

Procedures for the Nomination of Candidates for Filling Vacancies in 46th Legislative District

1. The County Democratic Chair shall call a special meeting of the district precinct committee officers (PCO's) for the purpose of filling legislative district or county office vacancies. The County Democratic Chair, or the Chair's designee, shall preside over all such meetings.
2. Candidates must be registered voters residing in the district where the vacancy exists, and must be otherwise qualified for office.
3. Only duly elected and appointed PCO's within the district are eligible to vote. To be eligible to vote, appointed PCO's must have been approved by the legislative district organization and appointed by the county chair as of October 20, 2011 (date of last 46th District Democrats meeting). No proxies or absentee ballots are allowed.
4. A declaration of candidacy, not to exceed five minutes, shall be made from the floor by the candidate and/or someone speaking on his/her behalf. No person ineligible to be appointed may be nominated. When there are no further declarations of candidacy the issue shall come to a vote.
5. Each PCO shall cast one vote on the ballot provided.

Nominees for the first, second, and third ranked positions shall be selected in a single election. After the first ballot, the votes shall be tabulated and the ranking of the candidates by vote totals shall be announced.

If there are more than three candidates, the top three shall be retained and the others stricken from the ballot and another vote taken.

Again, each voter shall cast one vote for one of the remaining three candidates. Again votes shall be tabulated, totals announced and a ranking established by the number of votes each candidate receives.

If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, there shall be a recorded vote between the candidates ranked one and two. The candidate receiving the majority of votes cast in this balloting shall be ranked one.

6. The list of nominees shall consist of three names in rank order.
7. Voting on candidates shall be by signed ballot. Ballots not signed or having more than one vote cast will not be counted.
8. The County Democratic Chair shall retain custody of the ballots for three months.

9. The County Democratic Chair (or designee) shall transmit the candidates' names and their vote totals to the County Central Committee for ratification, and subsequent to the ratification to the chair of the county council. Notice of the special caucus shall be mailed fourteen days in advance. The call to the meeting shall include the purpose of the caucus, the vacancy to be filled, time, place, and date of the meeting, and a copy of these procedures. The meeting call shall be mailed and emailed by the County Democratic Central Committee.

10. In all matters not specifically covered herein, Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall prevail.

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