

Proposed Rules for 26th Legislative District 2008 Caucus

1. The Caucus shall be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008, with signing in commencing at 9:00 am, at the Gig Harbor High School, 5101 Rosedale St., Gig Harbor, and the caucus commencing at 10:45 a.m.
2. Delegates to the 26th LD Caucus shall be the delegates and alternates elected at the precinct caucuses. An alternate shall not have a vote unless seated to replace an absent or ineligible delegate. Alternates shall be listed and seated in the order in which they were elected.
3. Any duly elected delegate or alternate who moves from his or her precinct prior to the District Caucus shall automatically forfeit his or her seat and an alternate shall be seated in his or her place.
4. Delegates and alternates shall sign in by precinct and candidate preference. Attendees wishing to be Congressional District or State Convention Delegates or Alternates shall sign the applicable nomination list.
5. The Legislative District Chair or the Chair's designee shall serve as chair of the Legislative District Caucus.
6. The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall present the report of the Credentials Committee which shall include:
 - a. The total number of delegates certified elected within the Legislative District.
 - b. The total number of delegates registered and seated, including the number of alternates seated as delegates.
 - c. Challenges shall be delivered to the LD Chair by 5 p.m. on April 3. Challenges shall be based solely on failure to be a registered voter in the precinct, shall be in writing and shall include proof of lack of registration. Presentation of challenged precinct documentation for decision by the caucus as a whole, starting with the lowest numbered precinct or at the beginning of the alphabet and proceeding in alpha-numerical order until all challenges are resolved. If the challenged delegate is not sustained, he or she shall be removed immediately and replaced by a qualified alternate. A challenged delegate may not vote on the question of his or her own challenge.

d. The number of seated delegates (including alternates seated as delegates) supporting each presidential candidate or uncommitted status. The Credentials Committee may seat unchallenged delegates arriving after the Credentials Committee report.

7. The chair of the Rules Committee shall present the report of the Rules Committee.

8. The Chair shall appoint a secretary, sergeant-at-arms, and parliamentarian. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall prevail in other matters not specifically covered herein. The Chair shall appoint a representative tally committee of alternates or observers. All ballots shall be returned to the State Democratic headquarters and shall be retained by the State Chair until the State Convention has adjourned.

9. The Chair shall announce the allocation of Congressional District Caucus and State Convention delegates and alternates including the following information:

a. The number of qualified delegates seated.

b. The number of qualified alternates seated in place of disqualified or absent delegates.

c. The total number eligible to vote at the caucus.

c. Allocation of Congressional District Caucus and State Convention delegates and alternates supporting each presidential candidate or uncommitted status.

10. The election of Congressional District Caucus/State Convention delegates and alternates:

a. All possible efforts shall be made to insure maximum participation of ethnic minorities, women, youth, persons over 65 years of age, lesbians and gays, Labor, persons with a high school education or less, disabled, and persons of economic disadvantage.

b. Each candidate for Congressional District Caucus/State Convention delegate or alternate must be a resident registered voter in the Legislative District and must be identified as to presidential preference.

c. Each candidate for Congressional District Caucus/State Convention delegate or alternate shall be nominated individually. No second is required. A candidate who is not a delegate to the caucus or who is not present must

signify in advance, in writing individually, his/her presidential preference, that he/she will serve if elected and that he/she is a Democrat and is willing to be known as such. The letter of any absent candidate shall be read by the sub-caucus chair and shall constitute a nomination, no second required. All other nominations shall be made by signing the nomination list at the registration table. Each candidate shall have up to one minute (including the time spent by the sub-caucus chair reading an absent candidate's nomination letter) for speech on his/her behalf. Nomination of alternates shall occur after the election of delegates.

d. Voting shall be by signed ballot and a ballot to be counted must have all positions filled with no duplications. The Chair shall give clear notice to the delegates that they must vote for the allotted number of candidates, give adequate time to do so, and ask voting delegates to check their ballots before turning them in. A plurality is required to elect. The Chair shall provide the ballots. After the votes are collected and tallied, the person receiving the most votes shall have been elected, the person receiving the next most votes shall have been elected, and so forth until all allotted delegate positions are filled. In case of a tie vote, the assignment of a delegate position shall be by lot. The election of alternates shall be in the same manner as the election of delegates, except that the alternate receiving the most votes shall become alternate number one, and the alternate receiving the next most votes shall be alternate number two, and so forth. In case of a tie vote, the assigning number to the alternates shall be by lot. Each delegation elected shall be equally divided between women and men in both the delegate and alternate categories unless there are an insufficient number of nominees from one gender to fill available positions.

11. At the time of the election, each elected Congressional District Caucus/State Convention delegate shall be requested to pay the \$50.00 State Convention Registration fee to the secretary who shall send fees and a list of delegates and alternates with addresses and phone numbers to the State Chair within five (5) days. No person shall be excluded or disqualified from any part of the process for failure to pay such fee.

12. Resolutions shall be submitted in writing to the Chair, who will forward them to the applicable County Resolutions Committee.