

2020 AMENDMENTS TO THE DPH BYLAWS as relating to contingency planning regarding COVID-19 (Updated by the SCC on November 7, 2020):

- 1) April 25, 2020 - Add to Article IX, Section 9, to page 34, an Impossibility Provision, as follows: "Impossibility Provision: In the event of an emergency, such provisions of these bylaws as deemed necessary, may be suspended by the State Central Committee at a regular or special meeting. Any suspension under this provision must describe a compelling interest for the suspension and include specific dates when the suspension begins and ends."

Compelling interest: To enable the DPH Chair and the SCC to adapt to challenges caused by emergency situations, such as the Corona Virus.

- 2) April 25, 2020 - Amend Article V, State Central Committee, page 19, to rename Section 4, and add: "Term of Office. The term of office of persons elected to the State Central Committee shall begin immediately after the adjournment of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i state convention and end at the conclusion of the following convention, unless otherwise specified in the bylaws of the County, Caucus, or Young Democrats concerning their SCC representatives". Renumber all subsequent sections of this Article.

Compelling interest: The added provision makes clear when the term of office begins and ends for all members elected to serve on the State Central Committee. This amendment would clarify that current SCC members remain on the SCC until the end of the upcoming convention, unless otherwise specified by County, Caucus, or Young Democrats bylaws, respectively.

- 3) April 25, 2020 - Amend Article VI, Section 3D(4), page 27, line 11 to read, "Election of the Party Chairperson shall include weighted votes, unless an in-person convention cannot be held due to an emergency, and a mail or electronic ballot has been authorized by the SCC."

Compelling interest: To enable election of the Party Chairperson by mail or electronic ballot in the case of emergency, Weighted vote would not apply since all eligible delegates are equally present to vote in the election by email or electronic ballot.

- 4) May 16, 2020 - Amend DPH Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1 to insert the words underlined below:

Section 1. Time, Place, Notice.

The convention will be called biennially in May of each even numbered year, or at such other times as may be determined by the State Central Committee. The date and place of the meeting shall be fixed by the State Central Committee. The place of the meeting shall be rotated in non-Presidential Election years among the three (3) neighbor island counties of Hawai'i - Kaua'i, Maui & Hawai'i. In Presidential Election years, the convention shall be held on O'ahu, unless the State Central Committee decides to call an electronic convention which may conduct business online as described in Standing Rules as it may adopt. Notice thereof shall be given by publication in one (1) newspaper of general circulation throughout the State of Hawai'i not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the biennial Precinct Club election.

Compelling interest: To enable enable electronic voting in emergency situations, such as the Corona Virus.

- 5) May 16, 2020 - Amend DPH Bylaws, Article VI to add the following new section as underlined below:

Section 11. Electronic Voting.

Electronic voting or balloting may be used to adopt any convention business or elect nominees to any position following procedures provided in the Convention Standing Rules adopted by the State Central Committee.

Compelling interest: To enable enable electronic voting in emergency situations, such as the Corona Virus.

2020 SUSPENDED BYLAWS PROVISIONS under the Impossibility Provision

- 1) April 25, 2020 - Suspend DPH bylaws, Article V, State Central Committee, Section 2, Nomination and Filing, page 17, section 2B, that requires nomination papers for Party Chairperson, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman be signed by not less than ten (10) certified members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii from at least two County Organizations; section 2C that requires that the nomination paper of a candidate for Youth Representative shall be signed by not less than ten (10) certified members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, all of whom are members of the Party who are thirty-five (35) years of age or younger; Section 2D that requires that the nomination paper of a candidate for a State Central Committee member shall be signed by not less than five (5) certified members of the Party from the nominee's Senatorial District or Caucuses. Suspension to be for the period April 25, 2020 through ~~December 31, 2020~~ June 30, 2021. (Updated 11/7/20)
- Compelling interest:** To simplify the election process if done electronically due to COVID-19.
- 2) April 25, 2020 - Suspend DPH Bylaws, Article VI, State Convention, Section 4, Candidate's Filing Fee, page 27, lines 43-44, that requires the signature by not less than ten (10) members of the Party for candidates for statewide office and by not less than five (5) members of the Party for all other offices. Suspension to be for the period April 25, 2020 through ~~December 31, 2020~~ June 30, 2021. (Updated 11/7/20)
- Compelling interest:** To simplify the election process if done electronically due to COVID-19.
- 3) April 25, 2020 - Suspend DPH Bylaws, Article VI, Section 3, Purposes, page 26, lines 10-46, and page 27, lines 1 to 6. Suspension to be for the period April 25, 2020 through ~~December 31, 2020~~ June 30, 2021. (Updated 11/7/20)
- Compelling interest:** To enable the DPH chair and the SCC to adapt to challenges caused by COVID-19, for example, the need to move the election of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention and election of Presidential Electors and Alternates to a different date; and to design a convention program to address critical needs of the Party business, i.e., election of its new officers.
- 4) April 25, 2020 - Suspend DPH Bylaws, Article VI, Section 6B, page 29, line 19 that requires that the Rules, Platform, and Resolutions committees must have a minimum of 41 members. Suspension to be for the period April 25, 2020 through ~~December 31, 2020~~ June 30, 2021. (Updated 11/7/20)

Compelling interest: Due to COVID-19, attendance at the 2020 convention is expected to be lower than in previous years. Requiring a maximum number of members may not be achievable. Quorum requirement retained.