from the State Party Committee Headquarters.
December 29	Presidential candidate filing deadline with the Elections Division of the Missouri Secretary of State's Office. Presidential candidates must submit a \$1000 filing fee (or a sworn statement that a candidate is unable to pay the filing fee) along with a petition of 5,000 signatures.
2016	
January 1	Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party's web site at [www.democrats.org].
January 1	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
March 15	Presidential preference primary
March 31	Ward, Township, Legislative District, and County Mass Meeting delegate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
April 7	Ward, Township, Legislative District, and County Mass Meetings take place across the state.
April 14	Filing deadline for candidates elected at the Ward, Township, Legislative District, and County Mass Meetings to run for district-level delegate at the Congressional District Conventions.
April 21	State Party provides list of district-level delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
April 25	Presidential candidates provide list of approved district-level delegate and alternate candidates to State Party.
April 28	District-level delegates are selected at the Congressional District Conventions.
May 7	State Party certifies elected district-level delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
May 1	Pledged PLEO deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
May 2	State Party provides list of PLEO candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.

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Date	Activity
May 4	Presidential candidates provide approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to State Party.
May 7	State Democratic Committee convenes. Pledged PLEO delegates selected.
May 16	State Party certifies elected PLEO delegates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
May 20	At-Large deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the State Party.
May 23	State Party provides list of at-large delegate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
May 27	Presidential candidates provide approved list of at-large delegate candidates to State Party.
June 18	State Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select at-large delegates, standing committee members, and the Delegate Chair. The State Chair names the Convention Pages selected in consultation with the DNC members.
June 21	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.
June 28	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the at-large delegate and alternate candidates.
June 28	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of Pledged PLEOs and At-Large Delegates and Alternates.
June 28	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's Unpledged Delegates.

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Exhibits to the Affirmative Action Plan

A. Members of the Affirmative Action Committee

[List each member of the Affirmative Action Committee and indicate relevant demographic data about each member (i.e. African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders , gender, LGBT, youth, people with disabilities, seniors, ethnics, labor, and any other applicable Democratic constituency group as set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan).]

B. Media Outlets to be Contacted Regarding the Delegate Selection Process

1. Major Daily Newspapers, Radio and Television Stations

[List the other non-minority media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services that will receive regular releases during the delegate selection process as part of the State Party's outreach efforts.]

2. Other "Non-Minority" Media Outlets

[List the other non-minority media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services that will receive regular releases during the delegate selection process as part of the State Party's outreach efforts.]

3. Constituency and Specialty Media Outlets and Targeted Groups

[List minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and publications, women's organizations, student newspapers, LGBT press, disability press, and any other specialty media and community organizations in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituencies set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan. This list should also specify the constituencies these media outlets will target as a priority effort to effectively publicize (bilingually where necessary) information about the delegate selection process.]

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

[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.]

1. A summary of the process for selecting delegates, alternates, standing committee members, the delegation chair and convention pages, along with related deadlines. [It is recommended that this information be incorporated as part of the state's Delegate Selection Plan - see Section IX. of the Model Plan.] (Reg. 2.2.A)
2. A timetable reflecting all significant dates in the state's delegate selection process. [It is recommended that this information be incorporated as part of the state's Delegate Selection Plan - see Section I. of the Model Plan.] (Reg. 2.2.B)
3. A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying the Plan as submitted to the RBC was approved by the State Party Committee. (Reg. 2.2.C)
4. 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)
5. A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying that the proposed Plan, including all attachments and appendices, was placed on the State Party website during the 30-day public comment period. (Reg. 2.2.E)
6. A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying compliance with Rule 1.C. which requires a 30-day public comment period prior to the adoption of the Plan by the State Party Committee, provided that the State Party has published specific guidance for the submission of public comments. (Reg. 2.2.F)
7. A copy of all written public and online comments submitted through the process provided above on the Plan. [Include information identifying each person and/or organization making the comment and where appropriate, a description of the person or group so represented, if such information has been provided or is available to the State Party.] (Reg. 2.2.G)
8. A blank copy of forms to be filed with the state and the State Party by delegate, alternate, and standing committee candidates. (Rule 1.A.7, Rule 1.A.8 & Reg. 2.2.H)
9. A statement from the Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee certifying compliance with Rule 6.F., which requires that the Affirmative Action Committee has reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action outreach plan, including any numerical goals established. (Reg. 2.2.I)
10. A statement from State Democratic Chair outlining the reliable data and source(s) used for numerical goals established under Rules 5.C., 6.A., and 7. (Reg. 2.2.J)

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11. A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying that the State Affirmative Action Committee composition complies with Rules 5.C, 6.A., and 7 and that the names, demographic data and contact information of members was submitted to the RBC 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.K)

12. Copies of all state statutes and other relevant legal authority reasonably related to the Delegate Selection Process [For example, include any and all state statutory requirements related to: ballot access for presidential candidates; filing requirements for delegate and alternate candidates; timing of the presidential primary, caucuses, and/or the state convention; participation in the state's presidential primary or caucuses, including Party registration or enrollment provisions; and any other stipulations made by the state regarding the selection process or the role of National Convention delegates.] (Reg. 2.2.L)

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