

MONTANA DEMOCRATS

2017 Rules Convention Proposed Procedural Rules

Friday, August 11th | 3:00pm
Radisson Colonial Hotel - 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena

Rule 1 – Delegates

Rule 4, Section C, Point 1 of the Montana Democratic Party’s rules states, “The Montana Democratic State Central Committee is the permanent party authority in the State of Montana. The committee is authorized to adopt and promulgate all necessary rules for the conduct of the party affairs...”

- Persons serving as delegates may hold only one delegate position. Persons eligible to hold more than one delegate position must designate the position for which they want to serve as a delegate. Vacant positions may be filled by an eligible alternate.”
- Only delegates with proper credentials and in the designated delegate section of the convention may vote.
- Non-delegates must remain outside of the delegate section and all attendees must remain orderly and follow the requests of the ushers.

Rule 2 – Rules & Notice

Rule 8, Section D, Point 2 of the State Rules state, “All matters pertaining to any state convention not provided for by law or these rules shall be governed by rules adopted by such conventions.”

Rule 11, Point 1 of the State Rules states, “‘Roberts Rules of Order, Revised,’ shall govern the proceedings of all meetings existing under these rules.”

Rule 12, Point 1 of the State Rules states, “These Rules may be amended at any meeting of the Montana Democratic State Central Committee by a 2/3 vote of those present. 15 days written notice of the proposed change shall be given to Montana Democratic State Central Committee members. Notices may be delivered by email.”

Thirteen amendments, listed and numbered on the Executive Summary, have met the 15 day notice requirement. All delegates have been given full State Rules and descriptions of proposed amendments.

Rule 3 – Procedure

The Presiding Officer will take up all thirteen amendments that have been proposed. They will be taken up in numerical order in which they appear on the Executive Summary.

A qualified delegate may speak in favor of the amendment then a qualified delegate may speak in opposition to the amendment.

- Each side For and Opposed shall be given equal opportunity and equal amount of time (**a maximum of 3 minutes for each side**) on the floor.
- Delegates may speak For or Against proposed amendments **a total of 10 times** throughout the Rules Convention.

Amendments to a proposed rule change that has met the 15 day notice rule must be germane to the proposed amendment and provided to the secretary in written form.

Once the measure has been debated, a qualified delegate may call for the question and move to amend or not amend the State Rules. The motion must be seconded by a qualified delegate.

In order to pass, the motion to amend must reach a threshold of 2/3 in favor.