

**TEMPORARY RULES FOR THE  
EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION  
MAY 17, 2008**

**I. CONVENING OF CONVENTION**

**A.** The Eighth District Democratic Convention will convene at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at the Francis C. Hammond Middle School, 4646 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia, 22304.

**B.** The Convention will be called to order by the Chair of the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Committee who shall serve as Temporary Convention Chair.

**II. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**A.** Call to order at 10:00 a.m.

**B.** Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation

**C.** Introduction of Temporary Chair and Secretary

**D.** Election of Permanent Rules, Credentials and Resolutions committees for the Eighth District, which will meet immediately following their election

**E.** Welcoming address, introductions and announcements

**F.** Report of the Permanent Credentials Committee

**G.** Roll Call of delegates by jurisdiction

**H.** Election of Permanent Chair and Permanent Secretary

**I.** Report of the Permanent Rules Committee

**J.** Jurisdictional Caucuses and Nomination of three members to the Permanent Credentials and Permanent Rules Committees of the 2008 Virginia State Democratic Convention

**K.** Presidential Preference Caucus and election of seven delegates and one alternate to the 2008 Democratic National Convention (Obama delegates 2 males, 2 females; and 1 male alternate) (Clinton delegates; 1 male, 2 females).

**L.** Ratification of national delegate election

- M. Selection of Presidential Elector
- N. Report of Permanent Resolutions Committee
- O. Adjournment

### **III. PERMANENT COMMITTEES**

- A. There shall be three permanent committees of the Eighth Congressional District Convention: Rules, Credentials, and Resolutions. Each permanent committee of this Convention shall consist of three members from Alexandria City; five members from Arlington County, six members from Fairfax County, and one member from Falls Church City. Each committee shall choose a chair.
- B. In the event of a credentials contest, the Secretary shall include on the temporary roll the names of the credentials contestants recommended by the Temporary Credentials Committee in its report to the Permanent Credentials Committee.
- C. The Chair presenting a Committee's report may yield to others and may yield for the presentation and disposition of minority reports without losing his/her right to the floor.
- D. The Chair of the Convention shall arrange for the orderly presentation of minority reports. To qualify as a minority report, a report must be supported by at least three (3) members of the committee. Three minutes shall be allowed for the presentation of each minority report.
- E. Time for debate shall be equally allotted to proponents and opponents of each committee report or minority report following its presentation, without intervening motion(s).
- F. A vote shall be taken on each minority report, and then a final vote shall be taken on each committee report.
- G. In the event that a Committee's report shall not be agreed to when voted upon, the Committee shall reconvene to reconsider its report and shall present a new report to the Convention as soon as possible.

**IV. NOMINATION AND ALLOCATION TO THE PERMANENT RULES AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEES OF THE VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION**

**A.** The convention shall nominate three members to each of the Permanent Rules and Credentials Committees of the State Convention. All candidates shall have filed statements of candidacy with the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Chair by Friday, May 02, 2008. The nominees shall be selected in the jurisdictional caucuses as follows:

	<u>Rules</u>	<u>Credentials</u>
<b>Alexandria</b>	1	
<b>Arlington</b>	1	1
<b>Fairfax County</b>	1	1
<b>Falls Church</b>		1

Such caucuses may convene in different areas of the same convention room.

**B.** Each jurisdictional caucus shall choose a Delegation Chair and shall adopt its own rules for the selection of candidates for the permanent committees of the State Convention. Magisterial Districts within Fairfax County may also choose their own district delegation chairs.

**C.** Each jurisdiction’s Delegation Chair shall report to the Convention, at the appropriate time, the persons selected by their respective caucuses for the permanent State Convention committees.

**D.** Upon completion of the reports of the delegation Chairs, the Chair of the Convention shall ask for the majority consent of the Convention to nominate to the permanent committees of the State Convention the persons selected by the respective jurisdictions. In the event the selections of a jurisdiction do not obtain majority consent, the Chair shall invite further nominations from the floor, which shall be made only by qualified delegates from that jurisdiction and only to nominate candidates from those delegates’ jurisdiction.

**E.** Upon conclusion of nominations, or upon approval of a motion to close nominations by a vote of the Convention, the Chair shall then conduct a vote by the Convention on the nominees from jurisdictions where there is a contest.

## **V. PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE CAUCUSES AND NATIONAL DELEGATE SELECTION**

**A.** The Convention shall divide into presidential preference caucuses for the Obama and Clinton campaigns

**B.** Each caucus will elect its own chair and may adopt procedures consistent with these Rules, the District and State Calls to Convention, the Party Plan, and the Delegate Selection Plan.

**C.** Each candidate for national convention delegate shall be permitted to address the caucus for a period of up to three minutes.

**D.** The seven delegates and one alternate to the 2008 National Democratic Convention shall be allocated as follows: Obama – two male and two female delegates and one male alternate; Clinton – one male and two female delegates.

**E.** The presidential preference caucus(es) will then proceed to elect the seven delegates and one alternate to the national convention from among the pre-filed candidates as follows:

a. Each delegate shall vote for not more than the allocated number of delegates by appropriate gender. Each delegate in the Obama caucus may vote for two male and two female national convention delegates. Each delegate in the Clinton caucus may vote for one male and two female national convention delegates. Those receiving the most votes shall be elected. In the Obama caucus, one male shall be elected from the alternate ballot to the national convention. In the event of tie in any election the successful candidate shall be determined by a flip of a coin between the tied candidates.

b. Ballots shall be prepared for the election of delegates and one male alternate in the presidential caucuses, listing the names of those who have pre-filed in alphabetical order and be identified by city, county or magisterial District. For each gender, if the number of candidates, filing for national delegates equals the number of delegates to be elected, those candidates may be elected by acclamation. If only one candidate has filed for alternate, such candidate may be elected by acclamation. After selection of the delegates and alternate by the caucuses, they shall be elected by the full convention.

## **VI. SELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR**

- A.** The District Convention shall select one person to serve as elector representing the Eighth Congressional District. Such person shall be pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees.
- B.** All candidates for Elector shall have filed statements of candidacy with the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Chair by Friday, May 02, 2008.
- C.** Each candidate for Elector shall be permitted to address the convention for a period of up to three minutes.
- D.** If only one candidate has filed for Elector, such candidate may be elected by acclamation. In the event there is more than one candidate, voting for Elector shall be by written ballot, and the candidate with the highest number of votes shall be elected. In the event of tie in any election the successful candidate shall be determined by a flip of a coin between the tied candidates.

## **VII. RESOLUTIONS**

- A.** In order for a resolution to be considered by the Eighth Congressional District Convention the draft resolution must be received by the District Temporary Resolutions Committee by Friday, May 2, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. Resolutions should be mailed to the convener of the Temporary Resolutions Committee, the Honorable Richard R.G. Hobson, at 99 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria, Virginia 22304 ((o) 703-712-5437; (h) 703-370-1858). Mailed resolutions must be received before the deadline, not merely postmarked by the deadline date. Resolutions may also be submitted before the deadline to the Chair of the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Committee or to any member of the Temporary Resolutions Committee.
- B.** No resolutions or amendments to resolutions may be proposed from the floor of the convention.
- C.** Public hearings on resolutions prior to the Convention may be held at the discretion of the Resolutions Committee.
- D.** Debate on resolutions shall be limited to no more than one hour of the District Convention, the time to be divided equally among the resolutions.
- E.** All resolutions adopted by the District Convention shall be forwarded promptly to the State Temporary Resolutions Committee.

## **VIII. MISCELLANEOUS RULES**

**A.** All papers to be filed with the Chair of the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Committee shall be filed at the following address: Eighth District Congressional Democratic Committee, Margo Horner Chair, c/o Arlington County Democratic Committee Headquarters, 2009 14<sup>th</sup> St North, Suite 612, Arlington, Virginia 22201 (phone: 703-528-8588; fax: 703-528-2321). All papers to be filed with the State Democratic Party or its chair shall be filed with the State Democratic Party of Virginia, 1710 E. Franklin St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Richmond Va., 23223 (phone: 804-644-1966 or toll free 1-800-322-1144; Fax: 804-343-3642).

**B.** The Chair shall appoint a Parliamentarian, a Sergeant-at-Arms, a Head Teller, assistant tellers and fill any other positions deemed necessary. It shall be the responsibility of the Chair to conduct and expedite the business of the Convention, and to preserve order and decorum. Each delegate is called upon and directed to assist in completing the business of the convention in an orderly and timely manner. The Chair shall be authorized to recess the Convention at any time. The Chair will state, whenever possible, when the Convention is to reconvene. The Chair may recognize special guests at appropriate times.

**C.** It shall be the duty of each jurisdiction's chair to distribute the badges for delegates and alternates beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the convention. The jurisdiction chair may delegate this duty to that jurisdiction's members of the Credentials Committee or other appropriate persons.

**D.** Each jurisdiction's delegation chair or designee will determine that only the correct number of delegates is seated and voting. Should any dispute arise concerning delegate credentials or the number of delegates present, the Chair of the Convention will choose two members from the affected jurisdiction to meet with the Permanent Credentials Committee to resolve the problem and report back to the Chair.

**E.** Ballots from each jurisdiction will be turned over to the Head Teller as soon as that vote has been counted, and will be maintained by the Convention Chair for at least (30) days.

**F.** As set forth in the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Convention Call, candidates for national convention delegate must pre-file with the District Chair by Friday, May 02, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

**G.** Except as set forth in these rules, the Convention shall be governed by the Virginia Democratic Party Plan, as amended, the Virginia Delegate Selection Plan for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, the Call to the Virginia State Democratic Convention, and Roberts Rule of Order.

**Adopted by the 8th Congressional District Democratic Committee on March 17, 2008.**