



2008 Delegate Selection Plan

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I Summary of Plan

A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates (Reg. 2.2.A.)

Georgia will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Presidential Preference Primary for apportioning its delegates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Georgia’s delegate selection process will occur on **February 5, 2008**, with a **Presidential Preference Primary**.

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

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates and Alternates	57	10	April 19, 2008	Congressional District Caucus
				Statement of candidacy and pledge of support filed by April 4, 2008
Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	14	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2008 Delegate Selection Rules.
Unpledged Add-on Delegates**	2	n/a	May 24, 2008	State Committee
				As provided in Section II.D.2 in this Plan.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	11	Selected With At-Large Delegates	May 24, 2008	State Committee
				Statement of candidacy and pledge of support filed by May 5, 2008. A candidate may file for delegate categories simultaneously.
At-Large Delegates and Alternates	19	5	May 24, 2008	State Committee
				Statement of candidacy and pledge of support filed by May 5, 2008. A candidate may file for delegate categories simultaneously.
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	103	15		

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

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Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the 2008 Delegate Selection Rules. The exact number of Unpledged PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

** Unpledged Add-on delegates refer to those delegates chosen according to Rule 9.B. of the 2008 Delegate Selection Rules.

*** Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) alternates are selected with the At-Large alternates.

B. Selection of Standing Committee Members (for the Credentials, Platform and Rules Committees) (Reg. 2.2.A.)

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

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
4	12	May 24, 2008	Nominations from Presidential candidates due by May 12, 2008; election by convention delegation.

C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages (Reg. 2.2.A.)

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on May 24, 2008.

Three Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on May 24, 2008.

D. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline (Reg. 2.2.A.)

1. Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by October 5, 2007. (Rule 12.D.(1)) That Code Section outlined is printed in full below. In summary, the executive committee of the Democratic Party of Georgia shall meet during the month of October, 2007 to consider which candidates to include on the list of candidates to be submitted to the Secretary of State for inclusion on the 2008 Democratic Presidential Preference Primary ballot. The intent of the Democratic Party of Georgia is to include all widely recognized, legitimate candidates for the 2008 Democratic Presidential nomination on the 2008 Democratic Presidential Preference primary ballot.

E. Timetable

Date	Activity
2007	
March 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
March 28	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
April 28	Period for public comment on state Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee. State committee meets to review plan and adopts Delegate Selection Plan.
	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC

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Date	Activity
May 1	Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 16	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan, are sent to all state media.
October 5	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the state party.
November 1	Deadline for Democratic Party of Georgia's executive committee to file list of candidates for the 2008 Presidential Preference primary with the Secretary of State, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-2-193.
2008	
January 9	<p>Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party's web site at www.democraticpartyofgeorgia.org.</p> <p>Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.)</p>
February 5	Presidential Preference Primary
April 4	District-level delegate and alternate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
April 7	State party to provide list of district level delegate and alternate candidates to the presidential candidates.
April 11	Presidential candidates provide list of approved district-level delegate and alternate candidates to State Party.
April 19	Post-primary congressional district caucuses select district-level delegate and alternate candidates.
April 19	Unpledged Add-On, PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidates begins filing statements of candidacy with State Party.
April 22	State Chair certifies results of primary; pre-elected district level delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
May 5	Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
May 6	State Party to provide list of pledged PLEO and At-Large candidates to the Presidential candidates.
May 12	Presidential candidates must provide a list of approved standing committee candidate names.

Date	Activity
May 19	Presidential candidates must provide a list of approved pledged PLEO candidates for delegate.
May 24	State Committee meets. Unpledged add-on and pledged PLEO delegates selected. Presidential candidates must provide a list of approved at-large delegate candidates. At-large delegates and alternates after the selection of PLEO delegates. National Convention delegates select National Convention Standing committee members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names convention pages.
May 27	State Chair certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (Unpledged add-on, PLEO's and at-large) along with standing committee members, delegation chair and convention pages.

II. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

A. Introduction

1. Georgia has a total of 103 delegates and 15 alternates. *(Call, I. & Appendix B.)*
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *2008 Delegate Selection Rules for the Democratic National Convention* ("Rules"), the *Call for the 2008 Democratic National Convention* ("Call"), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2008 Democratic National Convention* ("Regs."), the rules of the Democratic Party of Georgia, the Georgia election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. *(Call, II.A.)*
3. Following the adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan by the State Party Committee, it shall be submitted for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee ("RBC"). The State Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Party Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC's findings. *(Regs. 2.5, 2.6 & 2.7)*
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the State Party will be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. *(Reg. 2.9)*

B. Presidential Candidates

2. A presidential candidate gains access to the Georgia ballot by following the procedure set out in O.C.G.A. §21-2-193. That Code Section outlined is printed in full below. In summary, the executive committee of the Democratic Party of Georgia shall meet during the month of October, 2007 to consider which candidates to include on the list of candidates to be submitted to the Secretary of State for inclusion on the 2008 Democratic Presidential Preference Primary ballot. For the Democratic Presidential nomination on the 2008 Democratic Presidential Preference primary ballot, it is the intent of the Democratic Party of Georgia to include all widely recognized, legitimate candidates that meet the requirements of Rule 12.K of the Delegate Selection Rules and Article VI of the Call for the Convention.
O.C.G.A. §21-2-193

Not later than November 1 in the year preceding the year in which a presidential preference primary is to be

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held, the state executive committee of each party which is to conduct a presidential preference primary shall submit to the Secretary of State a list of the names of the candidates of such party to appear on the presidential preference primary ballot. Such lists shall be published by the Secretary of State in a newspaper of general circulation in the state during the first week of December in the year immediately preceding the year in which the presidential preference primary is to be held.

5. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) by October 5, 2007. *(Rule 12.D.(1))*
6. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use his or her best efforts to ensure that his or her respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. *(Rule 6.I.)*

C. District-Level Delegates and Alternates

1. Georgia is allocated 57 district-level delegates and 10 district-level alternates. *(Rule 8.C., Call, I.B. & I.I.)*
2. District-level delegate positions will be allocated to presidential preferences through a proportional representation system based on a Presidential Preference Primary, with the first determining step on February 5, 2008. *(Rules 11.A. & 13.A.)*
3. District-level delegates and alternates shall be elected by a Presidential Preference Primary on February 5, 2008 followed by a post-primary caucus on April 19, 2008.
4. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates and Alternates
 - (a) Georgia's district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2004 presidential and the 2006 gubernatorial elections. *(Rule 8.A., Regs. 4.10, 4.11. & Appendix A). Note: Some absentee votes are not factored due to the lack of available reporting/accounting (per precinct and/or congressional district) by the Secretary of State Elections division. See. Attachment #1.*
 - (b) The state's total number of district-level delegates will be equally divided between men and women. *(Rule 6.C.(1) & Reg. 4.8.)*
 - (c) The district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following chart:

District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
#1	1	2	3	1	0	1
#2	3	2	5	0	1	1
#3	2	2	4	1	0	1
#4	3	3	6	0	1	1
#5	3	4	7	1	0	1
#6	2	1	3	0	0	0
#7	2	2	4	0	1	1
#8	2	2	4	0	1	1

District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
#9	1	2	3	0	0	0
#10	2	2	4	1	0	1
#11	2	1	3	0	0	0
#12	2	3	5	1	0	1
#13	3	3	6	0	1	1
Total	28	29	57	5	5	10

5. District-Level Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

- a. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. (*Rule 12.A.*)
- b. A district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which he or she is registered to vote. (*Rule 12.H.*)
- c. An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate or alternate to the 2008 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating his or her presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by noon on April 4, 2008. (*Rules 12.B. & 14.F.*)

Candidates for delegate or alternate positions shall file a statement of candidacy designating their presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the state party by noon on April 4, 2008. (*Reg. 4.21*)

- d. All candidates considered for district-level alternate positions must meet the same requirements as candidates for district-level delegate positions, *except that the state may allow candidates who were not chosen at the delegate level to be considered at the alternate level.*(*Rule 12.C.*)

6. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval for District-Level Delegates and Alternates

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than April 7, 2008, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rules 12.D. & 12.F.*)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by April 11, 2008, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate men and three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate women, and three (3) times the number of candidates for alternate men and three (3) times the number of alternate women to be selected. (*Rule 12.E.(1), Regs. 4.23*)
- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate and alternate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than April 11, 2008.
- d. National convention delegate and alternate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s),

may not be elected as a delegate or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate (including uncommitted status). (*Rule 12.E. & Reg. 4.23*)

- e. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days (by May 27, 2008) of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates.”

7. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

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

- a. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner minus 10%. (*Rule 13.F.*) National Convention delegates and alternates shall be elected at congressional district level caucuses throughout the state of Georgia on Saturday, April 19, 2008.
- b. Georgia Democrats interested in becoming delegates or alternates must file a Statement of Candidacy to run for delegate or alternate with the Democratic Party of Georgia beginning January 9, 2008 and ending April 4, 2008.
- c. Each congressional district shall meet on the same day and time to ensure uniformity and maximum attendance of Democratic voters in locations that are easily accessible to all participants, including persons with disabilities, and assistance shall be provided to those persons with disabilities who wish to participate. Congressional districts shall be encouraged to make provisions for childcare.
- d. Any person attending a district level caucus, before participating in the caucus, shall sign a standardized declaration form approved by the State Democratic Party stating that he or she: is a Democrat; does not intend to support any candidate who is opposed to a Democratic nominee in the next ensuing election; is not a member of any other political party; has not participated and will not participate in the nominating process of any other Party for the 2008 Presidential election; and is a registered voter in the jurisdiction in which the caucus is held. Declaration forms shall also require the participant to identify his or her residence address, telephone number, electronic mail address (if applicable), and such person’s presidential preference.
- e. All persons filing a Statement of Candidacy will be placed on a ballot according to their presidential preference and will be voted on by Democratic registered voters supporting the same presidential candidate. All candidates will have an opportunity to conduct a three minute speech as to why they should be selected as a delegate for their presidential preference.
- f. The delegate positions shall be pre-designated so that the gender of the first position to be filled by the winning presidential candidate is pre-determined to be female. Once the allocation of district delegates has been calculated, the remaining delegate positions can be assigned to the presidential preference(s), in order of vote won, alternating by gender.
- g. District-level delegates pledged to a presidential candidate are elected by a caucus of persons from the same congressional districts who sign statements of support for the same candidate. District level caucus meetings will begin no later than 11:00am on April 19, 2008 at a central location selected by the Congressional District Chair in coordination with the State Party. When caucus members arrive to the caucus meeting, they must have their voter registration verified to ensure they reside in the congressional district in which they intend to vote. All potential caucus

members will be credentialed and must present their credential to receive their pre-printed ballot. Caucus members must sign their ballot for it to be counted.

8. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates and Alternates
 - a. The delegate positions shall be pre-designed so that the gender of the first position to be filled by the winning presidential candidate is pre-determined to be female. Once the allocation of district delegates among presidential preference(s) has been calculated, the remaining delegate positions can be assigned to the presidential preference(s), in order of vote won, alternating by gender. (*Rule 6.C.(1) & Reg. 4.8.*)
 - b. After the delegates are selected, the alternates will be awarded, using the same process described above.
9. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the state's district-level delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within three (3) days after their election. (*Rule 8.C. & Call, IV.A.) (Regs. 5.3.B. & C.]*)

D. Unpledged Delegates

1. Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials
 - a. The following categories shall constitute the Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
 - (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; (*Rule 9.A.(1), Call, I.E., I., J. & Reg. 4.13.*)
 - (2) All of Georgia's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; (*Rule 9.A.(3), Call I.G. & J.*)
 - (3) "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates who legally reside in the state; (*Rule 9.A.(5), Call I.F., and Reg. 4.13*)
 - b. The certification process for the Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
 - (1) Not later than March 1, 2008, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the unpledged delegates who legally reside in Georgia. (*Rule 9.A.*)
 - (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the unpledged delegates from the categories indicated above. (*Call, IV.B.1.*)
2. Unpledged Add-On Delegates
 - a. Georgia will select 2 unpledged add-on delegates. (*Rule 9.B., Call, I.H. & Reg. 5.1.*)
 - b. The procedures to be used in selecting the 2 unpledged add-on delegates will be as follows:
 1. Selection of the unpledged add-on delegates will occur on May 24, 2008 at the State Committee meeting prior to the selection of the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates. The unpledged add-on delegates will be elected from a list of nominees selected by the State Party Chair and approved by the Executive Committee.
 2. These delegates will be selected by the State Committee, which is the same selecting body used to select the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official and At-Large delegates and alternates. (*RULE 9.B.(1)*)
 3. The equal division and affirmative action provisions of Rule 9.A. apply

to the selection of these unpledged add-on delegates. (*RULE 9.B.(2)*)

4. The list from which the selecting body chooses the unpledged add-on delegates shall contain at least one (1) name for every unpledged add-on position to be filled. (*RULE 9.B.(3)*)

5. Unpledged add-on delegate candidates may be selected whether or not they previously filed a statement of candidacy for a delegate position or submitted a pledge of support for a presidential candidate. (*RULE 9.B.(5) & REG. 4.14.*)

6. Unpledged add-on delegates, selected pursuant to Rule 9.B., shall be certified in writing by the State Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. (*Call, IV.B.2.*)

E. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates

1. *Georgia* is allotted 11 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (*CALL, I.C. & D.*)
2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
 - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. (*RULE 9.C.(1) & REG. 4.15.*)
 - b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by submitting a Pledged Party Leader or Elected Official Delegate Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support to the State Party office at 1100 Spring Street, Suite 408, Atlanta, Georgia, beginning April 19, 2008. Deadline for filing is May 5, 2008. An individual may qualify for delegate categories simultaneously. (*RULES 9.C.(3), & 14.G., REGS. 4.16.. & 4.27.C.*)
 - c. Pledged PLEO delegate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference. (*RULE 9.C.(3)*)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval
 - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than May 6, 2008 a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (*RULES 9.C.(3) & 12.E.*)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by May 19, 2008, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, as long as approval is given to at least one (1) name for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (*RULE 12.E.(2) & REG. 4.23.*)
 - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair no later than May 19, 2008.
 - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including

uncommitted status) has used best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days (by May 27, 2008) of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO delegate candidates.

4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates

- a. Georgia is allocated 11 Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates.
- b. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials(to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders.
- c. An individual can qualify as a candidate for pledged PLEO delegate by filing a statement of candidacy with the State Party Chair by May 5, 2007. Any statement of candidacy or membership received after the deadline, regardless of the reason for the delay, will not meet this qualification.
- d. The statement of candidacy must designate a presidential preference (including uncommitted)and contain all the information listed in Section III.A.4.c. of this Plan.
- e. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. (*RULE 9.C.(2), 10.C., 13.E. & F.*)
- f. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur at the State Committee meeting on May 24, 2008. Pledged Party Leader or Elected Official Delegates shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the results of the February 5 Presidential Preference Primary. Presidential candidates who did not receive at least 15% of the vote in the Presidential Preference Primary shall not be entitled to any Pledged Party Leader or Elected Official Delegates. (*RULE 10.C. & 13.E*)
- g. These delegates will be selected by the State Party Committee. (*RULE 9.D.*)
 - (a) Membership on the State Party Committee is apportioned on the basis of population. Regular State Committee members are elected on the basis of population of each of Georgia's 159 counties. (*RULE 9.D.(1)*)
 - (b) Members of the State Party Committee have been elected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. (*RULE 9.D.(2)*)
 - (c) Such delegates are elected on May 24, 2008 at a public meeting subsequent to the election of district-level delegates. (*RULE 9.D.(3)*)
 - (d) Most of the State Party Committee was elected by their respective county Democratic committee on dates between Feb. 1 and February 28, 2007. The remaining positions were filled by April 28, 2007. (*RULE 9.D.(4)*)
 - (e) Membership of the State Party Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. (*RULE 9.D.(5)*)

- h. Alternates are not selected at the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and selected as one unit.
 - i. State Committee members shall receive pre-printed ballots and must sign their ballots for it to be counted. State Committee members shall not be required to declare their presidential candidate preference, and the entire body of Committee members shall vote for all national convention delegates and alternates selected under this Section. Voting for delegates and alternates in each of these categories shall be conducted separately for each male and female slot. Candidates for delegate or alternate must receive a majority of those votes cast in order to be elected. The State Party will designate procedures whereby the field of candidates may be narrowed and runoff votes taken in the event enough candidates do not receive a majority of the first ballot.
5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within three (3) days after their election. (RULE 8.D. & CALL, IV.A.)

F. At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. The state of Georgia is allotted 19 at-large delegates and 5 at-large alternates. (Rule 8.C., Call, I.B. & I.)
2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
 - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by May 5, 2008. An individual may file for delegate categories simultaneously. (Rules 12.B. & 14.G., Regs. 4.21 & 4.27.)
 - b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. (Rule 18.A.) After the at-large delegates are elected by the State Committee, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing.
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval
 - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than May 6, 2008, a list of all persons who have filed for at large delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 12.D.) (Reg. 4.22)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, by **May 24, 2008**, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that, at a minimum, **one name** remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 12.E.(2) & Reg. 4.23.)
 - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than **May 24, 2008**.
 - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and

goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days (by May 27, 2008) of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates.

4. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates
 - a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the state-wide Presidential primary vote. (Rule 10.C.)
 - b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (Rule 13.E.)
 - c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner, minus 10%. (Rule 13.F.)
 - d. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur at the State Committee meeting on May 24, 2008, after all unpledged delegates and pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. (Rule 8.D. & Call, III.)
 - e. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the State Committee. The Chair will propose at large delegates in the order of his/her choosing, and if a majority of the State Committee members in attendance approve of the appointment, the proposed at large delegate will be confirmed. This will continue until all at large delegates and at-large alternates have been chosen. (Rules 10.B. & 9.D.)
 - (a) Membership on the State Party Committee is apportioned on the basis of population and/or some measure of Democratic strength. (Rule 9.D.(1))
 - (b) Members of the State Party Committee have been elected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. (Rule 9.D.(2))
 - (c) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of district-level delegates. (Rule 9.D.(3))
 - (d) Members of the State Party Committee shall have been elected no earlier than the date of the previous presidential election. (Rule 9.D.(4))
 - (e) Membership of the State Party Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. (Rule 9.D.(5))
 - f. In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans and women. (Rule 6.A.)
 - (1) 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 race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation or disability. (Rules 5.C., 6.A.(3), Rule 7., & Reg. 4.7)
 - (2) The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan. (Rule 6.A.)
 - (3) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. (Rules 6.A.(3), 10.A. & Regs. 4.7 & 4.19.)
 - g. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, then those at-large slots that would have been allocated to the candidate will be proportionally divided among the remaining preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 10.C.)

- h. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one at-large alternate position. (*Rule 18.B., Call, I.I. & Reg. 4.29.*)
- 5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within three (3) days after their election. (*Rule 8.C. & Call, IV.A.*)

G. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates

- 1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:
 - a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: (*Rule 18.D.(2)*)
 - (1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to and during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
 - (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and sex of the delegate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
 - (a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
 - (b) If a presidential candidate has only one alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of the opposite sex, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 18.D.(2), the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of the opposite sex, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (*Reg. 4.33*)
 - b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (*Rule 18.D.(3)*)
 - (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.
 - (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be of the same sex and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
 - c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: The alternate who receives the highest number of votes becomes the delegate. (*Rule 18.D.(1)*)
 - d. Certification of Replacements
 - (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. (*Rule 18.D.2.*)
 - (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the State's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (*Call, IV.C.1.*)
 - (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 48 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. (*Call, IV.C.1. & Reg. 4.30.*)

- (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 48 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet (*Call, VIII.F.3.d., VIII.F.3.b. & Reg. 5.4.*)
 - e. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same sex and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. (*Rule 18.F.*)
2. Unpledged delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (*Rule 18.E. & Reg. 4.33.*)
 - a. Members of Congress or the Democratic Governor, if applicable, shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. (*Call, IV.C.2.a.*)
 - b. Members of the Democratic National Committee and unpledged add-on delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2008 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of unpledged delegates. (*Call, IV.C.2.b.*)
 - c. Unpledged distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. (*Call, IV.C.2.c.*)
 - d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an unpledged delegate. (*Call, VIII.F.3.d.*)

III. Selection of Standing Committee Members

A. Introduction

1. Georgia has been allocated 4 member(s) on each of the three standing committees for the 2008 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of 12 members. (*Call, VII.A. & Appendix D.*)
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention. (*Call, VII.A.3.*)
3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. (*Rule 1.G.*)

B. Selection of Members

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Georgia's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on May 24, 2008. (*Call, VII.B.1.*)
 - b. A quorum shall consist of **40%** of the state's delegates to the National Convention. (*Rule 15*)
 - c. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. (*Call, VII.B.1.*)

2. Allocation of Members
 - a. The members of the standing committees allocated to Georgia shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 13.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. (*Call, VII.C.1. & Reg. 5.7.*)
 - b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to Georgia. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. (*Call, VII.C.2.*)
 - c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. (*Call, VII.C.3.*)
 - d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. (*Call, VII.C.4.*)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval
 - a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. (*Call, VII.D.1.*)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by May 12, 2008, a minimum of one (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members submitted by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status). Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. (*Call, VII.D.2.*)
4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division
 - a. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Georgia's affirmative action goals and that their respective members are equally divided between men and women. (*Rule 6.I. & Reg. 4.9.*)
 - b. Each position on each standing committee shall be assigned by gender. For example, the first position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a **male**, the second position for a **female**, and the remaining positions shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by sex, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.
 - (1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.

- (2) The membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided as possible under the state allocation; if the number is even, the membership shall be equally divided between men and women; if the number is odd, the variance between men and women may not exceed one (1), and the advantaged gender must not remain constant for the three standing committees. *(Call, VII.E.1.)*
 - (3) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate sex.
5. Certification and Substitution
 - a. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. *(Call, VII.B.3.)*
 - b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected. *(Call, VII.B.4.)*

IV. Selection of the Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

A. Introduction

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

B. Delegation Chair

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on May 24, 2008. *(Call, IV.D.)*
 - b. A quorum shall consist of 40% of the state's delegates to the National Convention. *(Rule 15)*
 - c. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. *(Rule 3.C.)*
2. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after his or her selection. *(Call, IV.D.)*

C. Convention Pages

1. Three individuals will be selected to serve as Georgia's Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place May 24, 2008. *(Call, IV.E.3. & Reg. 5.5.)*
3. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action guidelines in the Affirmative Action Plan. *(Reg. 5.5.A.)*
4. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Georgia's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. *(Call, IV.E.3. & Reg. 5.5.B.)*

V. General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

- A. Participation in Georgia's delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. *(Rules 2.A. & 2.C.) The Secretary of State of Georgia maintains records of the voters who have participated in the Democratic Primary. Georgia does not provide for registration by the party.*
- B. At no stage of Georgia's delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation.
- C. No persons shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding elections. *(Rule 2.E.)*
- D. No person shall vote in more than one meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. *(Rule 3.E. & Reg. 4.6.)*
- E. The Georgia Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the "six basic elements" as listed below. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. *(Rules 4.A. & C.)*
 - 1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Georgia should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as status). *(Rule 4.B.(1))*
 - 2. Neither test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party in Georgia should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on status. *(Rule 4.B.(2))*
 - 3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in Georgia on all levels should be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. *(Rule 4.B.(3))*
 - 4. The Democratic Party in Georgia, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on status. *(Rule 4.B.(4))*
 - 5. The Democratic Party in Georgia should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of each State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. *(Rule 4.B.(5))*
 - 6. The Democratic Party in Georgia should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. *(Rule 4.B.(6))*
- F. Discrimination on the basis of status in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.B.)*
- G. Georgia's delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all unpledged delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division. *(Rule 6.C.)*

- H. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. *(Rule 12.I.)*
- I. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. *(Rule 12.J.)*
- J. All delegates, alternates and standing committee members must be bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will to participate in the Convention in good faith. *(Rule 12.H. & Reg. 4.24)*
- K. *Forty percent* of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of convention delegates. *(Rule 15)*
- L. An accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having appeared at such meeting and having established credentials, may register a non-transferable proxy with another duly accredited participant at that meeting (except where an accredited alternate is present and eligible to serve as a replacement), provided that no individual may hold more than three (3) proxies at one time. *(Rule 16 & Reg. 4.28.)*
- M. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 17.A.)*
- N. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 17.B.)*
- O. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. *(Rules 1.F. & 11.B.)*
- P. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention, Georgia thereby 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 Delegate Selection Rules for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, 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 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 for the Democratic National Convention. *(Call, II.B.)*
- Q. Georgia is participating in the state government-run presidential preference primary that will utilize government-run voting systems. The State Party has taken (or will take) provable positive steps to:
 - 1. Promote the acquisition of accessible precinct based optical scan systems, whenever possible *(Rule 2.H.(1))*
 - 2. Seek enactment of legislation, rules, and policies at the state and local levels to ensure that direct recording electronic systems include a voter verified paper trail *(Rule 2.H.(2))*

3. Seek enactment of legislation, rules, and policies at the state and local level to ensure that both optical scan and direct recording systems include recognized security measures. These measures include automatic routine annual audits comparing paper records to electronic records following every election and prior to certification or results where possible; parallel testing on election day; physical and electronic security for equipment; banning use of wireless components and connections; public disclosure of software design; use of transparent and random selection for all auditing procedures; and effective procedures for addressing evidence of fraud or error.

(Rule 2.H.(3))

4. These provable positive steps have included working with the Secretary of State and state legislators to meet these needs, as well as educating our members and the public about the importance of such state actions.

VI. Affirmative Action Plan

A. Introduction

1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Georgia should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status"). *(Rule 4.B.(1))*
2. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by Georgia. *(Rule 5.A.)*
3. Discrimination on the basis of status in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.B.)*
4. In order to continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs, by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, or disability, Georgia has developed Party outreach programs. Such programs include recruitment, education and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups and diversity in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs for 2008. *(Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.7.)*
5. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the Georgia Democratic Party has adopted and will implement affirmative action programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans and women. *(Rule 6.A.)*
 - a. The goal of the affirmative action programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. *(Rule 6.A.(1))*
 - b. This goal shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party's imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs. *(Rule 6.A.(2))*
6. Presidential candidates shall assist the Georgia Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan. *(Rule 6.H.)*
 - a. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by January 9, 2008 which indicates the specific steps he or she will take to encourage full participation in Georgia's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. *(Rule 6.H.(1))*
 - b. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. *(Rule 6.H.(2))*
7. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegations within the state's delegate, alternate and standing committee delegations shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and that the respective delegations of each presidential candidate shall be equally divided between men and women. Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate and alternate candidates who meet applicable equal division and

affirmative action considerations in order to achieve the affirmative action goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (*Rule 6.I. & Regs. 4.9. & 4.22.*)

8. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan shall begin no later than December 16, 2007, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. (*Rule 1.F.*)

B. Organizational Structure – Affirmative Action Committee

1. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair on March 1, 2007. (*Rule 6.F.*)
2. The Committee shall consist of members from each delegate district representing the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan.
3. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
 - a. Reviewing the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
 - b. Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action section of this Plan.
 - c. Implementing a financial assistance program for delegates and alternates. In carrying out this responsibility, the Affirmative Action Committee shall: (*RULE 6.G.*)
 - (1) Encourage the participation and representation of persons of low and moderate income;
 - (2) Advise prospective delegates and alternates in a timely manner of the role and mandate of this Affirmative Action Committee;
 - (3) Receive requests for financial assistance from delegates and alternates otherwise unable to participate in the National Convention;
 - (4) Prepare specific information for all delegates and alternates as to how and where to seek financial assistance to defray expenses to the Convention. This information may include lists of groups or organizations willing to help and fund-raising ideas; and
 - (5) Plan and conduct the fund-raising events or solicitations necessary to supplement other efforts.
 - d. Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans and women. (*Rule 6.E.*)
4. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.

C. Implementation of the Plan

1. Publicity
 - a. Special attention shall be directed at publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process and

where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in the State Party newspaper. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. (*Rules 3.C. and 3.D.*)

- b. Newspapers, radio and television will be utilized to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, this information should provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Special effort shall be directed to the major daily newspapers, radio and television stations by the State Democratic Chair, Affirmative Action Committee members and staff. Regular releases during the delegate selection process to all other media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services should complete timely coverage. (*Rules 4.B.(3) & 6.D.*)
- c. A priority effort shall be directed at publicity and education among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
 - (1) Information about the delegate selection process will be provided to minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian/Pacific American, Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and publications, and women's organizations, student newspapers, gay and lesbian press, disability press, and any other specialty media in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan.
 - (2) The State Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and making sure that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.
 - (3) The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of Congressional district caucuses and the State Committee meetings shall be effectively publicized, bilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. (*Rules 5.C. & 6.D.*)
- d. Not later than December 16, 2007, a press kit shall be made and provided to each daily and weekly newspaper as well as to the electronic media. The press kit will include:
 - (1) a summary of all pertinent rules related to the state's delegate selection process;
 - (2) a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district;
 - (3) a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2008 Convention; and
 - (4) materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate candidates.

2. Education

- a. Well publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in December 2007. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places which are easily accessible to persons with physical disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include

- mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting populace. (*Rules 3.A. & 3.C.*)
- b. A speaker's bureau of volunteers from the Affirmative Action Committee comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before groups as needed, to provide information concerning the process.
 - c. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process; an explanation of how, where and when persons can register to vote; and delegate district maps. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than December 16, 2007. (*Rule 1.H.*)
 - d. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration procedures. (*Rule 2.C.*)
3. Representation Goals
- a. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian/Pacific Americans in the state's Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state's convention delegation. (*Rule 6.A.*)
 - b. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and unpledged) shall be compared with the State Party's goals in order to achieve an at-large selection process which helps to bring about a representative balance.
 - (1) Priority of consideration will be given to women, African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, and women in the selection of the at-large delegation. (*Rule 6.A.(3) & 9.A.*)
 - (2) 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 also be given to other groups by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation or disability. (*Rules 5.C., 6.A.(3), & Reg. 4.7*)
 - c. Use of the at-large delegation to achieve the affirmative action goals established by this Plan does not obviate the need for the State Party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training. (*Rule 6.A.(3)*)

VII. Challenges

A. Introduction

1. Jurisdiction
 - a. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2008 Democratic National Convention* (Reg. 3.), and the "Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2008 Democratic National Convention." (*Call, Appendix A.*)
 - b. Under Rule 20.B. of the *2008 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-

implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. (Rule 20.B.)

- c. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2008 Democratic National Convention. (Call, Appendix A. & Reg. 3.1.)
 - d. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the "Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2004 Democratic National Convention." (Call, Appendix A)
 - e. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the *Call for the 2008 Democratic National Convention*. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (Call, VII.B.5.)
 - f. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (Appendix A), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.
2. Standing: Any group of fifteen Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (Appendix A, Sec. 2:A.), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

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

1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (Rule 20.A. & Reg. 3.4.A.)
2. A challenge to the state's Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the Georgia Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within fifteen (15) calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (Reg. 3.4.B.)
3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the Regulations, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

C. Challenges to Implementation

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.1.C.)
2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than fifteen (15) days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has twenty-one (21) days to render a decision. Within ten (10) days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The

request must be made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above twenty-one (21) day period. (*Regs. 3.4.C., E., & H.*)

3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. (*Rule 6.B.*) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action section of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (*Reg. 3.4.C.*)
4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

Exhibits to the Affirmative Action Plan

1. Members of the Affirmative Action Committee

Congressional District	lastname	Firstname	Classification	Male/Female	City
	1 Johnson	Jaki	AA	female	Waycross
	5 Bailey	Kyle	LGBT- Caucasian/Youth	male	Atlanta
	9 Barton	Beverly	Senior-Caucasian	female	Dahlonega
	13 Bello	Blanche	AA	female	College Park
	Benson				
	13 Manica	Christopher	Youth	male	Smyrna
	2 Brown	George	AA	male	Dixie Stone
	4 Campbell	Barbara	AA	female	Mountain
	12 Claude	William	AA/Senior	male	Sylvania
	6 Eyre	Melanie	LGBT- Caucasian	female	Roswell
	2 Fowler	Susan	LGBT- Caucasian	female	Thomasville
	4 Fowler	Al	LGBT- Caucasian	male	Pine Lake
	7 Harris	Vivian	Person with Disability-AA	female	Oxford
	3 Johnson	George	LGBT - Caucasian	male	Newnan Mount
	12 Johnson	Richard	AA/Senior	male	Vernon
	10 Martin	Grady	AA	male	Athens
			Hispanic/Person with		
	6 Moraes	Robert	Disability	male	Smyrna
	8 Morton	Amy	Caucasian	female	Macon
	1 Mullen	Tom	Caucasian	male	Brunswick
	11 Ovalle	Gilbert	Hispanic	male	Atlanta
	13 Patel	Shaival	Indian	male	Morrow
	12 Pence	Janet	Caucasian	female	Savannah
	Perez				
Co-coordinator	Pascoe	Virgilio	Hispanic	Male	Cumming
	Pullar	Pat	staff		
	7 Stephens	Landis C.	AA	male	Covington
	10 Stone	Marilyn	AA	female	Lexington
	5 Thornton	Zan	LGBT/Person with Disability	female	Decatur
	11 Vaughn	Esther	AA	female	Rome
	9 Watkins	Lorraine	Senior-Caucasian	female	Dawsonville

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

A. Major Daily Newspapers, Radio and Television Stations

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| <i>Albany Herald</i> | <i>Georgia Times-Union (Ga. Edition of Jacksonville, FL paper)</i> |
| <i>Atlanta Journal-Constitution</i> | <i>The Daily Citizen</i> |
| <i>The Gainesville Times</i> | <i>Forsyth County News</i> |
| <i>Macon Telegraph</i> | <i>Augusta Chronicle</i> |
| <i>Athens Banner-Herald</i> | <i>Savannah Morning News</i> |
| | <i>Valdosta Daily Times</i> |

Chattanooga Times-Free Press *Waycross Journal-Herald*

Columbus Ledger-Enquirer

B. Other "Non-Minority" Media Outlets

Associated Press

Morris News Service

C. Constituency and Specialty Media Outlets and Targeted Groups

WAMJ Radio Station (African American)

Albany Southwest Georgian (African American)

Korean News (Asian)

Atlanta Chinese News (Asian)

Korean Southeast News (Asian)

Atlanta Daily World (African American)

La Vision de Georgia (Hispanic)

Atlanta Inquirer (African American)

La Voz del Pueblo (Hispanic)

The Georgia Informer (African American)

V-103 Radio Station (African American)

Atlanta Latino (Hispanic)

Mexico Lindo (Hispanic)

La Voz De Dalton (Hispanic)

7 Dias (Hispanic)

Mundo Hispanico (Hispanic)

Georgia Latino News (Hispanic)

Augusta Focus (African American)

Nuestro Seminario (Hispanic)

Augusta Metro Courier (African American)

Nuevo Impacto (Hispanic)

The Champion (African American)

Savannah Herald (African American)

Creative Loafing (Progressive)

Georgia Informer (African American)

Columbus Times (African American)

Savannah Tribune (African American)

Fort Valley Herald (African American)

Southern Voice (Gay and Lesbian)

Savannah Tribune (African American)

Rolling Out (African American)

D. Electronic Media

Insider Advantage

Capitol Impact

Georgia Political Digest

Georgia Politics Unfiltered

Blog for Democracy

E. Organizations

AARP

100 Black Men

100 Black Women

Concerned Black Clergy

National Council of Negro Women

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials

Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials

DeKalb Tech

Georgia Women Vote

Senior Citizens Newton County

NAACP

Coalition of Georgia's People's Agenda

Young Democrats of Georgia

Atlanta Stonewall Democrats

Georgia Stonewall Democrats

Georgia Equality

Atlanta Executive Network

Atlanta's Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce

College Democrats of Georgia

Georgia Association of Paraplegics

Asian-American Resource Center

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind

State ADA Coordinator

Georgia Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities

University Health Care System Speech and Hearing Center

Urban League

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3. Demographic Study and Analysis

Georgia Secretary of State is able to provide the breakdown of the racial classifications of persons who have voted in statewide Democratic primaries, based on the information that is contained in their voter registration record, as required by the federal Voting Rights Act. However, The Democratic Party of Georgia utilized the Democratic performance of the 2004 and 2006 statewide Democratic primaries to ensure a clear depiction of the Democratic performance for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans and Asian/Pacific Americans. The information provided for People with Disabilities, Seniors, Youth and LGBT is based on exit polling from the 2004 Democratic general election for statewide offices.

	African American	Hispanic	Native American	Asian/Pacific American	LGBT American	People with Disabilities	Seniors (60 years+)	Youth (18-29 years old)
% in Democratic Electorate	25%	4%	1%	1%	8%	---	15%	19%
Numeric Goals for Delegation	63	1	1	1	10	10	18	26

3a. Methodology Utilized for Affirmative Action Goals

African-American (2004 Primary)	Asian (2004 Primary)	Hispanic (2004 Primary)	Other (2004 Primary)	Unknown (2004 Primary)	White (2004 Primary)	Total (2004 Primary)
346,727	1,958	1,521	3,264	6,375	370,324	730,169
0.47485856	0.002681571	0.002083079	0.004470198	0.008730855	0.507175736	1
\$ 47.49	0.268157098	0.20830794	0.4470198	0.873085546	50.7175736	100
2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006
251,420	1,713	1,405	2,733	5,875	272,278	535,424
0.469571779	0.003199334	0.002624089	0.005104366	0.010972612	0.508527821	1
46.95717786	0.319933361	0.262408857	0.510436589	1.097261236	50.85278209	100
Total \$	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
94.45	0.588090459	0.470716797	0.957456388	1.970346782	101.5703557	200
African-American Average \$	Asian Average	Hispanic Average	Other Average	Unknown Average	White Average	Total Average
47.22	0.29404523	0.235358398	0.478728194	0.985173391	50.78517785	100
Delegates	Delegates	Delegates	Delegates	Delegates	Delegates	Delegates
63	1	1	1	1	68	133
62	1	1	1	1	67	133

ATTACHMENTS TO THE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

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

1. **A summary** of the process for selecting delegates, alternates, standing committee members, the delegation chair and convention pages, along with related deadlines. *[It is recommended that this information be incorporated as part of the state's Delegate Selection Plan - see Section IX. of the Model Plan.]* (Reg. 2.2.A.)
2. **A timetable** reflecting all significant dates in the state's delegate selection process. *[It is recommended that this information be incorporated as part of the state's Delegate Selection Plan - see Section I. of the Model Plan.]* (Reg. 2.2.B.)
3. **A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying the Plan** as submitted to the RBC was approved by the State Party Committee. (Reg. 2.2.C.)
4. **A copy of the press release** distributed by the State Party Committee announcing its adoption of the Plan and summarizing the major components of the Plan. (Reg. 2.2.D.)
5. **A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying compliance with Rule 1.C.** which requires a 30 day public comment period prior to the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (Reg. 2.2.E.)
6. **Copies of all written public comments on the Plan** *[Include information identifying each person and/or organization making the comment and where appropriate, a description of the person or group so represented, if such information has been provided or is available to the State Party.]* (Reg. 2.2.F.)
7. **A blank copy of forms to be filed with the state or the State Party by delegate candidates.** (Reg. 2.2.G.)
8. **A statement from the Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee certifying compliance with Rule 6.F.,** which requires that the Affirmative Action Committee has reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action outreach plan (Reg. 2.2.H.)
9. **Copies of all state statutes reasonably related to the Delegate Selection Process** *[For example, include any and all state statutory requirements related to: ballot access for presidential candidates; filing requirements for delegate and alternate candidates; timing of the presidential primary, caucuses, and/or the state convention; participation in the state's presidential primary or caucuses, including Party registration or enrollment provisions; and any other stipulations made by the state regarding the selection process or the role of National Convention delegates.]* (Reg. 2.2.I.)
10. **A copy of all qualifying forms to be filed with the state or the State Party by presidential candidates.** (Reg. 2.2.J.)