HOW TO RUN FOR DELEGATE TO THE 2020 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

THE TIMELINE

JAN. 13, 2020
PICK UP YOUR STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY, PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FORMS, AND FILING INSTRUCTIONS. They can be found at the MassDems Headquarters at 11 Beacon St. Boston MA 02108 or at massdems.org

FEB. 12, 2020
LAST DAY TO REGISTER AS A DEMOCRAT
You must be a registered Democrat to become a delegate to the Convention

MARCH 3, 2020
DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
Turn out the vote on March 3rd to increase your chances of becoming a delegate!*

MARCH 27, 2020
FILING DEADLINE FOR DISTRICT-LEVEL DELEGATES
District-level delegates and alternates must file by 5:00. Mail your filing to MassDems HQ or send it by email to delegate@massdems.org

APRIL 17, 2020
FILING DEADLINE FOR AT-LARGE DELEGATES
At-large delegate candidates must file by 5:00 pm. Mail your filing to MassDems HQ or send it by email to delegate@massdems.org

APRIL 25, 2020
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CAUCUSES TO ELECT DISTRICT-LEVEL DELEGATES
All candidates must be present and give written consent to nomination. Each candidate will be allowed to make a two-minute speech and to distribute materials.

MAY 16, 2020
DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE VOTE ON AT-LARGE DELEGATES
This is a public meeting, any Democrat can run, but only State Committee members vote.

JULY 13 TO 16, 2020
THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION
Hold fundraisers to help fund your trip to the convention, purchase your plane tickets, book a hotel, and get ready to elect our 2020 nominee and take back the White House!

OUR DELEGATION

THE COMPOSITION

District-Level Delegates 67.8%
At-Large Delegates 23%
District Level Alternates 9.2%

*DISTRICT-LEVEL DELEGATE APPORTIONMENT
District-level delegate positions will be allocated to presidential preferences through a proportional representation system based on the results of the Massachusetts Democratic Primary on March 3, 2020. Delegates will be equally divided between male and female seats, though the state party has created provisions for gender non-binary candidates, who are welcome and encouraged to run.

Massachusetts district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned among the congressional districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2016 presidential and the most recent 2018 gubernatorial elections.

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COMMIT TO YOUR CANDIDATE

Candidates for delegate can sign a pledge of support for a presidential candidate or remain uncommitted. You may also change your candidate preference prior to the filing deadline.

Presidential candidates must receive at least 15% of the district-wide vote in the state Primary to receive district-level delegates and 15% statewide to receive at-large delegates.

The more votes your candidate receives, the better chance you have of becoming delegate. So get out there and start campaigning!

CANDIDATE APPROVAL

Each campaign approves or denies the candidates running to be their delegates. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by 5:00 PM May 4, 2020 a list of all such candidates he or she has approved.

Approval must be given to at least three times the number of candidates for delegate men and three times the number of candidates for delegate women, and three times the number of candidates for alternate men and three times the number of alternate women to be selected.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION GOALS

The MA delegation will be equal parts male and female, with non-binary individuals counted separately. We have also set affirmative action goals for the number of delegates from underrepresented communities based on the populations of those communities in MA. When selecting the at-large delegation priority of consideration will be given based on candidates’ race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability to ensure increased inclusion of groups historically under-represented and to assist in their full participation.

The State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans and Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender in the state’s Democratic electorate and the state as a whole based on 2013-2017 Census numbers. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. For 2020, Massachusetts has also chosen to establish percentages as goals for youth and people with disabilities.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION GOALS

- African American: 30
- Hispanic: 20
- Native American: 10
- Asian/Pacific American: 0
- LGBTQ+: 30
- Youth: 30
- Disabilities: 30

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