

**THE 2008 DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN  
OF THE  
NEW YORK STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

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The New York State Democratic Committee ("State Committee") adopts the following Delegate Selection Plan ("the Plan") for the selection of delegates and alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention ("National Convention") as section 4 of Article II of the Rules of the Democratic Party of the State of New York ("State Party Rules"),

### **Part One**

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

##### **SECTION A. Governing Authorities and Terms**

1. ***Applicable Rules:*** The selection of delegates and alternates to the National Convention shall be governed by the Charter and By-laws of the Democratic Party of the United States, the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2008 Democratic National Convention ("National Rules"), the Call for the 2008 Democratic National Convention ("Party Call"), the Regulations of the Rules and By-Laws Committee of the Democratic National Committee ("National Regulations"), the State Party Rules, the New York State Election Law ("Election Law"), and this Plan.

2. ***Priority of Rules:*** If a conflict arises between this Plan and the National Rules, Party Call or National Regulations, the latter authorities shall govern. If a conflict arises between this Plan and the State Party Rules, this Plan shall govern.

3. ***Legislation:*** The State Committee shall take provable positive steps to achieve legislative changes to bring the Election Law into compliance with the National Rules and this Plan. Such positive provable steps shall be taken in a timely manner and shall include the drafting of corrective legislation; public endorsement by the State Committee of such legislation; efforts to educate the public on the need for such legislation; active support by the State Committee advocating enactment of such legislation to the Governor, state legislators, other public officials, State Committee members, and enrolled Democrats; or otherwise encouraging consideration of the legislation by the appropriate legislative committees and bodies.

4. ***Additional Definitions:*** The following additional definitions, together with others specified in this Plan, shall apply in this Plan:

(a) "Assembly District" means the unit of representation, apportioned on the basis of population, from which members of the State Committee are elected in accord with National Rule 9.D;

(b) "Candidate List" means the list the State Chair prepares for each Presidential Candidate of all candidates for delegate and alternate who have filed timely Statements of Candidacy pledging support to such Presidential Candidate;

(c) "Congressional District" means the districts for the election of Members to the U.S. House of Representatives in effect on May 1, 2007;

(d) "Delegate Plan Director" means the individual whom the State Chair appoints to serve as principal staff officer in implementing this Plan;

(e) "Delegation" means all the delegates and alternates selected under this Plan;

(f) "DNC Secretary" means the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee;

(g) "Executive Committee" shall mean the Executive Committee of the State Committee comprised of individuals who are (i) officers of the State Committee elected by the State Committee; (ii) at-large representatives elected by the State Committee; (iii) representatives from each judicial district in

the State elected by members of the State Committee from within such districts; or (iv) members of the Executive Committee by operation of the State Party Rules.

(h) “Local Board” means the New York City Board of Elections or the Boards of Elections in the counties outside the City of New York that embody an entire Congressional District, whichever applies.

(i) “Presidential Candidate” means an individual who qualifies as such under Rule 12.K of the National Rules and who either has announced his or her candidacy for, or whose name is among those sought to be qualified for the Primary ballot as, a candidate for president of the United States, and also means, wherever applicable, the “Uncommitted” preference;

(j) “Primary” means the primary election to be held on February 5, 2008 in accord with section A of Part Two of this Plan;

(k) “State Board” means the New York State Board of Elections, 40 Steuben Street, Albany, New York 12207-2109;

(l) “State Chair” means the Chair of the State Committee;

(m) “State Committee Office” means the New York City office of the State Committee at 461 Park South Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10016, or such other publicly-announced address located in New York City, New York where the State Committee maintains its principal place of business;

(n) “State Convention” means the meeting of the State Committee to be held on May 1, 2008 in accordance with Section C of Part Three of this Plan;

(o) “Threshold Percentage” means (i) at least fifteen percent (15%) of the votes cast for all Presidential Candidates in the applicable unit of representation—Congressional District or statewide—from which the delegates and/or alternates are to be elected, or (ii), if no Presidential Candidate receives at least fifteen percent (15%) of the vote in such unit, then ten percent (10%) less than the percentage of the vote received by the Presidential Candidate who received the most votes in the unit.

## **SECTION B. Procedural Guarantees**

1. ***“The Six Basic Elements”***: The following principles shall govern implementation of this Plan:

(a) All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in the State shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, gender, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, disability, sexual orientation, or economic status (collectively, “status”).

(b) No test for membership in or any oaths of loyalty to the Democratic Party in the State shall be required or used that has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on status.

(c) The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party on all levels shall be fully publicized in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings shall be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons, including persons with disabilities.

(d) The Democratic Party, on all levels, shall support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on status.

(e) The Democratic Party in the State shall fully publicize 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 the procedures shall be done in such a fashion that all prospective and current members of the State Democratic Party will be fully and

adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party.

(f) The Democratic Party in the State shall fully publicize in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication shall be done in a timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within the State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office.

**2. Public Information:**

(a) On or before September 4, 2007, the State Committee shall publish and make available at no cost this Plan, the State Party Rules, relevant statutes, and a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process.

(b) The State Committee shall effectively publicize the times, dates, place and rules for the conduct of the State Convention.

**3. Presidential Preference & Party Support:**

(a) All delegates and alternates to the National Convention pledged to a Presidential Candidate shall in good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them.

(b) No delegate or alternate shall be mandated by any law or Party rule to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected.

(c) 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 By-laws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith.

(d) In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention, the New York State Democratic Party undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the State full, timely, and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action programs toward that end, and that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the National Rules, and that the voters in the State will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by said Convention, and for the electors pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States, and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention.

(e) The State Party will certify to the RBC whether a presidential candidate has used his or her best efforts to submit a list of delegate candidates, at each level, that meets the affirmative action considerations within three days of receiving the list of approved delegate candidates.

**4. Prohibition of Certain Practices:**

(a) Discrimination on the basis of status in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs, including, without limit, in the implementation of this Plan, is prohibited.

(b) At no stage of the delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participation in the delegate selection process. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation.

(c) 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.

(d) No person shall serve as an automatic or *ex-officio* voting delegate at any level of the delegate selection process by virtue of holding a public or party office, except as provided in section A in Part Three of this Plan.

(e) No person shall participate or vote in the presidential nominating process—whether in the Primary, post-Primary caucuses, or State Convention—who also participates in the nominating processes of any other party.

(f) The Democratic Party ensures that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans and women.

5. ***Integrity of the Voting Process:*** The State Committee shall take the provable positive steps set for in paragraph 3 of section A of this Part to:

(a) Promote the acquisition of accessible precinct based optical scan systems wherever possible;  
or

(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 record; or

(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 such as:

(i) automatic routine manual audits comparing papers records to electronic records following every election and prior to the certification of results where possible;

(ii) parallel testing on Election Day;

(iii) physical and electronic security for equipment;

(iv) banning use of wireless components and connections;

(v) public disclosure of software design;

(vi) use of transparent and random selection for all auditing procedures; or

(vii) effective procedures for addressing evidence of fraud or error.

## **SECTION C. Administrative Provisions**

### **1. *Responsibilities of the State Chair:***

(a) The State Chair, or individuals whom the State Chair may designate from time to time under the supervision of the Delegate Plan Director, shall perform the functions this Plan imposes on that office.

(b) Subject to the provisions of this Part, the State Chair shall make all interpretations of this Plan relating its functions and shall do so in consultation with the General Counsel of the State Committee. The decision of the State Chair on the timeliness of any filing with the State Committee Office shall be final.

(c) At the request of an interested party, the State Chair shall allocate pledged delegates and alternates among the Presidential Candidates in accord with this Plan. Whenever this Plan provides for the allocation or election of pledged delegates or alternates, the State Chair's allocation or election shall

begin with the Presidential Candidate who received the highest vote in the applicable unit of representation, and proceed in order in accord with the next highest vote-getter. Any ties shall be resolved by the drawing of lots.

(d) Whenever this Plan provides for the State Chair to compute a percentage of the votes cast for a Presidential Candidate in a particular unit of representation, or to multiply such percentage by the number of delegates or alternates to be allocated in that unit, the State Chair shall compute the percentage as a whole number with a fractional remainder of three (3) decimal points. If the fourth decimal point is below five (5), the point shall be disregarded; if five (5) or above, then the figure in the third decimal point shall be increased by one (1). Whenever these computations produce a tie in the fractional remainders, the tie shall be resolved in favor of the Presidential Candidate who received the higher vote in the applicable unit of representation unless that vote, too, is a tie, in which case the tie shall be resolved by drawing lots.

(e) In preparing each Candidate List, the State Chair shall (i) organize the candidates by category of delegate and alternate and by the unit of representation from which the candidates seek election and (ii) set forth all the information contained in the Statement of Candidacy or otherwise supplied to the State Committee regarding each candidate.

2. **Notices:** All notices and other papers required by or relating to this Plan shall be filed with the State Committee Office.

3. **Facsimiles:** Whenever any paper is filed with the State Committee Office under this Plan, including any signed paper, the State Chair shall accept a telecopy, "fax," email, or other electronic transmission of the paper. For purpose of determining the timeliness of any such filing, the filing shall be complete only upon actual receipt of the copy at the State Committee Office. The person(s) filing such copy shall be solely responsible to ensure its receipt by the State Committee Office.

4. **Authorized Representatives:** Whenever this Plan provides for communication with or action by a Presidential Candidate, such communication may be with or action taken by the Presidential Candidate's authorized representative(s). Each Presidential Candidate shall certify in writing to the State Chair the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) as soon as reasonably practicable but in any event, for Presidential Candidates then seeking the Democratic nomination for president of the United States, no later than September 4, 2007.

5. **Amendments:** In consultation with the Executive Committee, the State Chair is authorized to make amendments or modifications to this Plan solely as may be necessary to conform this Plan to the National Rules and the Election Law.

## **Part Two**

### **DESIGNATION OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**

#### **SECTION A. Expressing Presidential Preference**

1. **Presidential Preference Primary:** For the purpose of determining presidential preference, there shall be a Democratic primary election on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, which shall be held in accordance with the Election Law, except that, if only one Presidential Candidate qualifies for the ballot under Section B of this Part, then no Primary shall be held and such Candidate shall be awarded all pledged delegates and alternates.

2. **Primary Participation:** Participation in the Primary shall be limited to enrolled Democratic voters whose party preference has been publicly recorded in accord with the Election Law. In accord with the Election Law, persons wishing to vote in the Primary must register and enroll on or before January 11, 2008.

3. **Binding Results:** Subject to the provisions of Part Three of this Plan, all pledged delegates and alternates shall be allocated among the Presidential Candidates in proportion to the votes

such Candidates receive in the Primary, except that a Presidential Candidate who fails to receive the Threshold Percentage of the vote in the applicable unit of representation shall not receive any delegates or alternates from that unit.

## **SECTION B. Ballot Access for Presidential Candidates**

1. ***Petition Requirements:*** To qualify the name of an individual on the Primary ballot as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president of the United States, any enrolled Democrat or group of enrolled Democrats shall circulate a designating petition conforming to the Election Law governing petitions for statewide office. Such petition shall not be circulated before October 30, 2007, and shall be filed with the State Board no earlier than December 3, 2007 and no later than December 6, 2007. The petition shall be signed by no fewer than five thousand (5,000) enrolled Democrats in the State.

2. ***Declination of Candidacy:*** Any eligible individual who is named as a Presidential Candidate in a timely and legally sufficient designating petition shall appear as such a Candidate on the Primary ballot throughout the State unless, no later than December 10, 2007, that individual files a declination of candidacy with the State Board in the form the Election Law prescribes.

3. ***Primary Ballot:*** On the Primary ballot, a lever or other comparable mechanism shall appear next to the name of each Presidential Candidate or, in the case of paper ballots, a space shall appear next to the name of each Presidential Candidate, so that each voter is able to cast a vote directly for the Presidential Candidate of his or her choice. The State Board shall determine the position of Presidential Candidates on the Primary ballot by drawing lots among the Presidential Candidates.

### **Part Three**

## **SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES**

### **SECTION A. Number of Delegates and Means of Selection**

1. ***Number of Delegates and Alternates:*** In accord with the Party Call, the Delegation shall consist of two hundred eighty (280) delegates and thirty-nine (39) alternates. Of the Delegation, two hundred thirty-two (232) delegates and all alternates shall be pledged to a Presidential Candidate. The remainder of the Delegation shall be unpledged delegates.

2. ***Equal Division:*** The Delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women and, separately, alternate men and alternate women, with a variance in each group ("the Variate") no greater than one. The Variate in one group shall be the opposite gender of any Variate in the other group.

3. ***Timing, Manner & Order of Selection:***

(a) Except as otherwise expressly set forth in this Plan, all steps in the process of selecting delegates and alternates shall take place no earlier than December 1, 2007.

(b) The Delegation shall be selected in the following order by the means set forth below:

(i) the eighteen (18) members of the Democratic National Committee from New York, twenty-four (24) Democratic Members of U.S. Congress, one (1) Democratic Governor and one (1) Distinguished Party Leader shall be automatic unpledged delegates;

(ii) one hundred fifty-one (151) pledged delegates and twenty-five (25) pledged alternates shall be elected from Congressional Districts in the Primary or, if no one is so elected, then in post-Primary caucuses comprised of members of the State Committee representing that District;

(iii) four (4) unpledged delegates shall be elected at the State Convention;

(iv) thirty (30) pledged delegates who qualify as party leaders or elected officials shall be elected at the State Convention; and

(v) fifty-one (51) pledged at-large delegates and fourteen (14) pledged at-large alternates shall be elected at the State Convention.

**4. *Slate-Making and Ballot Position:***

(a) Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse one or more candidates, including a slate of candidates, for delegate and/or alternate at any stage in the delegate selection process, provided that a slate of more than one candidate for district delegate or alternate in a Congressional District must be equally divided between males and females with a variance no greater than one.

(b) No slate sponsored by any individual or group of Democrats may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive preferential treatment or a preferential place on a respective delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on a ballot as the “official” slate of delegates and/or alternates, as the case may be, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a respective ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process.

(c) The order of the names of all persons who are candidates for delegate and alternate on any ballot to be used for voting at any stage of the delegate selection process shall be determined by lot, except that candidates for the same position on a slate shall be grouped together in the order in which the names of the candidates are filed as a slate with the State Board or the Local Board, whichever applies, and shall be deemed one person for purposes of the draw.

**SECTION B. Election of District Delegates and Alternates**

1. ***Apportionment:*** The number of delegates and alternates from each Congressional District, determined by apportioning the total number of delegates and alternates to be elected at the district level among the Congressional Districts based on a formula that gives equal weight to (a) the population of the Congressional District according to the 2000 census and (b) the average vote for the Democratic candidate for president in the 2000 and 2004 general presidential elections, shall be:

1	5 (3F, 2M)	1 (M)
2	5 (3M, 2F)	1 (F)
3	5 (3F, 2M)	1 (M)
4	5 (3M, 2F)	1 (F)
5	5 (3F, 2M)	1 (M)
6	5 (3M, 2F)	1 (F)
7	5 (3F, 2M)	1 (M)
8	6 (3M, 3F)	1 (F)
9	5 (3M, 2F)	1 (F)
10	5 (3F, 2M)	1 (M)
11	6 (3F, 3M)	1(M)
12	5 (3M, 2F)	0 (N/A)
13	5 (3F, 2M)	0 (N/A)
14	6 (3M, 3F)	1(F)
15	6 (3M, 3F)	1 (M)

16	5 (3M, 2F)	1 (F)
17	5 (3F, 2M)	1 (M)
18	6 (3F, 3M)	1 (M)
19	5 (3M, 2F)	1 (F)
20	5 (3F, 2M)	1 (M)
21	6 (3F, 3M)	1 (M)
22	5 (3M, 2F)	1 (F)
23	5 (3F, 2M)	0 (N/A)
24	5 (3M, 2F)	1 (F)
25	5 (3F, 2M)	0 (N/A)
26	5 (3M, 2F)	1 (F)
27	5 (3F, 2M)	1 (M)
28	5 (3M, 2F)	1 (F)
29	5 (3F, 2M)	1 (M)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>25</b>

2. **Eligibility:** To be eligible to be elected as a delegate or alternate from a Congressional District, an individual must:

- (a) be an enrolled Democrat in the Congressional District in which the person seeks to run;
- (b) file a Statement of Candidacy in conformity with paragraph 3 of this section;
- (c) qualify for the ballot in the Primary by filing a petition in conformity with paragraph 4 of this section or be duly substituted for a person who has so qualified but declines under paragraph 6 of this section;
- (d) not be rejected by his or her preferred Presidential Candidate under paragraph 5 of this section; and
- (e) not otherwise decline or be disqualified under paragraph 6 of this section.

3. **Statements of Candidacy:**

(a) Each individual who wishes to be eligible for election as a delegate or alternate from a Congressional District must file a Statement of Candidacy with the State Committee Office no earlier than October 26, 2007 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 6, 2007. For purpose of determining timeliness, filing shall be complete only upon actual receipt of the Statement at the State Committee Office.

(b) A Statement of Candidacy must be in writing and contain:

- (i) the individual's name and voting address;
- (ii) the individual's preference for a Presidential Candidate;
- (iii) a signed pledge of support for such preference;

(iv) the Congressional District in which the individual is an enrolled voter and intends to be a candidate;

(v) whether the individual is a candidate for delegate or alternate;

(vi) a telephone number at which the individual may be reached during business hours;  
and

(vii) any status information as the individual may desire to set forth.

(c) An individual may file only one Statement of Candidacy for a position on the Primary ballot as a district delegate or alternate, and may not pledge support for more than one Presidential Candidate. In the event an individual files more than one Statement of Candidacy, the State Chair shall disregard all but the last-received Statement.

(d) Forms setting forth the information required in a Statement of Candidacy shall be available at the State Committee Office beginning September 4, 2007, but the Statement need not be on such forms to qualify. Substantial compliance with the foregoing requirements, shall be sufficient to qualify a Statement of Candidacy, but in no event shall a Statement lacking a signed pledge of support for a Presidential Candidate be accepted.

(e) An individual who files a Statement of Candidacy in conformity with this paragraph shall be considered a *bona fide* supporter of the Presidential Candidate whom the individual has pledged to support unless such Candidate rejects the individual in accord with this Plan.

4. **Petition Requirements:** To place the name of an eligible individual on the Primary ballot in a Congressional District as a candidate for district delegate or alternate, any enrolled Democrat or group of enrolled Democrats shall circulate a designating petition. Designating petitions for district delegate or alternate shall be circulated no earlier than October 30, 2007, and be filed with the State Board or Local Board, whichever applies, no earlier than December 3, 2007 and no later than December 6, 2007. Such petition shall conform to the Election Law and be signed by at least one-half of one percent (.5%) of the enrolled Democrats in the Congressional District but in no event more than five hundred (500). Provision shall be made for the State Board to receive the names and addresses of all persons who have filed petitions in accord with this paragraph or been substituted for such persons in accord with paragraph 6 of section B of this Part.

5. **Right of Rejection:**

(a) No later than 5:00 p.m. on December 11, 2007, the State Chair shall deliver a Candidate List at the State Committee Office to each Presidential Candidate.

(b) A Presidential Candidate may reject any candidate for district delegate or alternate appearing on the Candidate List as not being a *bona fide* supporter of that Presidential Candidate by filing a written rejection with the State Chair at the State Committee Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 14, 2007, provided that:

(i) a Presidential Candidate may not reject a candidate for district delegate or alternate in a Congressional District unless there shall remain at least one (1) candidate pledged to that Presidential Candidate for each position of district delegate or alternate in that District, and the candidates pledged to that Candidate in each Congressional District are equally divided between males and females, with a variance no greater than one; and

(ii) a Presidential Candidate may later rescind a prior rejection to permit a substitution under section 6 of this Part.

(c) No later than December 18, 2007, the State Chair shall notify all candidates for district delegate and alternate who have been rejected under this paragraph.

(d) No later than December 18, 2007, the State Chair shall file with the State Board or a Local Board, whichever applies, the names of those candidates for district delegate and alternate who have filed eligible Statements of Candidacy and have not been rejected by their preferred Presidential Candidate. Only the names set forth in such filing shall be eligible to appear on the Primary ballot as candidates for district delegate or alternate.

6. ***Declination and Substitution:***

(a) Any eligible candidate for district delegate or alternate who files a timely and legally sufficient designating petition shall appear as such a candidate on the Primary ballot, unless:

(i) on or before December 10, 2007, the individual files a declination of candidacy with the State Board or Local Board, whichever applies, in the form the Election Law prescribes; or

(ii) the Presidential Candidate to whom the individual is pledged either (A) fails to qualify for the Primary ballot or (B) files a timely declination of candidacy as provided in paragraph 2 of section B in Part Two of this Plan, or otherwise does not appear on the Primary ballot.

(b) If a candidate for district-level delegate or alternate files a timely declination in accord with subparagraph (a)(i) of this section, then the appropriate committee on vacancies may substitute another person who is eligible under section 2 of this Part to be a candidate for delegate or alternate in that Congressional District.

(c) District-level delegate and alternate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate may not be elected at that level as a delegate or alternate pledged to that candidate, but may be elected at other levels – pledged PLEO or at-large

7. ***Primary Ballot:***

(a) The State Board or each Local Board, whichever applies, shall prepare a list of all eligible candidates for district delegate and alternate and certify to the State Committee no later than December 31, 2007 the name, address and gender of each such candidate.

(b) The name of each such candidate for district delegate or alternate shall appear on the Primary ballot under or adjacent to the name of, and reflect the candidate's preference for, the Presidential Candidate to whom such delegate or alternate candidate has pledged support, together with an indication of each candidate's gender by the designation "(M)" or "(F)" immediately following the name of the candidate. The ballot shall indicate the number of delegates and alternates to be elected from the Congressional District. There shall be a lever or other comparable mechanism next to the name of each candidate for district delegate and alternate or, in the case of paper ballots, a space next to the name of such candidate, so that each Primary voter shall be able to indicate a preference for the candidates of his or her choice.

8. ***Allocation among Presidential Candidates:***

(a) A Presidential Candidate who does not receive the Threshold Percentage in a Congressional District shall not be eligible to receive any district delegates or alternates in that Congressional District. If only one Presidential Candidate reaches the Threshold Percentage in a Congressional District, then that Presidential Candidate shall be entitled to all district delegates and alternates in the Congressional District.

(b) In accord with paragraph 1(e) of section C in Part One of this Plan, the State Chair shall calculate the percentage of the vote that each eligible Presidential Candidate received of the total votes in the Congressional District for all such eligible Presidential Candidates. For each Congressional District, the State Chair shall multiply each of these percentages by the number of delegate positions in that

Congressional District. The State Chair shall then allocate the district delegates to each eligible Presidential Candidate according to the respective whole numbers derived from its computations without regard to the fractional remainders.

(c) If the number of district delegates in a Congressional District thus allocated is less than the number of delegates for that Congressional District, then the State Chair shall allocate any remaining delegates, one at a time, to the eligible Presidential Candidates based on the fractional remainders, starting with the eligible Presidential Candidate who received the largest fractional remainder and proceeding in descending order until all remaining delegates have been allocated.

(d) Following the allocation of district delegates among the Presidential Candidates in accord with this paragraph, the State Chair shall follow the same procedure to allocate the district alternates.

**9. *Equal Division of District Delegates and Alternates:***

(a) The district-level delegates and alternates as a whole, and within each Congressional District, shall be equally divided by gender insofar as mathematically practicable. To assure such equal division among district-level delegates as a whole, the allocation set forth in paragraph 1 of section B of this Part shall determine the gender division between males and females in each of Congressional District, such allocation having been made by lot to set the gender preference in the first Congressional District to which an odd number of delegate positions is apportioned under paragraph 1 of section B of this Part and thereafter alternating the advantaged gender in each succeeding Congressional District having an odd number of delegate positions. The State Chair shall notify the Rules and By-Laws Committee of the results of this allocation by September 22, 2007.

(b) To assure equal division within each District, delegate positions will be assigned (i) in Congressional Districts with an even number of delegates (A) first to the candidate for delegate who receives the highest vote total among those pledged to the Presidential Candidate who receives the highest vote total in the District and (B) thereafter, alternating by gender, first to the next highest vote-getter among delegate candidates pledged to the highest vote-getting Presidential Candidate and then to the top vote-getters among delegate candidates for the next highest vote-getting presidential preferences in descending order until all positions are assigned; and (ii) in Congressional Districts with an odd number of delegates (A) first to the candidate for delegate who receives the highest vote total among those pledged to the Presidential Candidate who receives the highest vote total in the District unless such candidate for delegate is not of a gender advantaged in that District, in which event the candidate for delegate of the advantaged gender with the highest total among those pledged to the Presidential Candidate who receives the highest vote total in the District and (B) thereafter, alternating by gender, first to the highest vote-getter among delegate candidates pledged to the highest vote-getting Presidential Candidate and then to the top vote-getters among delegate candidates for the next highest vote-getting presidential preferences in descending order until all positions are assigned.

(c) If a Presidential Candidate appearing on the Primary ballot withdraws his or her candidacy after December 10, 2007, the State Chair shall allocate district delegates and alternates to that Presidential Candidate as if such Candidate had not withdrawn.

**10. *Unfilled District-Level Positions:***

(a) If a Presidential Candidate is entitled to more district delegates and/or alternates within a Congressional District than there were candidates for delegate and/or alternate pledged to that Presidential Candidate on the ballot in that District, then, on or before April 21, 2008, the members of the State Committee who represent that Congressional District shall fill the positions in post-Primary caucuses held upon ten (10) days' written notice from the State Chair in conformity with the provisions of section B in Part One of this Plan.

(b) To be eligible to be elected as a district delegate or alternate to a position unfilled in the Primary, an individual must be an enrolled Democrat in that Congressional District who files a Statement of Candidacy at the State Committee Office complying with paragraph 3(b) of this section pledging

support for the Presidential Candidate entitled to the delegate or alternate position. Such a Statement must be filed at the State Committee Office no earlier than February 6, 2008 and received at that Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2008. An individual may file such a Statement regardless of whether that individual filed a Statement of Candidacy to qualify for the Primary ballot or a pledge of support for a different Presidential Candidate, but the provisions of paragraphs 3(c) through 3(e) of this section shall otherwise apply.

(c) No later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2008, the State Chair shall deliver a Candidate List at the State Committee Office to each Presidential Candidate entitled to an unfilled delegate or alternate position. The Presidential Candidate may reject any candidate appearing on the Candidate List as not being a *bona fide* supporter of that Presidential Candidate by notifying the State Chair at the State Committee Office of any such rejection on or before 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2008, provided that the Presidential Candidate may not reject such candidates unless there remain (i) at least three (3) candidates for each position to be filled and (ii) the candidates are sufficient to assure that the Presidential Candidate's delegates and alternates in that District are equally divided by gender with a variance no greater than one.

(d) The State Chair shall appoint a person to convene and preside at each caucus this paragraph requires ("Caucus Chair"), and, after notifying the candidates who have been rejected, the State Chair shall certify to the Caucus Chair the names of all candidates for district delegate and/or alternate who are eligible under this section to be elected to an unfilled position. The provisions of paragraphs 6(b) and 6(c) in section D of this Part shall apply to the conduct of the caucuses as if written for them.

11. **Certification:** Within three (3) days of their selection, the State Chair shall certify to the State Board or Local Board, whichever applies, and to the DNC Secretary the names of the candidates who are elected to fill the positions of district delegate and alternate allocated to each Presidential Candidate.

### **SECTION C. Selection of Unpledged Delegates**

1. **Eligibility:** An individual may be selected as an unpledged delegate under this section regardless of whether the individual previously filed a Statement of Candidacy for a different position as delegate or alternate or otherwise submitted a pledge of support for a Presidential Candidate.

2. **Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates:** On or before March 1, 2008, the DNC Secretary shall confirm to the State Chair the following unpledged party leaders and elected officials as delegate members of the Delegation:

(a) the Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the State as confirmed by the DNC Secretary;

(b) the Democratic Members of the United States Senate and Democratic Members of the United States House of Representatives from this State;

(c) the Democratic Governor; and

(d) any Distinguished Party Leader.

3. **Additional Unpledged Delegates:**

(a) A total of four (4) unpledged delegates shall be elected by the State Convention in accord with the procedures in paragraph 6 of section D of this Part.

(b) The equal division and affirmative action provisions of this Plan shall apply to the selection of additional unpledged delegates.

(c) To appear on the ballot at the State Convention as a candidate for unpledged delegate, an individual must be an enrolled Democrat who files a Statement of Candidacy at the State Committee

Office no earlier than October 26, 2007 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2008 substantially conforming to the requirements in paragraph 3(b) in section B of this Part, except that the Statement need not indicate a preference for or contain a pledge of support for a Presidential Candidate.

(d) The ballot at the State Convention shall contain at least two (2) names for each of the four (4) unpledged delegates to be elected.

4. **Certification:** Within three (3) days of their election, the State Chair shall certify to the DNC Secretary the names of the persons elected to serve as additional unpledged delegates.

#### **SECTION D. Election of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates**

1. **Eligibility:** To be eligible to be elected as a pledged party leader and elected official delegate at the State Convention, an individual must:

(a) be an enrolled Democrat currently holding a Democratic Party position or elective public office;

(b) file a Statement of Candidacy in conformity with paragraph 2 of this section;

(c) not be rejected by his or her preferred Presidential Candidate under paragraph 3 of this section; and

(d) not be disqualified under paragraph 4 of this section.

2. **Statements of Candidacy:**

(a) Each party leader and elected official who wishes to be considered by the State Convention for election as a pledged party and elected official delegate shall file a Statement of Candidacy at the State Committee Office. Such statement must be received at the State Committee Office no earlier than October 26, 2007 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2008.

(b) In addition to the information required in paragraph 3(b) of section B of this Part, the Statement of Candidacy shall include the party or elective public office held by the candidate.

(c) A person is eligible for election as a pledged party leader and elected official delegate regardless of whether he or she filed a Statement of Candidacy for another category of delegate or alternate or a pledge of support for a different Presidential Candidate. The provisions of paragraphs 3(c) and 3(e) of Section B of this Part shall otherwise apply.

3. **Right of Rejection:**

(a) No later than 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2008 the State Chair shall deliver a Candidate List at the State Committee Office to each Presidential Candidate who is entitled to receive any pledged party and elected official delegates.

(b) A Presidential Candidate may reject any candidate for pledged party and elected official delegate appearing on the Candidate List as not being a *bona fide* supporter of that Presidential Candidate by filing a written rejection with the State Chair at the State Committee Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2008, provided that a Presidential Candidate may not reject a candidate for pledged party and elected official delegate unless there remain at least two (2) candidates for each such position to which the Presidential Candidate is entitled.

4. **Disqualification:** Any candidate for pledged party leader and elected official delegate who files a timely Statement of Candidacy pledging support to a Presidential Candidate entitled to receive one or more such delegates and who is not rejected by his or her preferred Presidential Candidate shall appear as such a candidate on the ballot at the State Convention unless the Presidential

Candidate to whom the individual is pledged withdraws as a Presidential Candidate before the election of such delegates.

**5. Allocation among Presidential Candidates:**

(a) To be eligible for an allocation of one or more pledged party leader and elected official delegates, a Presidential Candidate (i) must have received at least the Threshold Percentage of the total statewide vote cast for all Presidential Candidates and (ii) must not have withdrawn as a Presidential Candidate. If only one current Presidential Candidate reached the Threshold Percentage in the State, such Presidential Candidate shall be entitled to all pledged party leader and elected official delegates.

(b) In accord with paragraph 1(e) of Section C of Part One of this Plan, the State Chair shall allocate the pledged party leader and elected official delegates among eligible Presidential Candidates in the same manner based on the total votes cast in the State for all such eligible Presidential Candidates as used in allocating pledged district-level delegates under paragraph 8 of Section B of this Part.

(c) In allocating pledged party and elected official delegates to each eligible Presidential Candidate, the State Chair shall take account of the division by gender of the district delegates pledged to that Candidate.

**6. Procedures at the State Convention:**

(a) The State Chair shall appoint a Nominating Committee, of which the State Chair shall be chair, comprised of at least seven persons, including (i) at least one (1) representative of each Presidential Candidate entitled to receive delegates at the State Convention, such representative to be designated by the Presidential Candidate, and (ii) at least three (3) representatives of the Delegate Selection Committee established in accord with Part Four of this Plan.

(b) The State Convention shall consist of the members of the State Committee elected in each Assembly District in conformity with the Procedural Guarantees set forth in Part One of this Plan either (i) at the Democratic primary election held September 12, 2006 (ii), in the case of a vacancy arising thereafter, by the State Committee in accord with the State Party Rules. The State Chair shall appoint a credentials committee comprised of at least three persons to certify the credentials of the State Committee members.

(c) The following procedures shall govern the election of delegates and alternates at the State Convention:

(i) No less than forty percent (40%) of the members of the State Committee present in person shall constitute a quorum. Less than a quorum may adjourn the Convention, and notice of such adjournment shall be given in the same manner as notice of the meeting.

(ii) The members of the State Committee in each Assembly District shall vote on a basis of Democratic voting strength based on the vote for the Democratic candidate for Governor in such District in the 2006 general election, in the same manner as is provided for the designation of candidates for offices to be filled by the voters of the entire State pursuant to the State Party Rules.

(iii) The use of proxies shall be limited as follows: A duly accredited State Committee member, after having personally appeared at the Convention, and after having established his or her credentials as a member of the State Committee, may designate in writing another duly accredited member of the State Committee, who is to vote a non-transferable proxy at the Convention, provided that no member of the State Committee may hold more than three (3) proxies at a time.

(iv) The State Chair shall establish the balloting format and procedures for the Convention. The balloting format and procedures shall be consistent with this Plan and fully described in the notice of the State Convention that is sent by the State Chair.

(v) Voting for delegates or alternates at the Convention shall be done only at public meetings complying with the provisions of Part One of this Plan, including that no ballots shall be conducted in secret.

**7. *Voting at the State Convention:***

(a) On or before April 30, 2008, the Nominating Committee shall certify the ballots to be used by the State Convention for the election of such delegates. The Nominating Committee shall have no authority other than to assure that such ballots conform to the requirements of these Rules. The State Convention shall elect all pledged party leader and elected official delegates to which each Presidential Candidate is entitled from the list that the Nominating Committee certifies.

(b) In the electing pledged party leader and elected official delegates, the State Convention shall give priority of consideration in the following order to: (i) Democratic big city mayors and State-wide Democratic elected officials; (ii) Democratic State legislative leaders; (iii) Democratic State legislators; and (iv) other State, county and local elected Democratic officials and party leaders. This paragraph shall not be read to mandate the choice of any specific individual. Every effort shall be made to achieve equal division between men and women and this Plan's representational goals in electing the pledged party leader and elected official delegates.

**8. *Certification:*** Within three (3) days of their election, the State Chair shall certify to the DNC Secretary the names of the persons elected to serve as pledged party and elected official delegates and their preferred Presidential Candidate.

**SECTION E. Election of Pledged At-Large Delegates and Alternates**

**1. *Eligibility:*** To be eligible to be elected as a pledged at-large delegate or alternate, an individual must:

- (a) be an enrolled Democrat;
- (b) file a Statement of Candidacy in conformity with paragraph 2 of this section;
- (c) not be rejected by the Presidential Candidate of his or her choice under paragraph 3 of this section; and
- (d) not otherwise be disqualified under paragraph 4 of this section.

**2. *Statements of Candidacy:***

(a) Each individual who wishes to be considered by the State Committee for election as a pledged at-large delegate or alternate shall file a Statement of Candidacy at the State Committee Office. Such Statement of Candidacy shall be received at the State Committee Office no earlier than October 26, 2007 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2008.

(b) In addition to the information set forth in paragraph 3(b) of section B of this Part, the Statement of Candidacy shall also include any relevant status information concerning the candidate and any party or public office held by the candidate.

(c) A person is eligible for election as an at-large delegate or alternate regardless of whether he or she filed a Statement of Candidacy for another category of a delegate or alternate or a pledge of support for a different Presidential Candidate. A candidate for pledged at-large delegate who fails to be elected to that position shall be considered a candidate for pledged at-large alternate unless his or her Statement of Candidacy otherwise directs. The provisions of paragraphs 3(d) and 3(e) of Section B of this Part shall otherwise apply.

3. ***Right of Rejection:*** Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, a Presidential Candidate shall have the right to reject any candidate for at-large delegate or alternate up to fifteen (15) minutes following the election of pledged party and elected official delegates subject to the same provisions governing pledged party leader and elected official delegates in paragraph 3 of Section D of this Part.

4. ***Disqualification:*** Each candidate for pledged at-large delegate and alternate who files a timely Statement of Candidacy pledging support to a Presidential Candidate entitled to receive such a delegate or alternate and who is not rejected by that Presidential Candidate shall appear on the ballot at the State Convention as such a candidate unless his or her preferred Presidential Candidate officially withdraws before the election of such delegates and alternates.

5. ***Allocation among Presidential Candidates:***

(a) To be eligible for an allocation of one or more at-large delegates and/or alternates, a Presidential Candidate (i) must have received at least the Threshold Percentage of the total statewide votes cast for all Presidential Candidates and (ii) must not have withdrawn as a Presidential Candidate.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 5(a) of this section, each Presidential Candidate who is entitled to one or more delegates (whether at the district or statewide level) and who would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position shall be entitled to at least one at-large alternate.

(c) The State Chair shall allocate first the pledged at-large delegates and then the pledged at-large alternates among the eligible Presidential Candidates in the same manner the State Chair employs in allocating the pledged party and elected official delegates under paragraph 5 of Section D of this Part, except that in allocating the at-large alternates among eligible Presidential Candidates, the State Chair shall subtract from the total number of such alternates the number of alternates allocated under paragraph 5(b) of this section (d). In allocating pledged at-large delegates and alternates to each eligible Presidential Candidate, the State Chair shall assign the positions based on the gender of the previously-elected delegates and alternates pledged to such Candidate.

6. ***Procedures at the State Convention:*** The procedures in paragraph 6 of section D of this Part shall govern the election of pledged at-large delegates and alternates by the State Convention.

7. ***Voting at the State Convention:***

(a) On or before April 30, 2008, the Nominating Committee shall certify the ballots to be used by the State Convention for the election of pledged at-large delegates and alternates. When presenting its list of nominees for at-large delegates and alternates to the State Convention, the Nominating Committee shall also distribute a demographic analysis, by preference for Presidential Candidate, of the district delegates and alternates and the pledged party and elected official delegates. The analysis shall also include a comparison of the entire delegation (elected prior to the at-large election process) with the statewide representation goals set forth in section D of Part Four of this Plan. After the election of all other delegates to be elected at the Convention, the State Convention shall elect all at-large delegates and alternates to which each Presidential Candidate is entitled from the list that the Nominating Committee certified.

(b) In electing at-large delegates and alternates, the State Convention shall implement the equal division requirement of paragraph 2 in section A of this Part. In addition, the Convention shall give priority of consideration to African Americans, Latinos, Asian/Pacific Americans, Native Americans, persons with disabilities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to fulfill the State Party's representation goals set forth in Part Four of this Plan. In order to continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of status. Consistent with and subject to such efforts, every effort shall be made to allocate the at-large delegates as a whole, and the at-large alternates as a whole, among the following three geographic areas in proportion to the number of district delegates and alternates elected from all Congressional Districts within each such area in relation to the total district delegates and alternates elected statewide: (i) the City of New York (specifically, Congressional Districts

6 through 16); (ii) Long Island and the Lower Hudson Valley (Congressional Districts 1 through 5 and 17 through 19); (iii) and Upstate (Congressional Districts 20 through 29).

8. **Certification:** Within three (3) days of their election, the State Chair shall certify to the DNC Secretary the names of the persons elected to serve as at-large delegates and alternates and their preferred Presidential Candidate.

## **Part Four**

### **OUTREACH PROGRAM**

#### **SECTION A. Statement of Purpose and Organization**

1. **Objectives:** This Plan is designed to encourage participation and representation of all Democrats in the selection of delegates and alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention, including African-Americans, Latinos, Asian/Pacific Americans, women, Native Americans, persons under 30 years of age, persons over 65 years of age, persons of low and moderate income, workers, persons with a high school education or less, persons with disabilities, lesbians and gays, bisexuals and transgender persons, rural Democrats, veterans and ethnic and other groups historically underrepresented in Party affairs. This goal shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process.

2. **Structure of Organization:**

(a) The Delegate Selection Committee, the membership of which is set forth in Appendix A to this Plan and which the State Chair appointed on or before March 1, 2007, shall be responsible for implementing this Part Four. The State Committee shall provide financial and staff support for the Delegate Selection Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, the Delegate Selection Committee's use of the State Committee staff and facilities upon consultation with the State Chair.

(b) Each Democratic County Committee in the State shall appoint a liaison who will consult with members of the Delegate Selection Committee about implementing this plan for the county. The Delegate Selection Committee shall assist all local party organizations in carrying out this Plan. The Delegate Selection Committee shall design a uniform procedure for reporting by the county liaisons to insure that the implementation of this Plan can be verified.

#### **SECTION B. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process**

1. **Press Conferences:**

(a) On or before September 4, 2007, the State Chair will hold an initial press conference to articulate the goal of the election of a broadly based and representative Delegation. Efforts will be made to have prominent Democratic elected officials attend this press conference as a further demonstration of the importance that should be attached to this goal.

(b) The initial press conference will be followed by a series of regional press conferences by the State Chair and/or prominent State or local Democratic elected officials to insure media coverage in all television districts in the State. Press conferences for the public and briefings of political reporters will be held in at least the following areas or the surrounding regions: (i) Albany; (ii) Buffalo; (iii) New York City (also covering the television districts of Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties); (iv) Rochester; (v) Syracuse; (vi) Utica; (vii) Binghamton; (viii) Plattsburgh; and (ix) Watertown.

2. **Mailings:**

(a) On or within thirty days after September 4, 2007, the State Chair will send a letter to editorial page editors and publishers stressing the importance of broad-based participation in the selection process for the National Convention.

(b) Priority mailings will be sent to the print media that cover and serve the groups set forth in Appendix B. The target dates for the respective commencement and completion of these priority mailings are September 5, 2007 and October 16, 2007.

(c) Periodic press releases to all media outlets set forth in Appendix C shall be issued throughout the delegate selection process.

(d) On or before September 4, 2007, a press kit will be compiled and provided to each media outlet listed on Appendix C setting forth (i) a summary of all pertinent rules, (ii) a map of Congressional Districts, (iii) an explanation of the operation and importance of the National Convention, and (iv) materials designed to encourage participation by prospective candidates for delegate and alternate.

3. **Broadcast Announcements:** Bilingual public service radio and television announcements will be prepared and distributed throughout the State to inform the public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process and how, when and where to register to vote and to enroll as Democrats.

4. **Brochure:**

(a) On or before September 4, 2007, a special brochure will be produced that will explain to the general public the delegate selection and affirmative action procedures for the National Convention. The brochure will cite and describe this Plan, relevant State statutes, and the State Party Rules, and will contain a clear and concise statement of how Democratic voters will be eligible to vote and become a delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process, and where to get additional information. The brochure will be produced in sufficient number and will continue to be distributed and/or be available throughout all stages of the delegate selection process.

(b) The information set forth in the brochure will also be made available in other languages where the Delegate Selection Committee deems the same to be necessary or appropriate. The State Committee shall take all feasible steps to encourage literature to be in 12 to 14 point print, and available in alternative media such as tape, Braille and other accessible means.

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

1. **Seminars and Workshops:**

(a) For the purpose of acquainting the public with the delegate selection process, the Delegate Selection Committee shall conduct seminars and workshops about the delegate selection process, and schedule them for times and places designed specifically to reach the groups especially targeted for outreach.

(b) Between September 17, 2007 and October 26, 2007, at least one such major workshop will be held in each borough in Region 1 (the City of New York) and in each of the other eleven (11) regions in the State as follows:

(i) Region 2—counties of Nassau and Suffolk;

(ii) Region 3—counties of Westchester, Rockland and Putnam;

(iii) Region 4—counties of Dutchess, Columbia, Greene, Ulster, Sullivan and Orange;

(iv) Region 5—counties of Warren, Washington, Saratoga, Schenectady, Rennselaer, Albany, and Schoharie;

(v) Region 6—counties of Ostsego, Chenango, Tioga, Broome and Delaware;

- (vi) Region 7—counties of Hamilton, Fulton, Herkimer and Montgomery;
- (vii) Region 8—counties of Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton and Essex;
- (viii) Region 9—counties of Oswego, Oneida, Onondaga, Madison, Seneca, Cayuga, and Cortland;
- (ix) Region 10—counties of Allegany, Steuben, Schyler, Tompkins and Chemung;
- (x) Region 11—counties of Orleans, Genesee, Monroe, Wayne, Ontario, Livingston and Yates; and
- (xi) Region 12—counties of Niagara, Erie, Wyoming, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus.

(c) The seminars and workshops will be held in places such as public schools, union halls and public buildings that will be accessible to persons with disabilities.

(d) Seminars for local party officers to explain the delegate selection process will be held for each of the twelve (12) regions in the State in conjunction with the all-day educational seminars that will be held for the public.

(e) The Delegate Selection Committee will contact the groups set forth in Appendix B to inform them of the workshops and seminars and will offer further educational sessions that might be held by the Party at times and places convenient to the members of such organizations. Each all-day seminar will be publicized beginning four (4) weeks in advance of the date on which the seminar will be held and continuing up through the date of the seminar. Special attention will be paid to the use of posters and press releases for this purpose.

(f) The different workshops that will be held during the day will be repeated several times throughout the day in an effort to keep them small so as to encourage discussion among the participants and to enable those who come to attend each of the different workshops. The workshops will be planned around themes including, among other things, how to obtain the approval of a Presidential Candidate, how to become a nominee for delegate, and how delegates are selected. Question and answer sessions will be an integral part of the workshops.

2. **Speakers Bureau:** Volunteers from the Delegate Selection Committee and the State Committee who are fully familiar with the provisions of this Plan will be organized and available to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information on the delegate selection process.

3. **Mailings:**

(a) Mailings to Democratic public and party officials and to the groups set forth in Appendix B shall be widely utilized to inform them of the delegate selection process. These mailings will be timed to occur before each stage of the delegate selection process so as to insure maximum success in achieving the objectives of this Plan. Target time spans for the mailings will be at least ten (10) business days before each stage of the delegate selection process.

(b) The State Committee shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to insure simple and easy registration procedures.

**SECTION D. Representation Goals**

1. **Goals:**

(a) The following are representation goals of this Plan based on the analysis set forth in Appendix D:

- (i) African Americans, 28% (78 delegates and 11 alternates);

- (ii) Latinos, 18% (50 delegates and 7 alternates);
- (iii) Asian/Pacific Americans, 7% (20 delegates and 3 alternates);
- (iv) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Americans, 8% (22 delegates and 3 alternates);
- (v) Disabled Americans, 5% (14 delegates and 2 alternates); and
- (v) Native Americans, at least one (1) delegate.

(b) The State Convention shall ensure that representation in the Delegation fairly reflects, consistent with Democratic voting population as a whole, including African-Americans, Latinos, Asian/Pacific Americans, women, Native Americans, persons under 30 years of age, persons over 65 years of age, persons of low and moderate income, workers, persons with a high school education or less, persons with disabilities, lesbians and gays, bisexuals and transgender persons, rural Democrats, veterans and ethnic and other groups historically underrepresented in Party affairs, if necessary by selecting members of those groups as at-large delegates.

2. ***Allocation among Presidential Candidates:*** The targets set forth in this section shall apply to the delegates as a whole and, separately, to the alternates as a whole. To assist the State Committee in obtaining these goals, Presidential Candidates shall use their best efforts to ensure that the delegates pledged to them, as a group, and the alternates pledged to them, as a group, achieve such targets.

#### **SECTION E. Efforts to Defray Certain Expenses**

1. ***Responsibility for Expenses:*** Delegates and alternates to the National Convention are responsible for their own financial expenses in attending the Convention.

2. ***Fundraising Assistance:***

(a) To raise funds and/or make other financial arrangements for the specifically designated purpose of defraying the expenses of those delegates who are otherwise unable to attend and participate in the National Convention, the State Chair will appoint a special financial aid committee. The chair of such committee shall be an individual acknowledged to be a Democratic Party fundraiser or a fundraiser for philanthropic enterprises. The financial aid committee shall seek to raise funds and to locate low-cost housing accessible to the National Convention site.

(b) The financial aid committee, together with a subcommittee of the Delegate Selection Committee (the members of which the State Chair will designate) and the State Chair (collectively referred to as the "Financial Review Committee") will review the applications for funds submitted by those delegates who, in sworn "Affidavits of Need," state that they are unable to participate in the National Convention solely because of financial hardship. The Financial Review Committee will award financial assistance from the specifically designated fund based on (i) the number of applicants, (ii) the needs of each applicant and (iii) the amount raised for the specifically designated fund.

(c) All fundraising activities for the purpose set forth in this paragraph shall be concluded by June 13, 2008. All applications for financial assistance shall be filed no later than forty-five (45) days prior to, and all awards shall be made by the Financial Review Committee no later than thirty (30) days prior to, the first day of the National Convention. All decisions of the Financial Review Committee shall be final, but nothing in this section shall preclude an applicant from seeking assistance from the Democratic National Committee, the Presidential Candidate to whom the delegate or alternate is pledged, or other lawful sources.

#### **SECTION F. Obligations of Presidential Candidates To Maximize Participation**

1. ***Submission of Plans:*** Each Presidential Candidate shall submit to the State Chair, and implement within this State, a plan for promoting participation in the delegate selection process by the

groups set forth in Section D of this Plan. With respect to individuals who have announced their candidacies for President on or before October 1, 2007, such plans shall be submitted to the State Chair no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 15, 2007; with respect to individuals who become Presidential Candidates after October 1, 2007, such plans shall be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on the tenth business day following their announcements.

2. ***Contents of Plans:*** The plan of each Presidential Candidate shall specify the steps that such Candidate will take to encourage full participation in his or her delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) Each Presidential Candidate shall appoint a liaison for the State who will be available to consult with and coordinate the Candidate's activities with the Delegate Selection Committee and with the Delegate Selection Liaison appointed by each Democratic County Committee pursuant to this Plan.

(b) Each Presidential Candidate shall send priority mailings to those groups, media and publications representing and/or reporting to by the groups set forth in Section D of this Plan to inform these groups of how to become a delegate or alternate pledged to that Presidential Candidate.

(c) Each Presidential Candidate shall produce and distribute a brochure explaining to the general public the delegate selection procedures that the Presidential Candidate will take in the State in screening candidates for delegate and alternate positions and in the slate-making process.

(d) Each Presidential Candidate shall hold educational seminars to encourage the candidacies for delegates and alternates pledged to that Presidential Candidate of persons from among the National Committee's target groups. These seminars shall be held in each of the twelve (12) regions of the State set forth in paragraph 1(c) of section C of this Part prior to the time that the Presidential Candidate begins any slate-making process or other procedure for the selection of district delegate and alternate candidates.

(e) All mailings and educational seminars must be timed by the Presidential Candidate so as to insure maximum success in achieving the objectives of this Plan, but must occur at least seven (7) days before the deadline for any slate-making process or other procedure for the selection of delegate and alternate candidates at each stage of the delegate selection process.

(f) Each Presidential Candidate shall recruit, through his or her best possible efforts, women, African Americans, Latinos, Asian/Pacific Americans, Native Americans, and other Democrats by the groups set forth in Section D of this Plan.

3. ***Election of District-Level Delegates and Alternates:***

(a) Each Presidential Candidate shall take all steps necessary to ensure that, in each Congressional District, candidates for district delegate or alternate pledged to such Candidate are, as a whole, equally divided between men and women, and subject to that objective, fairly reflect the population of the Congressional District.

(b) To the greatest degree possible, each Presidential Candidate will ensure that such Presidential Candidate's district slates of delegates and alternates, if taken together as a statewide group, reflect those statewide representation goals set forth in this Plan. Each Presidential Candidate shall provide such assistance as is necessary, reasonable, and practical to assure ballot access for delegate and alternate candidates with disabilities, and to provide campaign assistance as so provided to all other candidates.

(c) In the preparation of district slates of delegates and alternates, each Presidential Candidate shall take all appropriate steps to ensure:

(i) that each position on a slate is occupied by a candidate whose gender is opposite to that of the candidate in the next position on the slate; and

(ii) that positions at or near the top of any slate are allocated to reflect the representation goals set forth in this Plan.

4. ***Election of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates & Pledged At-Large Delegates & Alternates:***

(a) Prior to the respective nominating processes for pledged party and elected official delegates and pledged at-large delegates and alternates, each Presidential Candidate shall contact those groups, media and publications representing and/or reporting to women, African Americans, Latinos, Asian/Pacific Americans, Native Americans and other target groups by the groups set forth in Section D of this Plan to encourage the candidacies of members of groups for positions as *bona fide* supporters of that Presidential Candidate.

(b) Each Presidential Candidate that proposes names or slates of candidates to the State Convention shall take into account the composition of the district delegates and alternates pledged to that Presidential Candidate who were elected in the Primary so as to assist the State Committee in achieving the representation goals set forth in this Plan. Each Presidential Candidate shall make a good faith effort to include persons with disabilities as candidates among the names or slates of candidates that the Presidential Candidate proposes to the State Convention.

5. ***Reports:***

(a) Not later than 5:00 p.m. on January 4, 2008, each Presidential Candidate shall file with the State Chair at the State Committee Office demographic and other status information (including gender, race, ethnic group, and age) of each candidate for district delegate and alternate pledged to that Presidential Candidate in each Congressional District whom the Presidential Candidate has not rejected.

(b) Not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2008, each Presidential Candidate shall file with the State Chair at the State Committee Office demographic and other information of the district delegates and alternates pledged to that Presidential Candidate who were elected.

(c) Not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2008, each Presidential Candidate shall file with the State Chair at the State Committee Office demographic and other information of all delegates and alternates pledged to that Presidential Candidate.

6. ***Monitoring and Reporting:*** The Delegate Selection Committee shall actively monitor each Presidential Candidate's compliance with this Part and may require each such Candidate to file periodic reports with the State Chair, in addition to other filings this section requires, specifying, among other things, the delegate selection programs being conducted by such Candidate, the Candidate's success in recruiting candidates for delegate and alternate among by the groups set forth in Section D of this Plan and the target groups as to which and/or the geographic areas where the Candidate may require assistance in such recruitment efforts. The Delegate Selection Committee shall take all necessary steps to offer and provide such assistance. The Delegate Selection Committee shall also insure that all headquarters and offices of Presidential Candidates shall be accessible to persons with disabilities. Upon consultation with the State Chair, the Delegate Selection Committee may issue such public statements as may be appropriate to promote compliance with this Plan, to assist recruitment of delegate and alternate candidates from among the target groups, to encourage Presidential Candidates in their recruitment efforts, and to report on the progress (or lack of progress) of those efforts.

7. ***Fundraising Assistance:*** Each Presidential Candidate shall make every effort to assist the financial aid committee for which section E of this Part provides. Any funds raised for this purpose by a Presidential Candidate or a candidate for delegate or alternate shall first be earmarked in the fund specifically for those delegates or alternates who are pledged to support the Presidential Candidate who has raised the funds. The deadline for completion of all fundraising activities as set forth in paragraph 2(c) of section E of this Part shall not apply to the fundraising obligations of each Presidential Candidate pursuant to this paragraph.

**Part Five**

**THE DELEGATION & STANDING COMMITTEES**

## **SECTION A. Organization of the Delegation**

1. ***Delegation Meeting:*** The first meeting of the Delegation shall be held on or about June 5, 2008 in New York City, New York (the “Initial Delegation Meeting”). The State Chair shall assure that the Delegation and each Presidential Candidate represented in the Delegation receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting. A quorum at the meeting shall consist of a majority of delegates.

2. ***Election of the Chair:*** At the Initial Delegation Meeting, the delegates shall elect a delegate to be Delegation Chair, and elect such other officers as the Delegation may deem appropriate. Within three (3) days of the meeting, the State Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the DNC Secretary.

3. ***Delegation Rules:*** At the Initial Delegation Meeting, the Delegation may adopt such rules consistent with this Plan for the conduct of its business as the Delegation may deem appropriate.

4. ***Convention Pages:*** At or before the Initial Delegation Meeting, and following consultation with members of the Democratic National Committee from this State, the State Chair shall appoint seven (7) individuals to serve as Convention Pages, no more than four (4) of which shall be of one gender. To the extent feasible, such appointees shall reflect the representation goals set forth in this Plan. No later than within three (3) days of the Initial Delegation Meeting, the State Chair shall certify the Convention Pages to the DNC Secretary.

## **SECTION B. Alternates & Vacancies**

### **1. *Replacement of Pledged Delegates:***

(a) A permanent vacancy 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. Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and gender of the delegate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the State as the delegate. The Delegation shall make the selection of a permanent replacement consistent with this provision.

(b) A temporary vacancy occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the National Convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate’s place. 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 gender and from the same political subdivision within the State as the delegate. A delegate temporarily absent from the Convention may select an alternate consistent with this provision.

### **2. *Replacement of Unpledged Delegates:***

(a) Unpledged delegates shall not be entitled to select a replacement pursuant to this section nor shall the State be entitled to name a replacement, except in the following circumstances:

(i) Members of Congress shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the State’s Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate.

(ii) Members of the DNC and unpledged add-on delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the State be entitled to name 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 National Convention, acknowledgement by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of unpledged delegates.

(b) In the event of the death of an unpledged delegate other than a Member of Congress elected as such, the State Committee may elect a replacement in accord with this Plan and the State Party Rules; provided that, in the event of a vacancy in the position of unpledged delegate elected in accordance with paragraph 3 of section C of Part Three of this Plan, the Delegation shall fill the vacancy.

3. ***Filling Alternate Vacancies:*** The Delegation shall fill any vacant alternate position. The replacement shall be of the same Presidential Candidate preference and, if possible, of the same gender and from the same unit of representation as the alternate being replaced.

4. ***Certification:*** Within three (3) days of their replacement, the State Chair shall certify in writing to the DNC Secretary each replacement of a delegate or a vacant alternate position. Certification will be accepted up to 48 hours before the beginning of the Convention, and if a replacement occurs after the 48 hours of the beginning of the Convention, the Delegation Chair will indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the tally sheet.

### **SECTION C. Election of Members to Standing Committees**

#### **1. *Number & Qualifications of Committee Members:***

(a) In accord with the Party Call, this State shall have eleven (11) members on each of the three standing committees for the National Convention: Credentials, Platform, and Rules (collectively, "Standing Committees").

(b) Members of the Standing Committees need not be members of the Delegation.

#### **2. *Election of Permanent Committee Members:***

(a) The permanent members of the Standing Committees shall be elected by the delegates at the Initial Delegation Meeting.

(b) The State Chair shall allocate the permanent members of the Standing Committees among the Presidential Candidates who received at least the Threshold Percentage of the total statewide votes cast for all Presidential Candidates (i) by multiplying by thirty-three the percentage of the statewide vote each such Candidate received from among the votes of all Presidential Candidates who reached the Threshold Percentage and then (ii) by allocating the total of all Committee positions according to the whole numbers derived from such computation. If any positions remain, the State Chair shall allocate them according to the highest fractional remainders; if the total allocation exceeds the number of Committee positions, then the Presidential Candidate whose original figure is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied one (1) position.

(c) The State Chair shall then allocate the positions each Presidential Candidate received among the three Standing Committees as equally as feasible, with any unequal distribution to be resolved by the drawing of lots unless the Presidential Candidates otherwise unanimously agree.

(d) On or before 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2008, each Presidential Candidate must submit to the State Chair at the State Committee Office the name of at least one (1) person for each position on a Standing Committee allocated to that Candidate. Each Presidential Candidate shall use best efforts to assure that permanent members of each Committee reflect the representation goals set forth in section D of Part Four of this Plan.

(e) The delegates shall elect as the permanent members of the Standing Committees the persons that each Presidential Candidate submits to the State Chair pursuant to this paragraph. Nominations of other persons for such positions shall not be in order unless the Presidential Candidate failed to submit any names. Presidential Candidates shall not be required to submit more than one name for each position on a Standing Committee allocated to that Candidate.

(f) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each Standing Committee. The State's permanent members on each such Committee shall be equally divided by gender with a variance

no greater than one, and the Variate shall not remain constant for the three Committees. To assure such equal division, each position on each Committee shall be assigned by gender as follows:

(i) the first position on the Credentials Committee shall be of a gender determined by lot, and each such succeeding position shall alternate between the genders;

(ii) the first position on the Platform Committee shall be of a gender opposite that of the gender in the first position on the Credentials Committee, and each succeeding position shall alternate between the genders;

(iii) the first position on the Rules Committee shall be of the gender determined by lot, and each succeeding position shall alternate between the genders.

(g) The positions allocated to each Presidential Candidate on each Committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate gender.

### **3. *Election of Temporary Committee Members***

(a) The temporary members of the Standing Committees shall be elected by the Executive Committee at a regularly-scheduled meeting at which a quorum is present in person or by telephone which shall be held on or before January 15, 2008. Members of the Executive Committee shall receive timely notice of the meeting in accordance with the State Party Rules. The meeting at which the election of such temporary members is held shall be open to the public and well publicized in accordance with the provisions of Part Four of this Plan.

(b) Any Democrat may apply for a position as a temporary member of the standing committees. Persons wishing to be considered must submit an application with the State Party Office indicating their name, address, congressional district, gender, other demographic information concerning the individual's status as a member of a target group under this Plan, and the committee or committees for which they wish to be considered. Such application shall be filed with the State Party Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 6, 2007.

(c) Temporary members shall serve only in the event that the respective Standing Committee is called to meet prior to completion of the delegate selection process and subsequent selection of permanent members of the Standing Committees. No temporary member of a Standing Committee may continue to serve after the selection of the permanent members of the Standing Committees unless he or she is elected as a permanent member.

(d) The provisions of paragraph 1 and paragraph 2(f) of this Section C shall apply to the election of temporary members of the Standing Committees. Any substitution of a temporary member of a Standing Committee must be made at least ten (10) days before the applicable Standing Committee meets. The election of any such substitute shall be made in accordance with this paragraph 3.

### **4. *Certification & Substitution:***

(a) Within three (3) days of the Executive Committee meeting, the State Chair shall certify the temporary members of the Standing Committees in writing to the DNC Secretary. Within three (3) days of the Initial Delegation Meeting, the State Chair shall certify the permanent members of the Standing Committees in writing to the DNC Secretary.

(b) There shall be no substitutions of permanent members of the Standing Committees except in the case of death, in which event substitution shall be made in accord with section B of this Part and certified in writing to the DNC Secretary.

## **Part Six**

### **COMPLAINT PROCEDURE**

## **SECTION A. Challenges to the Plan or Its Implementation**

1. ***Jurisdiction of the Rules and By-laws Committee:*** The National Regulations shall govern challenges to Plan or its implementation.

2. ***Standing:*** Any fifteen Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in National Regulation 3.2 may bring a challenge to this Plan or to its implementation, including the Affirmative Action provisions of Part Four.

3. ***Filing a Challenge to the Plan:*** A challenge to the Plan shall be filed with the State Chair at the State Committee Office and with the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee. Any such challenge must be filed within fifteen (15) days after the adoption of the Plan to be challenged. Anyone who intends to challenge the approval of a Plan should refer to the National Regulations for a further explanation of the challenge procedure.

### **4. *Filing a Challenge to Implementation of a Plan:***

(a) Implementation challenges initiated before the fifty-sixth (56) day preceding to opening of the National Convention fall within the jurisdiction of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and shall be governed by the National Regulations. Implementation challenges initiated thereafter fall within the jurisdiction of the Credentials Committee and shall be governed by that Committee's Rules of Procedure as set out in the Appendix to the Party Call.

(b) An implementation challenge within the jurisdiction of the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Committee and the Rules and Bylaws Committee. Such challenges must be made in accord with the National Regulations, which any challenger should consult for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

(c) In accord with the National Regulations, a challenge to the implementation of this Plan must be filed no later than fifteen (15) days after the alleged violation, except that a challenge to the implementation of Part Four of this Plan may be filed no later than thirty (30) days before the start of the delegate selection process.

(d) Upon receipt of a challenge under this paragraph, the State Compliance Committee established pursuant to section B of this Part shall render decision on the challenge within twenty-one (21) days. Within ten (10) days of the expiration of this twenty-one-day period or the rendering of a decision by the State Compliance Committee, whichever is earlier, any party to the challenge may appeal the decision to the Rules and Bylaws Committee or, if the State Compliance Committee has failed to render a decision, to request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it.

## **SECTION B. State Compliance Procedures**

1. ***Organization:*** A State Compliance Committee shall be created to hear all implementation challenges. The State Compliance Committee shall consist of seven members, one of whom shall be the State Chair and six of whom shall be nominated by the State Chair and elected by the Executive Committee of the State Committee. The State Chair shall serve as Chair of the State Compliance Committee.

2. ***Hearing & Decisions:*** The State Chair shall have the power to dismiss any challenge for failure to allege a violation of this Plan or if no genuine factual basis exists that a violation occurred. Such a dismissal shall constitute the decision of the State Compliance Committee. In the event that the State Chair does not dismiss the challenge, the State Compliance Committee shall hear the challenge. In all events, the State Compliance Committee shall render its decision on any challenge within twenty-one (21) days of the filing of the challenge.

3. ***Rules of Procedure:*** The rules of procedure in Appendix E shall govern the proceedings of the State Compliance Committee in hearing challenges under this section.

4. ***Summary of Challenge Procedures:*** A concise summary of all challenge procedures, including filing deadlines and service requirements, shall be printed by the State Committee and shall be made available at all official meetings related to the selection of delegates and/or alternates, and at the headquarters of (i) the State Committee, (ii) each County Committee and (iii) each Presidential Candidate.

**SUMMARY OF PLAN**  
*Selection of Delegates and Alternates*

The New York State Democratic Party uses a primary proportional representation system.

The first determining step will occur on February 5, 2008 with the Presidential Preference Primary.

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Selection Date, System and Filing Requirements
District Level	151	25	Elected in Primary on 2/5/08; Statements of Candidacy due 12/6/07; petitions due 12/6/07 (signed by .5% of the district's enrolled Democrats but no greater than 500)
Unpledged Party and Elected Officials	20	0	(Automatic)
Members of Congress	24	0	(Automatic)
Unpledged At-Large	4	0	Elected at State Convention on 5/15/08; Statements of Candidacy due 5/7/08
Pledged Party Ldrs & Elctd Offcls	30	0	Same as Unpledged At-Large
Pledged At-Large	51	14	Same as Unpledged At-Large
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>39</b>	

*Selection of Standing Committee Members*

Members per Committee		11
Total Members		33
Selection Date		06/05/08
Selecting Body and Filing Requirements		Selected by the New York National Convention Delegates at a Meeting of the Delegation; Presidential Candidates to nominate by 5/23/08

*Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages*

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates at a meeting of the National Convention Delegates on June 5, 2008.

Seven Convention Pages will be selected by the State Chair on or before June 5, 2008.

*Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline*

To appear on the ballot, presidential candidates must file qualifying petitions, signed by at least 5,000 enrolled Democrats, with the State Board of Elections, 40 Steuben, Albany, New York, by December 6, 2007. Presidential candidates must identify their authorized representatives to the State Committee by September 4, 2007.

*Timetable*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
<b>March 1, 2007</b>	<b>Appointment of Delegate Selection Committee.</b>
<b>Mar. 14 &amp; 29, 2007</b>	<b>Delegate Selection Committee meets to review proposed Delegate Selection Plan.</b>
<b>Mar. 29, 2007</b>	<b>Delegate Selection Committee recommends Delegate Selection Plan.</b>
<b>Mar. 30, 2007</b>	<b>Public comments solicited on proposed Delegate Selection Plan. Press releases mailed.</b>
<b>April 30, 2007</b>	<b>Period for public comment on Plan is completed. Responses are compiled for review by the State Committee.</b>
<b>May 9, 2007</b>	<b>State Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection Plan. Press releases mailed.</b>
<b>June 1, 2007</b>	<b>Delegate Selection Plan forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.</b>
<b>Sept. 4, 2007</b>	<b>Delegate Selection Plan and Affirmative Action Plan go into effect. State Chair holds press conference. Press kits sent to all state media. Petitions for presidential candidates, statements of candidacy, and pledge of support forms are available at the Committee Office. Publication of State Committee brochure. Last day for Presidential Candidates to certify Authorized Representative(s) to State Chair.</b>
<b>Sept. 5, 2007</b>	<b>State Committee priority mailings begin.</b>
<b>Sept. 17, 2007</b>	<b>Last day for State Chair to send letters to editors and publishers on delegate selection process.</b>
<b>Sept. 17, 2007</b>	<b>State Committee workshops and seminars begin. Presidential Candidates to submit outreach plans to State Committee.</b>
<b>Oct. 15, 2007</b>	<b>Last Day for individuals who have announced their candidacies for President on or before October 1, 2007 to submit to the State Committee plans for promoting participation in the delegate selection process by the groups set forth in Section D of this Plan.</b>
<b>Oct. 16, 2007</b>	<b>Last day to file Party Call</b>
<b>Oct. 16, 2007</b>	<b>Last day for State Committee priority mailings.</b>
<b>Oct. 26, 2007</b>	<b>First day for filing Statement of Candidacy for any delegate or alternate position. Last day for State Committee workshops and seminars.</b>
<b>Oct. 30, 2007</b>	<b>First day for circulation of qualifying petitions for presidential candidates and district delegates and alternates.</b>
<b>Dec. 3, 2007</b>	<b>First day for filing Presidential Candidate qualifying petition with the State Board of Elections and for filing qualifying petitions for district delegate and alternate with the</b>

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
	applicable Board of Elections.
<b>Dec. 6, 2007</b>	Last day to file Statements of Candidacy for district delegate or alternate. Last day to file qualifying petitions for Presidential Candidates and district delegate or alternate.
<b>Dec. 10, 2007</b>	Last day for Presidential Candidates to withdraw from Primary ballot. Last day for candidates for district delegate and alternate to withdraw from Primary Ballot.
<b>Dec. 11, 2007</b>	Last day for State Committee to supply Candidate List to Presidential Candidates of candidates for district delegate and alternate.
<b>Dec. 14, 2007</b>	Last day for Presidential Candidates to exercise right of rejection for district delegate or alternate.
<b>Dec. 14, 2007</b>	Last day for committee on vacancies to substitute candidates for district delegate or alternate.
<b>Dec. 18, 2007</b>	Last day for State Committee to notify candidates for district delegate or alternate of rejection by Presidential Candidate. Last day for State Committee to certify names of eligible candidates for district delegate and alternate to the applicable Boards of Election.
<b>Jan. 4, 2008</b>	Last day for Presidential Candidates to submit demographic analyses of district delegate and alternate candidates to State Committee.
<b>Jan. 11, 2008</b>	Last day to register to vote in Primary in person or by mail.
<b>Jan. 15, 2008</b>	Last day for Executive Committee to elect temporary members of standing committees.
<b>Jan. 18, 2008</b>	Last day for State Chair to certify to DNC Secretary names of temporary members of standing committees.
<b>Feb. 5, 2008</b>	Presidential preference primary.
<b>Feb. 6, 2008</b>	First day to file Statements of Candidacy for district delegate and alternate positions unfilled in the Primary.
<b>Mar. 1, 2008</b>	Last day for DNC Secretary to confirm to the State Chair the names of all unpledged party leaders and elected official delegates.
<b>Mar. 5, 2008</b>	State Chair certifies district level delegates and alternates to the DNC Secretary.
<b>Mar. 28, 2008</b>	Last day to file Statements of Candidacy for district delegate or alternate positions unfilled in the Primary.
<b>Mar. 31, 2008</b>	Last day for State Committee to supply Candidate List to Presidential Candidates of candidates for unfilled delegate and alternate positions.
<b>Apr. 3, 2008</b>	Last day for Presidential Candidates to reject district delegate and alternate candidates for positions unfilled in the Primary.
<b>April 21, 2008</b>	Last day for post-Primary caucuses to fill delegate and alternate positions unfilled in the Primary.
<b>April 23, 2008</b>	Last day to file a Statement of Candidacy for unpledged at-large delegate, pledged party and elected official delegate, and pledged at-large delegate or alternate positions. Last day for Presidential Candidates to file demographic

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	analyses on district delegates and alternates with the State Committee.
<b>April 25, 2008</b>	Last day for State Committee to supply Candidate List to Presidential Candidates of candidates for pledged delegate and alternate positions to be elected at the State Convention.
<b>April 28, 2008</b>	Last day for Presidential Candidate to reject pledged party and elected official delegate.
<b>April 30, 2008</b>	Nominating Committee to approve ballots for State Convention.
<b>May 1, 2008</b>	Selection of unpledged at-large delegates, pledged party leader and elected official delegates. Last day for Presidential Candidate to reject candidates for pledged at-large delegates and alternates. Selection of pledged at-large delegates and alternates.
<b>May 4, 2008</b>	Last day for the State Chair to certify the names of delegates and alternates elected at the State Convention to the DNC Secretary.
<b>May 23, 2008</b>	Last day for Presidential Candidates to submit to the State Committee (1) nominees for permanent members of the Standing Committees and (2) demographic analyses on delegates and alternates.
<b>June 5, 2008</b>	National Convention Delegates select permanent members of the Standing Committees and a Delegation Chair. State Chair names Convention Pages.
<b>June 8, 2008</b>	Last day for the State Chair to certify the names of the permanent members of the Standing Committees, Delegation Chair and pages to the DNC Secretary.
<b>June 13, 2008</b>	Last day for State Committee fundraising efforts to help defray expenses of certain delegates and alternates.
<b>August 25-28, 2008</b>	National Convention