



**Democratic Party of Hawaii
2018 State Convention
Rules Committee Report**

Democratic Party of Hawai‘i
Report of the 2018 Convention Rules Committee

To: Tim Vandever, Chair
Democratic Party of Hawai‘i

Submissions for Rules Committee were due Tuesday, May 8th at 5pm HST.

The Convention Rules Committee considered thirty-nine (39) on-time rules proposals, and zero (0) late proposals.

During the period from April 24th to May 16th, 2018, the Rules Committee met to prepare, and later to discuss and vote on the proposals, pursuant to the Standing Rules of the 2018 Convention.

Email notification of all meetings were sent to committee members. The Rules Committee met for a total of 14.5 formal meeting hours on:

- Tuesday, April 24th, 2018;
- Monday, April 30th, 2018;
- Sunday, May 6th, 2018;
- Tuesday, May 8th, 2018;
- Sunday, May 13th, 2018; and
- Wednesday, May 16th, 2018.

Of the thirty-nine (39) proposals, nineteen (19) were recommended for adoption, nineteen (19) were not recommended, and one (1) was forwarded to the Resolutions Committee for consideration. All proposals are provided in the Table of Rules to follow.

Thank you to the following 30 members of the 2018 Convention Rules Committee:

Micah Alameda	Ann Freed	Christopher Kasak
Jason Bradshaw	Anthony Garza	Juanita Brown Kawamoto
Paul James Brown	Michael Golojuch Jr.	Christine Mingo
Michael Ceurvorst	Chuck Grigsby	Roth Puahala
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Jason Eno	Jennifer Kagiwada	Linda Chu Takayama
Erynn Fernandez	Christina Kaleiwahea	Justin Wistinghausen

Mahalo for the opportunity to serve as Co-Chairs of the 2018 Convention Rules Committee.

Senator Stanley Chang, Co-Chair

Stephanie Ohigashi, Co-Chair

May 21, 2018

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R01 - SS1 Automatic Delegates

DPH Bylaws

Automatic Delegates to State Convention

Article VI, Section 2C; page 26 line 7, 8 and 9 (Current)

7 2C. The delegates in Section 2A and 2B above shall have all the rights and privileges of a

8 delegate, but shall not be allowed to vote in the National Convention Delegate Selection process

9 unless elected as a State Convention in their respective precinct meeting. In non-presidential years, those qualified to serve as automatic delegates shall not be eligible to hold an elected delegate slot. A delegate elected at a precinct meeting shall automatically vacate that position upon election to an office entitling them to an automatic delegate seat.

Rationale: Current language requires automatic delegates to be elected as state delegates at precinct meetings during presidential election years. Proposed language removes that requirement allowing greater participation of precinct club members in both mid-term and presidential election years. Automatic Delegate is DNC-recommended language for these members.

Impact: Automatic Delegates, Precinct-elected State Delegates

Proposer: Stacey Schragger – Delegate 41-3

Proposer: Erynn Fernandez – Delegate 37-1

R02 - SC1 Party Affiliation

DPH Constitution

Article I Section 3 (Current)

Candidates for public office and office-holders changing Party affiliation.

Elected officials request to switch from another party to the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i shall be as provided in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

Article I Section 3 (Proposed)

Candidates for public office **and current or former** office-holders **of either a partisan or non-partisan office** changing Party affiliation.

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DPH Bylaws

Article I, Section 2B; page 2 line 33 to page 3 line 27 (Current)

Elected Officials’ Request to Switch from Another Party to the Democratic Party.

(1) If a current elected public office-holder applies for new Party membership as a change of Party affiliation, then the following procedure shall determine applicant’s eligibility for Party membership:

(a) Conveyance: The Secretary of the State Central Committee shall ensure the application is conveyed to the respective County Chair for public offices within the County or State Party Chair for State offices spanning two or more Counties and the offices of the United States Congress and Senate.

(b) The applicant shall complete the Candidate Statement based on the Platform and Resolutions of the Party as provided in Article V of the Constitution of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, and submit it to the respective County or State Executive Committee.

(c) The Committee may invite the applicant and other persons to interview as it deems useful. Decisions regarding membership shall be communicated immediately to the Secretary of the State Central Committee, who shall immediately convey them to the full membership of the State Central Committee.

(2) Deadlines:

(a) No deadline applies to applications to change Party affiliation by a public office-holder, except if application is submitted within six (6) months of candidate filing for an election, then deadlines described in this section shall apply.

(b) The date of Party membership shall be eleven (11) days after the Executive Committee’s decision to accept the application, unless the decision is called for review by the State Central Committee. A review shall not be called except upon written request of at least ten (10) State

Central Committee members. If reviewed, the decision of the State Central Committee shall be final. If the application is accepted, the new member shall enjoy all rights and responsibilities of Party membership. The new member is subject to Section 2B, which provides for eligibility after six months of continuous membership without censure to file as a candidate for elected public office as a Democrat.

(c) If the application for membership is rejected, the applicant is ineligible to appear as a candidate on any ballot as a Democrat, to claim in any campaign to be a Democratic Party candidate, to caucus as a Democrat, or hold any public office or position reserved for a member of the Democratic Party, until such time as membership in “good standing” is attained in accord with this Constitution.

Article I, Section 2B; page 2 line 33 to page 3 line 27 (Proposed)

Current or Former Elected Officials’ of Either a Partisan or Non-Partisan Office Request to Switch from Another Party to the Democratic Party.

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Rationale: Current partisan officeholders who are not Democrats must undergo a procedure to gain membership in the Democratic Party, including a candidate statement and interviews. However, this procedure does not apply either to former officeholders or current non-partisan officeholders, such as members of county councils or OHA trustees. This proposal would ensure that all those current or former officeholders who would like to become Democrats must participate in the same procedure. Given recent news of former U.S. Representative Charles Djou’s resignation from the Republican Party, this proposal ensures that people like him will undergo a vetting process before they are able to become Democrats and run for office as Democrats.

Impact: State Central Committee, State Executive Committee, County Executive Committees, County Chairs, State Chair

Proposer: Stanley Chang – Delegate 19-1

Proposer: Jason W. Bradshaw – Delegate 41-3

R03 - CG1 Convention Location Article VI Section 1

Democratic Party of Hawai'i Proposed Rule

Title: **Amendment of Article VI Section 1 Regarding Time, Place, and Notice for a State Convention – Amendment 1 regarding conventions on neighbor islands**

Proposers: **Charles O. Grigsby and Rusty Iijima**

On Page 25 of the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i as Amended on May 29, 2016:

Current Version:

25 **ARTICLE VI -STATE CONVENTION**

26

27 **Section 1. Time, Place, Notice.**

28 The convention will be called biennially in May of each even numbered year, or at such other
29 times as may be determined by the State Central Committee. The date and place of the
meeting

30 shall be fixed by the State Central Committee. The place of the meeting may be rotated from
31 time to time among the four (4) counties of Hawai'i. Notice thereof shall be given by
32 publication in one (1) newspaper of general circulation throughout the State of Hawai'i not
less

33 than ten (10) days prior to the date of the biennial Precinct Club election.

Proposed Revision:

25 **ARTICLE VI -STATE CONVENTION**

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29 times as may be determined by the State Central Committee. The date and place of the
meeting

30 shall be fixed by the State Central Committee. The place of the meeting may be rotated ~~from~~
31 ~~time to time~~ in non-Presidential Election years among the ~~four (4)~~ three (3) neighbor island
counties of Hawai'i - Kaula'i, Maui & Hawai'i. In Presidential Election years, the convention
shall be held on O'ahu. Notice thereof shall be given by

32 publication in one (1) newspaper of general circulation throughout the State of Hawai'i not
less

33 than ten (10) days prior to the date of the biennial Precinct Club election.

Rationale: The costs of attending conventions and pre-convention meetings are borne by the Delegates who attend from those islands not holding the convention. These costs include airfare, hotels, local transportation and meals and can amount to many hundreds to thousands of dollars

per delegate. Furthermore, the economic benefit of a convention accrues to the island holding the convention. These costs have historically been disproportionately borne by the delegates from the neighbor islands, which generally have less resources available to support these costs.

Proposers:

Charles O. Grigsby, delegate 7-2

Rusty Iijima, delegate 7-2

R04 - MGJ3 Caucus Chair Appointment to SCC Con5.1

Constitution

Article V; Section 1; Line 10 – 12

Current:

- (4) Ex-officio members:
 - (a) Immediate Past Party Chairperson, and
 - (b) County Chairpersons

Proposed:

- (4) Ex-officio members:
 - (a) Immediate Past Party Chairperson, ~~and~~
 - (b) County Chairpersons, ~~and~~
 - (c) **Caucus Chairpersons**

Rational:

The Caucuses are state wide organizations and only have 2 representatives currently and the counties have 3 representatives on the State Central Committee so the Caucuses should have the same opportunity.

Impact: State Central Committee and Caucuses

Proposer: Michael Golojuch, Jr. – Delegate 42-3

Proposer: Jason Bradshaw – Delegate 41-3

R05 - MGJ7 Minority Reports Con6.8

Article VI Section 8. Minority Reports. Page 11, Line 11 – 16 (Current)

Upon the vote of ten (10) percent or more of the members of any committee, a minority report shall be prepared by said minority and received by the Convention as a matter of record.

Minority reports shall be brought to the floor upon request of any member who has signed the minority report, and whereupon the decision to take up that minority report will be put to a Convention vote without debate and will require a majority agreeing to take up the matter for discussion by the Convention.

Article VI Section 8. Minority Reports. Page 11, Line 11 (Proposed)

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~~Minority reports shall be brought to the floor upon request of any member who has signed the minority report, and whereupon the decision to take up that minority report will be put to a Convention vote without debate and will require a majority agreeing to take up the matter for discussion by the Convention.~~ All proposed changes shall be sent to the Convention Floor, unless they are ruled out of order, via the 2 committee reports; section report 1 for proposals the committee supports and section report 2 for proposals the committee does not support; thereby making Minority Reports obsolete. The results of the Committee votes for each proposed change shall be reported by number voting for, against, or abstention.

Rational: Minority Reports are hard to file, especially for first time delegates and impossible for Democrats that are not on the Convention Committees. Convention Committees should not have the power to kill proposals.

Impact: Convention Committee members and those that propose changes.

Proposer: Michael Golojuch, Jr. – Delegate 42-3

Proposer: Jason Bradshaw – Delegate 41-3

R06 - BD1 Disciplinary Clarification BL1.8

Proposed Amendment to DPH Bylaws

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Section 8. Grounds for Expulsion, Reprimand or Censure,

Subsection 8A, (2) Permissive Expulsion, page 5, lines 8-26

Current language:

- (b) Filing as a candidate of a political party other than the Democratic Party.
- 4. (2) Permissive Expulsion, Reprimand and Censure. A member of the Democratic
- 5. Party of Hawai‘i may be expelled, reprimanded or censured for the following
- 6. reasons:
- 7. (a) Active support or promotion of a political party or any candidate(s) of a
- 8. political party other than the Democratic Party. Examples of active
- 9. support include, but are not limited to, making monetary or in kind
- 10. contributions, accepting a position in an opposition campaign, sign-
- 11. waving, letter writing, appearance in campaign ads, resigning from the
- 12. Democratic Party to support another political party and rejoining the
- 13. Democratic Party.
- 14. (b) Failure of a candidate for an elective office or an elected official to
- 15. follow and abide by the Constitution of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, and
- 16. regulations of the Party campaign committees as approved by the State
- 17. Central Committee or respective County Committee.
- 18. (c) Failure to abide by the Constitution of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i
- 19. and/or platform of the Party.
- 20. (d) Violation of governmental ethics codes as adjudicated or determined by
- of Disciplinary Counsel, the State House, the State Senate, or the
- courts.

Proposed language:

- (2) Permissive Expulsion, Reprimand and Censure. A member of the Democratic
- 21. Party of Hawai‘i may be expelled, reprimanded or censured for the following
- 22. reasons:
- 23. (a) Active support or promotion of a political party or any candidate(s) of a
- 24. political party other than the Democratic Party. Examples of active
- 25. support include, but are not limited to, making monetary or in kind
- 26. contributions, accepting a position in an opposition campaign, sign-
- 27. waving, letter writing, appearance in campaign ads, resigning from the
- 28. Democratic Party to support another political party and rejoining the
- 29. Democratic Party.

- 30. (b) Failure of a candidate for an elective office or an elected official to follow
- 31. and abide by the Constitution of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, and
- 32. regulations of the Party campaign committees as approved by the State
- 33. Central Committee or respective County Committee.
- 34. (c) ~~Failure to abide by~~ Violation of the Constitution or Bylaws of the
- Democratic Party of Hawai‘i and/or platform of the Party.
- 35. (d) Violation of governmental ethics codes as adjudicated or determined by
- 36. the State Ethics Commission, the County Ethics Commission, the Office
- of Disciplinary Counsel, the State House, the State Senate, or the
- courts.

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Rationale: In 2010, the General Laws of the DPH were renamed the “Constitution” of the DPH. The basis for disciplinary action was changed from “failure to abide by the General Laws” to “failure to abide by the Constitution. In 2012, the “Constitution” was split into two documents, the “Constitution” and the “Bylaws.” It appears the committee overlooked the need to insert into our disciplinary section that a violation of the Bylaws is also a basis for a possible complaint.

We propose moving from a passive violation of omission to sanctioning an active sin of commission for clarity.

Impacts the rights of members, but especially the decisions of the county committees who are tasked with investigating alleged violations.

We do not believe this necessitates changes in other parts of the Constitution or Bylaws.

Proposed by: _____

R07 - BD2 Disciplinary Addition BL1.8

Proposed Amendment to DPH Bylaws

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Section 8. Grounds for Expulsion, Reprimand or Censure,

Subsection 8B, Procedure, (7) Hearing.

Current language, page 6, lines 24-38:

1. (7) Hearing. The County Committee shall place the complaint on the agenda at its
2. next meeting following receipt of the Investigation Committee Report or by
3. agreement with the accused member at some other time. Notice of the meeting
4. shall be given to the member, the complainant and the County Committee at least seven (7)
5. days prior to the hearing. The Investigation Committee shall present its
6. report in a meeting open to any interested Party member. The complainant,
7. accused member, and any Party member shall be allowed to make a statement
8. relating to the facts of the case or the committee’s recommendation. The County
9. Committee shall decide by majority vote whether to accept or reject the
10. Committee Report and any sanctions. The County Committee shall give notice in
11. writing of its decision to the Secretary of the State Central Committee, with a
12. copy to the member and complainant within seven (7) days. A copy of the
13. committee’s report and the County Committee’s decision shall be filed with the
14. County Secretary and the Secretary of the State Central Committee and shall be
15. available for inspection by Party members.

Proposed language, with changes:

- (7) Hearing. The County Committee shall place the complaint on the agenda at its
14. next meeting following receipt of the Investigation Committee Report or by
15. agreement with the accused member at some other time. Notice of the meeting
16. shall be given to the member, the complainant and the County Committee at least seven
- (7) days prior to the hearing. Members of the County Committee shall be provided a copy of the report at this time for their consideration prior to the meeting. The Investigation Committee shall
17. present its
18. report in a meeting open to any interested Party member. The complainant,
19. accused member, and any Party member shall be allowed to make a statement
20. relating to the facts of the case or the committee’s recommendation. The County
21. Committee shall decide by majority vote whether to accept or reject the
22. Committee Report and any sanctions. The County Committee shall give notice in
23. writing of its decision to the Secretary of the State Central Committee, with a
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- 24. committee’s report and the County Committee’s decision shall be filed with the
- 25. County Secretary and the Secretary of the State Central Committee and shall be available for inspection by Party members.

Rationale: Recent consideration of complaints against members have been handled very inconsistently. At times, members who filed the complaints leaked the complaint to friends, even to the press. Unless members of the county committee who faced the responsibility were sometimes not provided an advance opportunity to review the allegations as well as the recommendations of the committee unless they had managed to get a copy through unofficial channels.

The disciplinary hearing provides an opportunity for all members of the party, once they are informed of the nature of the complaint, to offer additional evidence, as well as to agree or disagree with the recommendations of the investigative committee. When these hearings are held in “star chamber” or members must depend upon understanding the issues dependent upon whether they have friends who can leak them the info, that contributes to the often arbitrary and uneven application of our Rules.

Impacts the rights of members, but especially the decisions of the county committees who are tasked with investigating alleged violations.

We do not believe this necessitates changes in other parts of the Constitution or Bylaws.

Proposed by: _____

R08 - BD3 Precinct Club Records BL2.2

Proposed Amendment to DPH Bylaws

ARTICLE II – PRECINCT CLUB

Section 2G,

Current language, page 10, lines 34-37:

The results of the Precinct Club election shall be signed and certified by the President and the Secretary of the Precinct Club and shall be delivered or postmarked within forty-eight (48) hours of the election to the State Central Committee, the County Committee and the district council.

Proposed language:

The results of the Precinct Club election shall be signed and certified by the President and the Secretary of the Precinct Club, the results shall be recorded upon a State Party-generated election form. Results shall be copied or photographed and submitted expeditiously by electronic means upon completion of the election to the State Party Secretary, State Party Chair, respective County Secretary and County Chair. The results of the election may be reviewed, and copied or photographed by any member present at the meeting. ~~And~~ They shall be delivered or postmarked within forty-eight (48) hours of the election to the State Central Committee, the County Committee and the district council.

Rationale:

At recent meetings, the names of members elected as delegates or officers have sometimes been lost. Allowing for inspection and recording of the records makes it less likely the forms will fail to be delivered and will minimize the opportunity for distrust.

Impacts the precinct clubs.

We do not believe this necessitates changes in other parts of the Constitution or Bylaws.

Proposed by: _____

R09 - BD4 Term of DNC Replacement BL5.4

Proposed Amendment to DPH Bylaws

CLARIFIES THE TERM OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ARTICLE V-- STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Current language, page 20, lines 20-23

4B. Vacancy in the office of the National Committeeman or National Committeewoman shall be filled by the Party Chairman with the concurrence of the majority of the State Central Committee members present at the State Central Committee meeting where the seat is filled, until the following Democratic State Convention.

Proposed language:

4B. Vacancy in the office of the National Committeeman or National Committeewoman shall be filled by the Party Chairman with the concurrence of the majority of the State Central Committee members present at the State Central Committee meeting where the seat is filled, until the following Democratic State Convention. In a non-presidential year, the term of the new officer shall take effect upon conclusion of the state convention. In a presidential year, the term of the committeemember shall begin at the conclusion of the national convention.

Rationale: The current language can be interpreted as saying a national committeemember who has been appointed to fill a vacant seat ends upon the election of the new DNC member at the state convention. But the regular term of an elected DNC member concludes at the conclusion of the national convention, allowing those who have served on the DNC leading up to the convention to attend as delegates. This change clarifies that the term of the Hawaii DNC members would align with those of the rest of their DNC colleagues. If a newly elected DNC member were to take office at the conclusion of the state convention, they would be able to attend the immediate national convention as well as the subsequent convention in the next presidential year.

Impacts the terms of national committeemembers.

We do not believe this necessitates changes in other parts of the Constitution or Bylaws.

Proposed by: _____

R10 - BD5 Prohibition on Unit Rule Con8.11

Proposed Amendment to DPH Constitution

ARTICLE VIII – GENERAL PROVISIONS,

Add a new Section 11. Prohibition Against Unit Rule, p 13, below line 30

Proposed language:

Section 11. Prohibition Against Unit Rule

No member shall be bound to cast their vote by instructions from any party unit or organization, except that pledged delegates to the national convention shall be bound to cast their vote on the first round for the candidate they were elected to support, unless released by their candidate, and presidential electors shall be bound on the first round to vote for the presidential candidate who is the nominee of the Democratic Party.

25. **Rationale:** Members who participate in the deliberations of decisionmaking bodies at all levels of the party must be free to vote according to their personal conscience and understanding of the issues under debate, and only after having heard the full debate in the meeting. Pledged national delegates and electors are elected specifically to cast their vote for a specific presidential candidate, at least, on the first ballot. They sought the position in the full knowledge of that responsibility.

Impacts deliberative bodies at all levels: district councils, county organizations, the SCC, Caucuses, delegates to the county, state and national conventions and Democratic presidential electors.

I do not believe this necessitates changes in other parts of the Constitution or Bylaws.

Proposed by: _____

R11 - BD6 Committee Members BL5.8

Proposed Amendment to DPH Bylaws

ARTICLE V-- STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 8. Committees

Current language, page 22-23, starting on line 36, continuing to page 23, line 1

Section 8. Committees.

8A. Every special committee shall make a report in writing to the State Central Committee or the Executive Committee if such committee was appointed by the Executive Committee upon the conclusion of its work and at such other times as may be required.

Every member of the State Central Committee, except for the members of the Executive Committee of the State Central Committee, shall be required to be a member of at least (one) of the Standing Committees as listed in Article V, Section 8 of the Constitution of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. At least one of the co-chairs of each of the standing committees shall be a member of the State Central Committee. Co-chairs shall be appointed by the Chair with advice and consent of the State Central Committee. Membership of the committees is open to any member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and shall have representation from all four counties.

Proposed language:

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Rationale: This removes the requirement that every SCC member must serve on a standing committee. It should be an option. Not all SCC members are as determined to spend their time in meetings as others and can add value to the work of the SCC in other ways.

Also, this clarifies that party members who are not members of the SCC can be appointed to the committees. By saying they are "open to all members," that made it sound as though the members do not have to be appointed in order to have the right to serve.

Impacts the SCC.

We do not believe this necessitates changes in other parts of the Constitution or Bylaws.

Proposed by: _____ and _____

R12 - BD7 Composition of Convention Committees BL6.6

Proposed Amendment to DPH Bylaws

**ARTICLE VI-- STATE CONVENTION
Section 6. Organization of the Convention**

Current language, page 29, lines 39- 46

6B. The Party Chairperson shall assure that all Convention Committees shall include members from each County in proportion to the ratio of delegates allocated to each County to the total number of delegates to the Convention. The Party Chairperson, with the concurrence of the State Central Committee, shall establish a process to ensure that appointments to the Convention Committees shall be fair, and that such committees shall in so far as practicable reflect the varied constituencies and diverse views of the Convention delegates.

Proposed language:

6B. The Party Chairperson shall assure that all Convention Committees shall include members from each County in proportion to the ratio of delegates allocated to each County to the total number of delegates to the Convention. The Party Chairperson, with the concurrence of the State Central Committee, shall establish a process to ensure that appointments to the Convention Committees shall be fair, and that such committees shall in so far as practicable reflect the varied constituencies and diverse views of the Convention delegates. **Each recognized Caucus and the Young Democrats may have a member on the Rules, Platform and Resolutions committees and each of these committees shall have a minimum of 41 members.** In a presidential year, efforts shall be made to appoint committees whose membership reflects the proportion of votes cast for the presidential candidates.

Rationale: In past conventions, the obligation to ensure the composition of the convention committees “reflect the ...diverse views of the Convention delegates” was interpreted as an obligation to appoint members with a fair representation to the competing campaigns. In 2016, although Sanders received 70% of the votes at the caucuses, only 5 of the members appointed to the convention Rules committee, out of 32, were Sanders supporters. The rest had all supported Clinton.

When convention committees are composed at great odds with the makeup of the general membership of the convention, it needlessly creates tensions which could be reduced if the committees are more representative. A presidential vote provides a pretty good metric for ensuring this in a presidential year.

We do not believe this necessitates changes in other parts of the Constitution or Bylaws.

Proposed by: _____

R13 - BD8 ConAm Ethics Con8.10

Proposed Amendment to DPH Constitution

ARTICLE VIII – GENERAL PROVISIONS,

Section 10. Ethics and Potential Conflict of Interest Disclosures, p 13, lines 25-29

Current language:

25. Section 10. Ethics and Potential Conflict of Interest Disclosures.

- 26. Any member of the State Central Committee or a County Committee who engages in activity
 - 27. defined as “lobbying” under Hawai‘i Revised Statutes shall file a written disclosure with the
 - 28. respective Committee Secretary stating for whom they are lobbying and on what matters. Such
- disclosures shall be available for inspection by Party members.

Proposed language:

29. Section 10. Ethics and Potential Conflict of Interest Disclosures.

- 30. Any member of the State Central Committee or a County Committee who engages in activity
- 31. defined as “lobbying” under Hawai‘i Revised Statutes shall file a written disclosure with the
- 32. respective Committee Secretary stating for whom they are lobbying and on what matters. Candidates for the State Chair, County Chair or the SCC shall file such a disclosure within 7_ days after filing to run for the office. Such disclosures shall be available for inspection by Party members.

33. **Rationale:** This change will give voters an opportunity to learn of potential conflicts of interests before voting for a candidate for these positions rather than having to learn about such potential conflicts after the candidate assumes office.

Impacts the State Chair, County Chair, SCC.

I do not believe this necessitates changes in other parts of the Constitution or Bylaws.

Proposed by: _____

R14 - BD9 Party Employees BL8.2

Proposed Amendment to DPH Bylaws

ARTICLE VIII-- DEMOCRATIC PARTY HEADQUARTERS

Section 2. Executive Director and Staff

Current language, page 31, lines 25- 31

25. An Executive Director and staff for the Democratic Party of Hawai'i may be appointed by the
26. Chairperson of the State Central Committee with the approval of the State Central Committee.
27. The Executive Director shall report to the Party Chairperson and assist in implementing the
28. policies and plans of the State Central Committee. The compensation of the Executive Director
29. and the budget for the staff shall be determined by the State Central Committee. Paid staff members, including the Executive Director and those under contract with the Party, shall not be voting members of the State Central Committee.

Proposed language:

Section 2. Executive Director and Staff.

30. An Executive Director and staff for the Democratic Party of Hawai'i may be appointed by the
31. Chairperson of the State Central Committee with the approval of the State Central Committee.
32. The Executive Director shall report to the Party Chairperson and assist in implementing the
33. policies and plans of the State Central Committee. The compensation of the Executive Director
34. and the budget for the staff shall be determined by the State Central Committee. Paid staff
35. members, including the Executive Director and those under contract with the Party, shall not be voting members of the State Central Committee. Employees of the Pparty shall maintain neutrality towards political campaigns prior to the completion of the primary election as well as maintain neutrality in internal party elections above District Secretary.their highest office

~~(precinct or district)specific precinct.~~

Rationale: Paid employees should not be biased in their work and should avoid even the appearance of bias, both in elections between competing Democratic candidates or within factional disputes within the Party. There have been times in the past when paid staff have been deeply involved in such activities. It is in the strong interest of the Party that our Headquarters and employees be seen as fair and neutral. Particularly when their work gives them access to information and unfair advantage were they to be helping a campaign or faction. It needlessly fuels distrust and they need to understand before they are hired that they give up that freedom.

We do not believe this necessitates changes in other parts of the Constitution or Bylaws.

Proposed by: _____ and _____.

Proposed by: _____

R15 - LK.C1 Grammer Edit Con1.1

1. Article I, Section 1, General, page 1, lines 4 and 5

As reads: “The following persons are eligible to become members Democratic Party of Hawai’i.”

Amend to read: “The following persons are eligible to become members of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i.”

Rationale: Non-substantive editorial change to correct grammar.

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: None

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: None

R16 - LK.C3 Secret Ballots Con2.3

3. Article II-Precinct Club, Section 3, Biennial Election of Precinct Officers and Delegates to the State Convention, page 2, lines 8 and 9.

As reads: Elections shall be by secret ballot if requested by any member present.

Amend to read: Elections shall be by ballot if requested by any member present.

~~Elections shall be by secret ballot if requested by any member present.~~

Rationale: To bring bylaws into conformance with Democratic Party rules. In response to a DPH inquiry to the DNC, the DNC stated, "As you may know, when the *Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States* was adopted in 1974, it included a requirement for open meetings and a prohibition against secret ballots. That provision, which has never been changed, states that: "All meetings of the Democratic National Committee, the Executive Committee, and all other official Party committees, commissions and bodies shall be open to the public, and votes shall not be taken by secret ballot." [Article 9, Section 12]

Over the years, as questions have arisen concerning this provision against secret ballots, the DNC and its committees have determined that this requirement was intended to apply to any Party meeting -- including state and local central committees meetings, and state conventions. Secret ballots are prohibited in any situation where the individual voting has been elected and is acting in a representative capacity. This is required by our *Charter* so that his or her "constituents" will be able to know and understand how their representative voted on their behalf. On the other hand, this rule does not apply to primary or caucus where the voters cast ballots in their capacity as registered voters (e.g. An individual who voted in Nevada's November 2015 election and cast a secret ballot). That exception aside, to put it simply, under Democratic Party rules, secret ballots are prohibited."

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact is on election process of precinct officers and delegates to the State Convention.

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: None

R17 - LK.C4 Precinct Clubs Con2.5

4. Article II-Precinct Club, Section 5, page 2, lines 37-39

As reads: No person shall participate in more than one (1) meeting of a Precinct Club held for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention. "Participation" as used above shall include voting.

Amend to this sentence: No person shall vote in a meeting of more than one (1) Precinct Club held for the purpose of electing delegates/alternates to the State Convention.

Rationale: The intent of this provision is not clear and appears contrary to DPH Bylaws, Article II, Precinct Club, Section 2F, page 10, lines 2 to 6, that state, "In the event that a Precinct Club holds a successful election at the biennial election meeting, except that all positions are not filled, a Precinct Club has until the third Tuesday in April to hold additional meetings to fill any vacancy subject to notifying members of the Precinct of the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting by minimally posting the meeting notification on the website of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i." Lines 18 to 20 also state, "The Precinct Club shall report any changes to fill a delegate or alternate vacancy as a result of additional meetings held until the third Tuesday in April to the District Chair and to the Democratic Party of Hawai'i office. A report will be made within five days of the meeting."

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact is on precincts.

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: Bylaws, Article II, Section 2F, page 10, lines 2 to 6 and 18 to 20 (no change)

R18 - LK.C6 County Bylaws Con4.2b

6. Article IV-County Organizations, Section 2B, page 4, lines 25 to 28

As reads: 2B. The bylaws and bylaws changes of a County Organization shall first be ratified by the State Central Committee. If the State Central Committee fails to certify the bylaws and bylaws changes proposed by a County Committee, that County Committee may at the next State Convention appeal for ratification of such bylaws changes by the Convention.

Amend to read: 2B. The bylaws and bylaws ~~changes~~ amendments of a County Organization shall first be ratified by the State Central Committee. If the State Central Committee fails to ~~certify~~ ratify ~~certify~~ the bylaws and bylaws ~~changes~~ amendments proposed by a County Committee, that County Committee may at the next State Convention appeal for ratification of such bylaws ~~changes~~ amendments by the Convention.

Rationale: Non-substantive changes. The SCC ratifies, not certifies, amendments to bylaws.

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: None

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: None

R19 - LK.C9 SCC Special Meetings Con5.6e

9. Article V, Section 6E regarding special meetings of the SCC, page 8, lines 27-29

As reads: 6E. The Party Chairperson or two-thirds of the Executive Committee of the State Central Committee shall have the authority to call a special meeting. Special meetings shall require not less than five (5) days prior notice to the members of the State Central Committee.

Amend to read: 6E. The Party Chairperson ~~or two-thirds of the Executive Committee of the State Central Committee~~ shall have the authority to call a special meeting. **A special meeting shall also be held upon written request of at least a majority of the Executive Committee and a majority³⁰ members of the State Central Committee—15 members of the State Central Committee.** Special meetings shall require not less than five (5) days prior notice to the members of the State Central Committee.

Rationale: There may be matters that members of the full SCC feel should be addressed before the normally scheduled SCC meetings; this added provision provides that opportunity.

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact on SCC members

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: None

NR01 - MGJ1 District Chair Election BL3.1a

BYLAWS

Article 3, Section 1A, Page 15, Lines 4 - 8

CURRENT:

1A. A District Chairperson: Nomination and election for the District Chairperson is open to any member residing in the District and shall occur at the annual District Council meeting of precincts held in March of every even numbered year. Election shall be by the members of the District Council. A District Chairperson upon election shall automatically vacate the office of Precinct President, Precinct Vice-President or District Councilperson.

Proposed:

1A. ~~A~~-District Chairperson: Nomination and election for the District Chairperson is open to any member residing in the District and shall occur at the annual District Council meeting of precincts held in March of every even numbered year. Election shall be by the members of the **House** District Council. ~~A District Chairperson upon election shall automatically vacate the office of Precinct President, Precinct Vice-President or District Councilperson.~~

Rational:

As the Democratic Party we should endeavor to elect all officers especially at the Grassroots level by the members of their respective District.

Impact:

District members and the District Council

Proposer: Michael Golojuch, Jr. – Delegate 42-3

Proposer: Jason Bradshaw – Delegate 41-3

NR02 - MGJ2 Delegate Selction Plan BL2.3

Article II – PRECINT CLUB Section 3 – Page 13 Line 33 - 46 & Page 14 Line 1 – 28

CURRENT

33 3B. Precinct Presidential Poll During Presidential Election Years. In every year in which a
34 presidential election occurs, a presidential poll shall be taken on all Precinct Club members
35 present to determine their presidential preferences or uncommitted status. Precincts shall
36 conduct a formal registration (sign in and verification) process under the guidance of the
District

37 Chairperson, or designee, to ensure the identity, residence, and status of each person as a
38 member of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

39

40 The voting, counting, and submission of ballots shall be the responsibility of the District
41 Chairperson, or designee, subject to the following:

42

- 43 (1) The presidential poll shall be taken by secret ballot.
- 44 (2) During years where there is no Democratic incumbent running for
45 President, balloting for the presidential poll shall be open for a minimum of three
46 (3) hours. All individuals waiting in line to vote at the advertised closing time

1 shall be permitted to vote. A precinct member will designate the end of the line.

2 The precinct meetings shall occur after the end of balloting. The start time of the

3 precinct meetings and elections of Delegates and Alternates must be advertised

4 along with the timing of the Presidential Preference Poll. If there are still

5 participants waiting to vote, then the start time of the precinct meetings can be

6 modified at the discretion of the District Chair or Designated Site Lead. During

7 years where there is a sitting Democratic President running for reelection,

8 presidential poll shall be open for at least thirty (30) minutes or for the duration of

9 the Precinct Club meeting, whichever is greater. When more than one (1)

10 Precinct Club votes at a common location, the registration and presidential voting

11 process shall be held in common for the voting period of the preference poll

12 immediately prior to the beginning of the precinct meetings.

13 (3) Registrar/tellers shall be appointed:

14 (a) to receive and accept proof of identity from each Precinct Club member,

15 and

16 (b) to count and record ballots for the precinct.

17 (4) One (1) registrar/teller shall be selected from each of the opposing candidates

18 represented in the Precinct Club.

19 (5) Ballots shall be sealed in an envelope and submitted with the Precinct Club

20 election results to the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i Headquarters.

21 (6) The results of the presidential polls shall be submitted by mail or other

22 appropriate means to the State Central Committee within forty-eight (48) hours.

23

24 The State Central Committee shall tabulate the results on a Congressional District

25 basis and announce such results within twenty (20) days after the poll. The

26 official registration sheet shall be available to the representatives of the various

27 presidential candidates at least seven (7) days prior to the State Central
28 Committee announcement of the results.

PROPOSED

33 3B. Precinct Presidential Poll During Presidential Election Years. In every year in which a
34 presidential election occurs, a presidential poll shall be taken on all Precinct Club members
35 present to determine their presidential preferences or uncommitted status. Precincts shall
36 conduct a formal registration (sign in and verification) process under the guidance of the
District

37 Chairperson, or designee, to ensure the identity, residence, and status of each person as a
38 member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

39

40 The voting, counting, and submission of ballots shall be the responsibility of the District
41 Chairperson, or designee, subject to the **Delegate Selection Plan approved by the State
42 Central Committee which will follow the guidelines set out by the Democratic National
Committee.** following:

42

43 (1) The presidential poll shall be taken by secret ballot.

44 ~~(2) During years where there is no Democratic incumbent running for~~

45 ~~President, balloting for the presidential poll shall be open for a minimum of three~~

46 ~~(3) hours. All individuals waiting in line to vote at the advertised closing time~~

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~~9 the Precinct Club meeting, whichever is greater. When more than one (1)~~

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24 The State Central Committee shall tabulate the results on a Congressional District

~~25 basis and announce such results within twenty (20) days after the poll. The
26 official registration sheet shall be available to the representatives of the various
27 presidential candidates at least seven (7) days prior to the State Central
28 Committee announcement of the results.~~

Rationale: These confining rules do not allow the Democratic Party of Hawai'i to respond to changing technology or guidelines from the Democratic National Committee. They also do allow our members to participate in the selection of our Party's nominee for president. By removing these constraints, it will allow the State Central Committee to come up with a more inclusive process for our members who wish to participate.

Impact: No other portion of the Constitution or By-Laws will be impacted

Proposer: Michael Golojuch, Jr. – Delegate 42-3

Proposer: Jason W. Bradshaw – Delegate 41-3

NR03 - MGJ4 Delay of Office Term Con2.4B

CONSTITUTION

Article II Section 4(b); Page 2, Line 26 – 27

Current

4B. Each officer shall take office immediately upon election and shall hold office from the time of election until a successor is duly elected, or until said officer moves out of the precinct.

Proposed:

4B. Each officer shall take office ~~immediately upon election~~ **the Tuesday after the State Convention unless the office they are filing is vacant then they shall take office immediately** ~~and shall hold office from the time of election until a successor is duly elected,~~ or until said officer moves out of the precinct.

Article III, Section 3; Page 3, Line 22 -24

Current:

Section 3. Term of office.

The District Council, excepting the District Chairperson, shall take office no later than two weeks after the biennial District Council meeting and end at the time of the election of a successor but in no event past the two weeks after the biennial District Council meeting.

Proposed:

The District Council, ~~excepting the District Chairperson,~~ shall take office ~~no later than two weeks after the biennial District Council meeting and end at the time of the election of a successor but in no event past the two weeks after the biennial District Council meeting~~ **the Tuesday after the State Convention, unless the office they are filing is vacant then they shall take office immediately.**

Rational:

This gives the incoming Precinct Officers and the District Council a chance to learn the job and allow for a seamless transfer of power. It also gives the State and/or County Secretaries time to train them on the usage of the Party's database. This was also a recommendation of the PPP Taskforce.

Impact:

District Council and County Committees

Proposer: Michael Golojuch, Jr. – Delegate 42-3

Proposer: Jason Bradshaw – Delegate 41-3

NR04 - MGJ5 Personnel Committee BL5.8o

Constitution

Article V Section 8; page 9, line 14 – 16 (Current)

The State Central Committee shall appoint standing committees on Finance, Platform, Legislation, Rules, Affirmative Action, Membership, Fundraising, Communications, Community Relations, Convention, Campaign, and Compliance Review.

Article V Section 8; page 9, line 14 – 16 (Proposed)

The State Central Committee shall appoint standing committees on Finance, Platform, Legislation, Rules, Affirmative Action, Membership, Fundraising, Communications, Community Relations, Convention, Campaign, ~~and~~ Compliance Review, **and Personnel.**

Bylaws

Article V Section 8O; page 25 line 24 – New

8O. PERSONNEL: The Personnel Committee shall be chaired by the Vice Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i and shall be responsible for include drafting and/or revising personnel policies, reviewing job descriptions, recommending a salary structure, and annually reviewing staff salaries, and reviewing the benefits package. Committee members may also be asked to consult on additional personnel matters as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee ~~all personnel issues for the Party, which includes drafting and maintaining the Personnel Policy.~~ Its membership shall also include the Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and two (2) other members of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i that are well versed on personnel matters ~~State Central Committee~~ that are recommended by the Vice Chair and approved by the State Central Committee. The Chair of the Party shall serve as non-voting ex-officio member. The Personnel Policy may be reviewed in odd number years and a report presented to the State Central Committee with any proposed changes. In addition, the Personnel Committee shall:

1. Oversee recruitment for all Democratic Party of Hawai‘i personnel.
2. Handle Personnel issues following the procedures as prescribed in the Personnel Policy.

Rational: The Democratic Party of Hawaii needs a standing Personnel Committee, we owe it our staff and it is protection for the Party.

Impact: Vice Chair, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Executive Director and DPH staff.

Proposer: Michael Golojuch, Jr. – Delegate 42-3

Proposer: Jason Bradshaw – Delegate 41-3

NR05 - MGJ6 Executive Director and Staff BL8.2

Article VIII Section 2. Executive Director and Staff page 31 Line 26-32 (Current)

An Executive Director and staff for the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i may be appointed by the Chairperson of the State Central Committee with the approval of the State Central Committee. The Executive Director shall report to the Party Chairperson and assist in implementing the policies and plans of the State Central Committee. The compensation of the Executive Director and the budget for the staff shall be determined by the State Central Committee. Paid staff members, including the Executive Director and those under contract with the Party, shall not be voting members of the State Central Committee.

Article VIII Section 2. Executive Director and Staff (Proposed)

~~An~~The Executive Director and staff for the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i ~~may~~ shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the State Central Committee with the approval of the State Central Committee. The Executive Director shall report to the ~~Party Chairperson~~ Party Chairperson and the **Executive Committee of the State Central** Committee and assist in implementing the policies and plans of the State Central Committee. **All other staff for the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i shall report to the Executive Director.** The compensation of the Executive Director and the budget for the staff shall be determined by the State Central Committee. Paid staff members, including the Executive Director and those under contract with the Party, shall not be voting members of the State Central Committee.

Rational: This will show that Executive Director is here to work for the entire party and not just the Chairperson. It will also empower the Executive Director and staff to handle the day-to-day operations of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

Impact: Executive Director and DPH staff reporting structure

Proposer: Michael Golojuch, Jr. – Delegate 42-3

Proposer: Jason W. Bradshaw – Delegate 41-3

NR06 - LK.C2 Precinct Club Meetings Con2.3

2. Article II-Precinct Club, Section 3, Biennial Election of Precinct Officers and Delegates to the State Convention, page 2, lines 4 to 8

As reads: Section 3. Biennial Election of Precinct Officers and Delegates to the State Convention. 3A. The Precinct Club shall meet to elect officers, delegates and alternates as provided for herein and further provided for in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, on the first Wednesday of March in every even-numbered year or at such other times as may be determined by the State Central Committee (the biennial election meeting”).

Amend to read: Section 3. Biennial Election of Precinct Officers and Delegates to the State Convention. 3A. The Precinct Club shall meet to elect officers, ~~delegates and alternates~~ as provided for herein and further provided for in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, on the first Wednesday of March in every ~~even~~-odd numbered year or at such other times as may be determined by the State Central Committee (the biennial election meeting”). In implementing this rule, officers elected in 2018 will serve until 2021. The Precinct Club shall meet to elect delegates and alternates to the state convention in every even numbered year or at such other times as may be determined by the State Central Committee and as provided by Section 5 of this Article.

Rationale: 1) To implement a recommendation of the SCC Precinct Presidential Poll (PPP) Ad Hoc Committee. 2) This amendment is offered to require that the election of precinct and district officers be held in odd years, separate from the election of delegates and alternates to the state convention and the precinct presidential poll that are held in even numbered years. The recommendation is responsive to complaints made by members about the confusion that occurs at the current biennium precinct meetings. Adoption of this amendment would relieve that confusion and allow precincts to focus their attention to each of these important events. (Please note that Article II, Section 5, page 2 contains specific rules concerning Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention.)

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact is on precinct clubs.

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: Relates to DPH Bylaws, Article II, Precinct Club, Section 2, page 8 concerning Biennial Election of Precinct Officers and Delegates to the State Convention.

NR07 - LK.C5 Term of Office Con3.3

5. Article III, District Council, Section 3, Term of Office, page 3, lines 21 to 24

As reads: Section 3. Term of office. The District Council, excepting the District Chairperson, shall take office no later than two weeks after the biennial District Council meeting and end at the time of the election of a successor but in no event past the two weeks after the biennial District Council meeting.

Amend to read: Section 3. **Election and** Term of office. ~~The District Council, excepting the District Chairperson, shall take office no later than two weeks after the biennial District Council meeting and end at the time of the election of a successor but in no event past the two weeks after the biennial District Council meeting.~~ The District Council shall meet to elect the District Chair and other officers expeditiously immediately after the election of precinct officers in odd-numbered years. In implementing this rule, officers elected in 2018 will serve until 2021. Each officer shall take office immediately upon election and shall hold office from the time of election until a successor is duly elected, or until said officer moves out of the District.

Rationale: 1) To require the election of all District officer positions to be held immediately after the election of Precinct Officer positions as is the actual practice of most, if not all Districts; 2) To bring consistency in the bylaws concerning when an officer takes office. The District Council consists of all the Precinct Presidents and District Councilpersons of each Precinct Club and the duly elected Chairperson. Counties may include the Precinct First Vice-President. Precinct officers take office immediately upon election and hold office from the time of election until a successor is duly elected, or until said officer moves out of the precinct. Changing the District Council officer term of office would provide consistency with precinct officers. .

Lastly, the current provision might make it difficult for the new District Council to comply with the Constitution, Article III, Section 5A, page 3, lines 30-36 that require that the District Council act on any challenges concerning the results of the biennial Precinct Club elections that may be brought before it by the first Tuesday in April, especially if the biennial Precinct meetings are not held until the end of March.

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact is on precincts and the District Council

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: Related to Bylaws, Article III, Section 1, page 15, lines 3 to 14 – proposed amendments to change election of District Chair and other officer positions to odd years.

NR08 - LK.C7 Caucus Bylaws and Convention Con5.2

7. Article V, State Central Committee, Section 2, Elections, 2A, page 5, lines 27 to 29.

As reads: The Caucus and Youth Representatives on the State Central Committee shall be democratically elected by their respective members as determined by their bylaws.

Amend to read: The Caucus and Youth Representatives on the State Central Committee shall be democratically elected by their respective members as determined by their bylaws, except that caucuses that have not amended their bylaws to provide for election by their members shall have their representatives to the State Central Committee elected at the Democratic State Convention by the delegates as designated pursuant to the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

Rationale: The added language accommodates those caucuses who have not yet amended their by-laws to provide for election by representatives to the SCC at the State Convention.

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact is on caucuses.

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: Related to Bylaws, Article V, Section 2, page 18, lines 2 to 8 (no changes proposed)

NR09 - LK.C8 Nomination Papers Con5.2a

8. Article V, State Central Committee, Section 2A, page 6, lines 3 and 4

As reads: The filing of nomination papers for all Caucuses and Youth Representatives will be thirty (30) days before the meeting at which the election will be held.

Amend to delete: ~~The filing of nomination papers for all Caucuses and Youth Representatives will be thirty (30) days before the meeting at which the election will be held.~~

Rationale: The deadline for filing of nomination papers for Caucuses and Youth Representatives should be as determined by the Caucus and Youth Representatives bylaws. Inclusion of the current deadline in the bylaws impacts upon the election processes used by these entities, for example, in elections for other positions in the Caucus, nominations may be accepted on the day of the election...sometimes, this is necessary because the Nomination Committee couldn't find candidates. Further, what are the adverse consequences on these entities if they fail to follow the 30 day provision?

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact is on caucuses and youth representatives

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: None

NR10 - LK.C10 SCC Nominations Con5.7

10. Article V, Section 7, Caucuses, 7D Nomination and Filing, page 9, lines 1 to 11

As reads: 7D. Nomination and Filing. Each Caucus and Youth Democrats shall certify eligible nominees of different genders to elect two (2) representatives of different genders to the State Central Committee. Procedures and qualifications for the candidate and the election process shall be specified in the bylaws of each caucus and Youth Democrats. If a Caucus' bylaws does not specify nomination procedures or qualification by 2018, then a caucus member nomination by five (5) other members of the Caucus before the deadline for State Central Committee nominations shall be certified an eligible nominee. In the event a Caucus fails to certify an eligible nominee as specified in the Caucus Bylaw, appeal may be made to the Convention Credentials Committee. If the State Convention accepts a Credentials Committee report that rules the nominee should have been certified as eligible in accord with the Caucus' Bylaws, the nominee shall stand as a Caucus candidate for the State Central Committee at the State Convention.

~~Amend to delete the entire provision and replace: 7D. Nomination and Filing. Each Caucus and Youth Democrats shall certify eligible nominees of different genders to elect two (2) representatives of different genders to the State Central Committee. Procedures and qualifications for the candidate and the election process shall be specified in the bylaws of each caucus and Youth Democrats. If a Caucus' bylaws does not specify nomination procedures or qualification by 2018, then a caucus member nomination by five (5) other members of the Caucus before the deadline for State Central Committee nominations shall be certified an eligible nominee. In the event a Caucus fails to certify an eligible nominee as specified in the Caucus Bylaw, appeal may be made to the Convention Credentials Committee. If the State Convention accepts a Credentials Committee report that rules the nominee should have been certified as eligible in accord with the Caucus' Bylaws, the nominee shall stand as a Caucus candidate for the State Central Committee at the State Convention.~~

Each Caucus and Youth Democrats may elect two representatives of different genders to the State Central Committee as determined by their bylaws provided that such bylaws include the provisions required by Article V, Section 2A. Each Caucus and Youth Democrats must report within 15 days of their election the names and contact information of their elected representatives and the filing fee of \$10 for such elected representatives. If a Caucus' bylaws does not specify election procedures then the election of their caucus representatives shall be by the State Convention delegates, in which case, the nomination must be made by five (5) other members of the Caucus by the deadline for State Central Committee nominations. Such nomination must be certified by the Caucus that the candidate meets eligibility and qualification requirements as contained in the respective Caucus bylaws and/or the Democratic Party constitution and bylaws.

Rationale: Makes clear that each Caucus and Youth Democrats elect their representatives to the SCC, not certify eligible nominees, where their bylaws include provisions for election by their membership. Also, clarifies that the \$10 fee will apply to elected caucus representatives to the SCC. Also, distinguishes the rule concerning those caucuses who have not amended their bylaws to provide for election by their membership. Adds provision that caucuses report the names and contact information of their elected representatives to the SCC.

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact on caucuses and youth democrats.

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: DPH bylaws, Article V, Section 4E, page 20 – proposed changes to bring consistency with rules concerning election of caucus SCC representatives.

NR11 - LK.B1 Election of Precinct Officers BL2.2

1. Article II, Section 2, Biennial Election of Precinct Officers and Delegates to the State Convention, para 2A, page 8, lines 12-30

As reads: 2A. The official notice designating the time, place, and purpose of such meeting shall be given by the Secretary of the County Committee by publication at least once in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the Counties and by other appropriate written communication to each Democratic Party of Hawai'i member not less than twenty (20) days prior to the biennial election meeting of such year, provided, however, that in the County of Hawai'i, notice shall be published in both East and West Hawai'i, as follows:

(1) By the first week of December of odd numbered years in order to facilitate the compilation of said list of Precinct and District meeting places, each County Chairperson shall be responsible to contact each Precinct President who shall be responsible to secure a meeting place in order of preference (a) polling place, (b) community center, or (c) other.

(2) Each Precinct President shall report their meeting place to the District Chairperson by the 15th of December. It shall be the District Chairperson's responsibility to report back to the County Chairperson with the meeting places by December 21. The County Chairperson must submit to the Corresponding Secretary a completed list of meeting places by January 5 of even-numbered years.

Amend to Read: The official notice designating the time, place, and purpose of such meetings to elect precinct officers and delegates and alternates to the State Convention shall be given by the Secretary of the County Committee by publication at least once in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the Counties and by other appropriate written communication to each Democratic Party of Hawai'i member not less than twenty (20) days prior to the biennial election meeting of such each year, provided, however, that in the County of Hawai'i, notice shall be published in both East and West Hawai'i, as follows:

(1) By the first week of ~~December~~ November of ~~odd numbered years~~ each year, in order to facilitate the compilation of said list of Precinct and District meeting places, each County Chairperson shall be responsible to contact each ~~Precinct President~~ District Council Chair who shall be responsible to secure a meeting places in consultation with each precinct in the District Council's jurisdiction in order of their District's preference, for example (a) polling place, (b) community center, or (c) other.

(2) Each ~~Precinct President shall report their meeting place to the District Chairperson shall provide the list of meeting places by the 15th of December.~~ November 21 ~~It shall be the District Chairperson's responsibility to report back to the County Chairperson with the meeting places by December 21.~~ The County Chairperson must submit to the Corresponding Secretary a completed list of meeting places by ~~January~~ December 5 ~~of even numbered years.~~ every year (even years for the biennial election of convention delegates and alternates and the Presidential Preference Poll; odd years for the biennial election of precinct and district officers)

Rationale: 1) Implements PPP Ad Hoc Committee recommendation. 2) December has been a bad time to get the work of identifying meeting places done. It is the height of the holiday season. Many precincts fail to provide information on meeting places in a timely manner. Hence, precinct, district, and DPH leaders scramble at the last minute to get meeting

locations identified. 3) Concerning the responsibility of securing a meeting place, reality is this is done by District Chairs. The amendment clarifies that the responsibility for deciding the final meeting places rests with the District Chair, after consultation with precinct presidents.

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact on precincts and districts

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: Constitution, page 2, Section 3, Biennial Election of Precinct Officers and Delegates to the State Convention, lines 4 to 9.

NR12 - LK.B2 Outgoing Officers Certification BL2.2g

2. Article II, Precinct Club, Section 2G, page 10, lines 34-37.

As reads: The results of the Precinct Club election shall be signed and certified by the President and the Secretary of the Precinct Club and shall be delivered or postmarked within forty-eight (48) hours of the election to the State Central Committee, the County Committee and the District Council.

Amend to read: The results of the Precinct Club election shall be signed and certified by the outgoing President and ~~the~~ Secretary of the Precinct Club and shall be delivered or postmarked within forty-eight (48) hours of the election to the State Central Committee, the County Committee and the District Council.

Rationale: To clarify who signs and certifies the results of the Precinct Club election.

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact on precincts.

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: None.

NR13 - LK.B3 Precinct Club Meetings DC BL2.2m

3. Article II, Precinct Club, Section 2M(1), page 11, lines 35-37

As reads: (1) The President shall make arrangements for the biennial precinct election meeting by the 15th day of December preceding the election year in accordance with Article II of the Constitution of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

Amend to read: (1) The President shall ~~make~~ recommend to the District Chair arrangements for the biennial precinct election meeting by the 15th day of ~~December~~ November preceding the election year in accordance with Article II of the Constitution of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

Rationale: Establishes rule that reflects the actual practice of Districts and Precincts. District Chairs normally finalize the meeting places for the biennial precinct election meeting.

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact on Districts and precincts.

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: None

NR14 - LK.B4 Hawaii Delegate Selection Plan BL2.3b

4. Article II, Section 3B, Precinct Presidential Poll During Presidential Election Years, page 13 lines 40 to 46 and page 14, lines 1 to 28

As reads: The voting, counting, and submission of ballots shall be the responsibility of the District Chairperson, or designee, subject to the following:

1. The presidential poll shall be taken by secret ballot.
2. During years where there is no Democratic incumbent running for President, balloting for the presidential poll shall be open for a minimum of three (3) hours. All individuals waiting in line to vote at the advertised closing time shall be permitted to vote. A precinct member will designate the end of the line. The precinct meetings shall occur after the end of balloting. The start time of the Precinct meetings and elections of Delegates and Alternates must be advertised along with the timing of the Presidential Preference Poll. If there are still participants waiting to vote, then the start time of the precinct meetings can be modified at the discretion of the District Chair or Designated Site Lead. During years where there is a sitting Democratic President running for reelection, presidential poll shall be open for at least thirty (30) minutes or for the duration of the Precinct Club meeting, whichever is greater. When more than one (1) Precinct Club votes at a common location, the registration and presidential voting process shall be held in common for the voting period of the preference poll immediately prior to the beginning of the precinct meetings.
3. Registrar/tellers shall be appointed:
 - a. To receive and accept proof of identity from each Precinct Club member, and
 - b. To count and record ballots for the precinct.
4. One (1) registrar/teller shall be selected from each of the opposing candidates represented in the Precinct Club
5. Ballots shall be sealed in an envelope and submitted with the Precinct Club election results to the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Headquarters.
6. The results of the presidential polls shall be submitted by mail or other appropriate means to the State Central Committee within forty-eight (48) hours.

The State Central Committee shall tabulate the results on a Congressional District basis and announce such results within twenty (20) days after the poll. The official registration sheet shall be available to the representatives of the various presidential candidates at least seven (7) days prior to the State Central Committee announcement of the results.

Amend as follows: Delete lines 40 to 46 on page 13 and lines 1 to 28 on page 14 in its entirety; on page 13, at end of line 38, insert "The Precinct Presidential Poll shall be conducted in accordance with the Hawaii Delegate Selection Plan."

Rationale: 1) Implements PPP Ad Hoc Committee recommendation. 2) Assures consistency in policies and procedures with the Hawaii Delegate Selection Plan. 3) Removes constraints on precincts as to whether meetings should be held before or after the Precinct Presidential Poll.

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact on District Councils, SCC

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: None

NR15 - LK.B5 Odd Numbered Years BL3.1

5. Article III, District Council, Section 1, Officers, para 1A, page 15, lines 4 to 6, and para 1B, lines 10 to 14

As reads: 1A. A District Chairperson: Nomination and election for the District Chairperson is open to any member residing in the District and shall occur at the annual District Council meeting of precincts held in March of every even numbered year. 1B. For other officer positions, nominations and election of not more than three Vice-Chairpersons, not more than two Secretaries and a Treasurer shall occur at either the biennial District Council meeting of precincts held in March of every even-numbered year, or at another meeting held no later than two weeks after the biennial District Council meeting of precincts at the discretion of the newly elected Chairperson.

Amend to read: 1A. A District Chairperson: Nomination and election for the District Chairperson is open to any member residing in the District and shall occur at the annual District Council meeting of precincts held in March of every ~~even~~ odd numbered year. 1B. For other officer positions, nominations and election of not more than three Vice-Chairpersons, not more than two Secretaries and a Treasurer shall occur at ~~either~~ the biennial District Council meeting of precincts held in March of every ~~even-odd~~ numbered year, or at another meeting held no later than two weeks after the biennial District Council meeting of precincts at the discretion of the newly elected Chairperson.

Rationale: 1) Adopts recommendation of the SCC PPP committee. 2) This amendment is offered to require that the election of District Officers be held in odd years, separate from the election of delegates and alternates to the state convention and the precinct presidential poll that are held in even numbered years. The recommendation is responsive to complaints made by members about the confusion that occurs at the current biennium precinct meetings in even years that includes the Precinct presidential poll, the election of precinct officers, and the election of delegates and alternate to convention. Adoption of this amendment would relieve that confusion and allow Districts to focus their attention to each of these important events, i.e., the biennium precinct meetings in even years would address the Precinct presidential poll and the election of delegates and alternates to the convention, and in odd years would address only the election of precinct and district officers.

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact on District Councils, SCC

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: Related DPH Constitution, Article II, Precinct Club, Section 3, Biennial Election of Precinct Officers and Delegates to the State Convention, page 2, lines 4 to 8 – proposed similar change.

NR16 - LK.B6 Meeting Locations BL3.1c

6. Article III, District Council, Section 1C, page 15, lines 23-26

As reads: The Chairperson shall be responsible for the calling of all regular and special meetings of the District Council and the giving of proper notice and the arranging for meeting places for both special and regular meetings.

Amend to insert the following language after the above sentence: The Chairperson shall also be responsible to arrange the meeting places for the biennium precinct meetings, in consultation with precinct presidents.

Rationale: Establishes rule that reflects the actual practice of Districts and precincts. District Chairs normally finalize the meeting places for the biennial precinct election meeting.

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact on precincts and District Councils

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: Bylaws, Article II, Precinct Club, Section 2, Biennial Election of Precinct Officers and Delegates to the State Convention, page 8, lines 20 to 30. – proposed changes to place responsibility on District Chair.

NR17 - LK.B7 Caucus Vacancies BL5.4e

7. Article V, State Central Committee, Section 4E, page 20, lines 35 to 37.

As reads: 4E. Any vacancy in the office of Caucus Representative shall be filled by the Caucus as set forth in Caucus bylaws, with the concurrence of the majority of the State Central Committee members present at the State Central Committee meeting where the position is filled.

Amend to delete: Any vacancy in the office of Caucus Representative shall be filled by the Caucus as set forth in Caucus bylaws. ~~with the concurrence of the majority of the State Central Committee members present at the State Central Committee meeting where the position is filled.~~

Rationale: The deleted provision is outdated. Caucuses now elect its own SCC representatives not subject to the concurrence of the SCC.

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact on Hawaiian Affairs Caucus

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: Related Constitution, Article V, State Central Committee, Section 7D, page 9, lines 1 to 11 – see proposed change in para 11 of this document.

NR18 - LK.B8 Election of Representatives BL6.3d

8. Article VI, State Convention, Section 3D, page 27, lines 22 to 24

As reads: 3D. To elect the Democratic Party Chairperson and members of the State Central Committee, except County Representatives elected at the County Convention.

Amend to add: 3D. To elect the Democratic Party Chairperson and members of the State Central Committee, except County Representatives elected at the County Convention, youth representatives elected by their members, and caucus representatives elected by their members as provided by their bylaws.

Rationale: Updates bylaws to recognize that youth representatives and caucus members, whose bylaws provide for election by members are not elected at the state convention.

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact on youth representatives and the caucuses

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: None.

NR19 - LK.B9 Prior Notification BL6.9

9. Article VI, State Convention, Section 9, Convention Reports to the Delegates, page 30, lines 32 to 39

As reads: The Secretary of the State Central Committee shall publish on the website of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i the following documents at least five (5) days prior to the date of the Convention: the proposed changes to the Party Platform, the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and the Affirmative Action Plan; proposed resolutions; a list of all candidates and the positions they seek to be elected to at the State Convention; and the list of all proposed permanent Convention Committee members. Permanent Convention Committee members shall be posted to the website as they are appointed/confirmed. The above information shall be made available to all delegates via the website of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Amend to read: The Secretary of the State Central Committee shall publish on the website of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i the following documents at least 14 days prior to Convention Committee meetings the drafts of the following documents and at least five (5) seven (7) days prior to the date of the Convention the reports of the committee and finalized resolutions for adoption: the proposed changes to the Party Platform, the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and the Affirmative Action Plan; proposed resolutions; . The Secretary of the State Central Committee shall publish a list of all candidates and the positions they seek to be elected to at the State Convention at least seven (7) days prior to the State Convention; and the list of all ~~proposed~~ permanent Convention Committee members at least 15 days prior to their first meeting. ~~Permanent Convention Committee members shall be posted to the website as they are appointed/confirmed.~~ The above information shall be made available to all delegates via the website of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Rationale: Except for committee members, there is little opportunity for Democratic Party of Hawaii members to review and to participate in commenting on critical issues that will be acted upon at convention. Further, there is little opportunity for District, precincts, and caucuses to meet on these matters prior to the convention meetings and at convention. Extending the days for providing critical documents will enable more informed decisions by Party members at the state convention.

Impact on precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, SCC, caucuses, a specific party office, or elected officials: Impact on SCC convention committees

Impact on other sections of the Constitution and/or Bylaws: None.

Proposed Amendment Article VI Section 1 HUBS (Forwarded to Resolutions Committee)

Democratic Party of Hawai'i Proposed Rule

Title: **Amendment of Article VI Section 1 Regarding Time, Place, and Notice for a State Convention – Amendment 2 regarding use of Convention Hubs**

Proposers: **Charles O. Grigsby and Rusty Iijima**

On Page 25 of the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i as Amended on May 29, 2016:

Current Version:

25 ARTICLE VI -STATE CONVENTION

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27 Section 1. Time, Place, Notice.

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meeting

30 shall be fixed by the State Central Committee. The place of the meeting may be rotated from
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Proposed Revision:

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31 time to time among the four (4) counties of Hawai'i. Convention Hubs may be set up on any
island not hosting the convention to allow increased participation by Delegates unable to attend
the convention in person. Convention Hubs shall be managed by the County Committee
following the Standing Rules for the Convention as adopted by the SCC. Notice thereof shall be
given by

32 publication in one (1) newspaper of general circulation throughout the State of Hawai'i not
less

33 than ten (10) days prior to the date of the biennial Precinct Club election.

Rationale: Travel to and attendance at a convention is very expensive for each delegate, and travel contributes to unnecessary impact on the environment. Modern technology makes possible participation in events from many locations, and the Democratic Party of Hawai`i needs to adopt appropriate technologies to reduce costs to delegates and to increase the ability of all delegates to participate in the convention.

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