



HOW TO BECOME A DELEGATE

THE 2020 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE JULY 13-16, 2020 IN MILWAUKEE



1. VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

The first step in SC's delegate selection process will be the **Presidential Primary on February 29**, which will determine which presidential candidates are entitled to delegates from SC. **You must vote in the primary to run for Delegate.**



2. ATTEND THE DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT MEETINGS

The second step is the **Democratic Precinct Meetings at 10 a.m. on March 14, 2020**. Those meetings elect delegates and alternates to the **County Democratic Conventions, which will be held from March 14-March 31**. At your County Convention, you can run for delegate or alternate to the State Democratic Convention on May 30. You must attend and be elected a delegate or alternate at the precinct, county, and state levels to be a National Delegate.



3. ATTEND THE STATE CONVENTION

Delegates to the Democratic National Convention will be elected by the delegates at the State Convention. To vote, a participant at the State Convention must sign a pledge of support for a presidential candidate. **Only pledged supporters of a particular candidate may vote for that candidate's delegates.**

THERE WILL BE **63 DELEGATES** FROM SOUTH CAROLINA, IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES, PLUS **5 ALTERNATES**:

35 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DELEGATES



- No more than half the delegates from a Congressional District may be from any one county.
- All Districts combined must be equally divided between men and women with a variance of no more than one.

7 PARTY LEADER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL DELEGATES

- Must be county or state Democratic Party officers or elected officials at any level.
- Divided among presidential candidates based on their percentage of the statewide Primary vote.
- Elected by the state convention delegates pledged to each candidate.

12 AT-LARGE DELEGATES

- Divided among the presidential candidates based on their percentage of the statewide Primary vote.
- Elected by all the state convention delegates pledged to each candidate.

9 AUTOMATIC DELEGATES

- SC's Democratic members of Congress and members of the Democratic National Committee.

5 ALTERNATES

- Elected like the At-Large Delegates, divided among the candidates the same way and equally divided between men and women with a variance of one.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Delegates and Alternates at every level must be equally divided between men and women.
- The delegate selection process is open to all Democrats who are registered voters. The SC Democratic Party encourages participation by members of groups that are underrepresented in party affairs, including African Americans, Hispanics, youth, those over 65, LGBTQ persons, those with physical disabilities, veterans, and persons of low and moderate income.
- Our goal is to elect a delegation that is at least 62% African American, as well as at least 3 LGBTQ delegates and 7 who are under 30. The election of At-Large delegates may be used to reach these goals.
- To run for delegate, **you must file with the State Party by April 30 at 5 P.M.** There can be no exceptions. Filing forms will be available from the Party or on the web at www.scdp.org.
- A few counties require you to file before the county convention in order to run for delegate or alternate to the State Convention. Check with your county Democratic Party.
- Presidential candidates have the right to approve everyone running for their delegate slots and may remove the names of any persons from the ballot. This helps ensure that a candidate's strongest supporters are chosen to go to the Convention and allows the candidates to help us meet our diversity goals.
- Delegates and Alternates are responsible for their own expenses. The Delegation will meet 30 minutes after the State Convention adjourns and again on June 13 in Columbia.

NOTE: This is a summary of the rules—some important technicalities are not covered. If you plan to run, you must get and read a copy of the SC Delegate Selection Plan.

IMPORTANT DATES

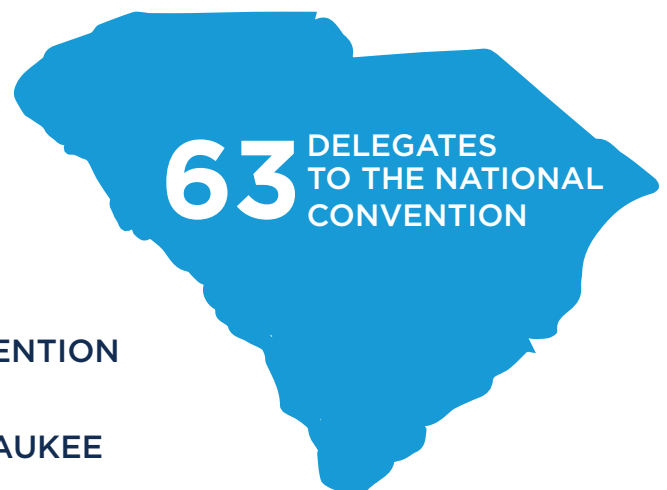
SC PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
FEBRUARY 29, 2020

DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT MEETING
10 AM - MARCH 14, 2020

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS
MARCH 14 - MARCH 31, 2020

SOUTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONVENTION
MAY 30, 2020

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