



CALL TO THE 2020 STATE CONVENTION OF THE INDIANA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

May 12, 2020

NOTICE: This Convention call is being sent to Indiana Democrats who have filed for election for state delegate, or who plan on seeking appointment as a delegate to the 2020 State Democratic Convention.

WHEREAS, Indiana law and the Rules of the Indiana Democratic Party (“State Party”) require the State Party to hold a State Convention (“Convention”) every two years at a time and place set by the Indiana Democratic Party’s State Central Committee (the “State Committee”); and

WHEREAS, Indiana law requires the State Party to nominate candidates at its State Convention for Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, and

WHEREAS, Indiana law and the Rules of the State Party require the State Party to elect a candidate for Presidential Elector and Alternate Elector for each congressional district and two candidates for At-Large Presidential Elector and Alternate At-Large Elector; and

WHEREAS, Indiana law and the Indiana National Delegate Selection Plan require the State Party to elect at its State Convention, Delegates and Alternate Delegates, and members to the National Convention Standing Committees to the 2020 Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee August 17-20; and

WHEREAS, in April and May 2020, the Indiana Democratic State Central Committee took action to move the business of the 2020 State Convention to a virtual format in order to make best efforts to protect the health and safety of those involved, and took action to approve new Convention Rules and suspend necessary Rules of the Indiana Democratic Party in order to hold a State Convention in a virtual format, and

WHEREAS, the State Central Committee has, for the 2020 State Convention, selected the membership of the State Convention Standing Committees on Rules, Credentials and Resolutions, as well as the Officers of the State Convention.

WHEREAS, the Rules of the State Party and the Temporary Rules of the 2020 State Convention, as approved by the State Central Committee, require all candidates for National Delegate and Presidential Elector elected at the State Convention to file with the Indiana Democratic Party before noon EDT, Friday May 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Rules of the State Party and the Temporary Rules of the 2020 State Convention, as approved by the State Central Committee, required all candidates for Attorney General and Lieutenant Governor to file with the Indiana Democratic Party on or before noon EDT Tuesday, May 5 and by 10 a.m. May 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Rules of the State Party require a call to the State Convention at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of said Convention;

NOW, LET IT BE SAID, THEREFORE, that we, the Indiana Democratic State Executive Committee, do hereby issue the following call to Convention:

1. The State Chair, with approval of the State Central Committee, made all arrangements for the Convention.
2. The General Session of the State Democratic Convention will be convened at 2:30 PM EDT on Saturday, June 13, 2020 in a virtual format that will be announced by the Indiana Democratic Party.
3. Congressional district caucus meetings of state delegates will take place virtually at 9:30 AM EDT, on Saturday, June 13, 2020.
4. All elected delegates to the Convention who cannot participate in the Convention must make notification in writing of their intention to be absent to the County Chair of the county in which they reside. The County Chair will then certify and authorize the elected alternate. The County Chair will also submit to the State Party names to fill state delegate vacancies. Names of alternates and delegate vacancies must be filed with the State Party no later than 7:00 PM on Friday, June 5, 2020.
5. Per the Temporary Rules for the 2020 State Convention, all candidates for National Delegate and Presidential Elector elected by delegates are to file a declaration of candidacy with the Indiana Democratic Party on or before noon EDT, Friday May 22, 2020. Filings were accepted starting on April 22, 2020. Any Candidate may withdraw their name as a candidate at any time prior to nomination. The State Chair may reject any declaration or application of any candidate for any office if the State Chair determines that the candidate is not affiliated with the Indiana Democratic Party.
6. Per the Temporary Rules for the 2020 State Convention, all candidates for Attorney General and Lieutenant Governor seeking nomination by delegates had to file with the Indiana Democratic Party on or before noon EDT, Tuesday, May 5, and by 10 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020. Filings were accepted starting on May 1, 2020. Any candidate may withdraw their name as a candidate at any time prior to nomination. The State Chair may reject any declaration or application of any candidate for any office if the State Chair determines that the candidate is not affiliated with the Indiana Democratic Party.
7. Election for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General shall be conducted via paper ballot mailed to delegate candidates beginning May 22, 2020. Ballots of those who win election in the June 2 primary or have otherwise been certified as State Convention delegates will have their ballots counted following the June 12, 2020 ballot receipt deadline.
8. Per the Temporary Rules for the 2020 State Convention, the Permanent Credentials Committee shall report to the Convention the total number of eligible delegates to vote. This shall serve as certification of State Convention delegates per the Delegate Selection Plan for the National Convention.
9. The Resolutions Committee shall hold up to two meetings to consider resolutions to be further considered in the Committee's Report to the Convention. Resolutions for consideration in accordance with the Temporary Rules of the Convention are due to jzody@indems.org by 5 p.m. EDT on Friday, June 5, 2020.
10. The 2020 Indiana Democratic Party Platform, following 30 days of public comment, shall be finalized and that draft shall be considered by the State Central Committee at its virtual meeting on Friday, June 12 at 11 a.m. EDT. The Platform may only be amended at this meeting. Any amendments should be sent to jzody@indems.org by 5 p.m. EDT on Friday, June 5, 2020.
11. Election for Congressional District-level National Delegate and Presidential Elector (and alternates) shall be conducted via electronic ballot, which will open at 6 p.m. EDT on Saturday, June 13 and will conclude at midnight EDT, Tuesday, June 16, 2020. Credentialed delegates eligible to vote will be assigned a Unique Delegate Number (UDN) in order to vote on the electronic ballot, where presidential candidate preference must also be stated.

12. Eighty-nine (89) delegates and seven (7) alternate delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention will be elected at the State Convention. Indiana will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the primary for apportioning its delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. The “first determining step” of Indiana’s delegate selection process will occur on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, with a Presidential Preference Primary. Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

| Type | Delegates | Alter-nates | Date of Selection | Selecting Body |
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| | | | | Filing Requirements and Deadlines |
| District-Level Delegates District-Level Alternates | 55 | 0 | June 13-16, 2020 | Selecting Body: District Caucuses at the 2020 State Convention |
| | | | | Those who wish to be District-Level delegates must apply at the State Party HQ by Noon EDT on May 22, 2020, and then must be selected by delegates through an online voting system. |
| Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates | 7 | n/a | n/a | Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules. |
| Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs) | 9 | | June 19, 2020 | Selecting Body: District-Level Delegates |
| | | | | Those who wish to be PLEO delegates must apply at the State Party HQ by Noon EDT May 22, 2020, and then must be selected by the district-level delegates at the Indiana Delegation meeting. |
| At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates | 18 | 7 | June 19, 2020 | Selecting Body: District-Level Delegates |
| | | | | Those who wish to be at-large delegates must apply at the State Party HQ by Noon EDT May 22, 2020, and then must be selected by the district-level delegates at the 2020 Indiana State Convention after the selection of the District-Level and PLEO delegates |
| TOTAL Delegates and Alternates | 89 | 7 | | |

NOTE: The Delegation will also have nine (9) Standing Committee members, three each for the Platform, Rules and Credentials Committees, as well as one (1) Delegation Chair and (3) three Delegation Pages. The noon EDT deadline on May 22, 2020 applies for these positions as well.

13. Delegate apportionment to presidential candidates will be determined after the June 2, 2020 primary election. An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate or alternate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the Indiana Democratic Party located at 101 W. Washington St., Suite 1110 East Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204. Filing began on April 22, 2020 and will continue until 12:00 p.m. EDT on May 22, 2020. All filing must be received during this time period and clearly indicate the category (District-Level, At-Large, Alternate and Party and Elected Official) to which the person chooses to be elected. Individuals are not restricted from filing for more than one delegate category simultaneously. Filing forms for these positions will be available from County Chairs, District Chairs and the Indiana Democratic Party Headquarters and online prior to the filing period

closing. Filing is encouraged to be done electronically by visiting: <https://www.indems.org/dnc-convention-2020/>. Filing forms returned by mail to the Indiana Democratic Party should be sent by certified mail and received by the deadline. Filing for anyone other than yourself is prohibited. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. Filing forms for these positions will be available from all County Chairs, District Chairs, on the State Party's website (www.indems.org) and from the offices of the State Party prior to and throughout the filing period.

14. The fifty-five (55) district-level delegates shall be elected by the state delegates representing the congressional district caucuses. No state delegate can participate in more than one delegate selection process. State delegates will declare their presidential preference during the online balloting process by indicating support for a presidential candidate. State delegates will be given the appropriate ballot for the election of national delegate. All tie votes shall be resolved by a coin toss following tabulation of the ballots.
15. On June 19, 2020 at 6 p.m. EDT, the fifty-five (55) district-level delegates will meet virtually, at which time the remainder of the delegation to the 2020 Democratic National Convention shall be selected by a quorum of the fifty-five (55) district-level delegates. The remainder of the delegation shall be selected in the following order: Pledged Party Leaders & Elected Officials, and At-large delegates and alternates.
16. Members of the Standing Committees for the 2020 Democratic National Convention shall be selected by a quorum of Indiana's National Convention delegates, following the selection of the remainder of the delegation. This meeting will take place virtually at 6 p.m. EDT on Friday, June 19, 2020.
17. The National Delegation Chair will be selected by a quorum of the National Delegates following the election of all delegates and committee members at the June 19 delegation meeting.
18. The State Chair shall transmit to the National Secretary the names of all elected delegates by June 20, 2020.
19. Official results of the congressional district elections will be announced by the Indiana Democratic Party on or before June 18, 2020.
20. Official results of the election for the State Party's nomination of Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General will be announced following tabulation of votes on or before June 18 and transmitted to the Secretary of State of the State of Indiana.
21. Requests for ADA accommodations can be made by e-mailing Courtney Meyers cmeyers@indems.org or by calling 317.231.7103. You can also request accommodation online here: <https://forms.gle/i1w36Ls9dyQi2mv47>
22. A summary and timeline of processes, including 2020 State Convention Resolutions, follows on the next page.
23. **Delegates are strongly encouraged to regularly check the Indiana Democratic Party website (www.indems.org/state-convention/) and social media for any changes that may need to occur to the State Convention. Delegates are also encouraged to join our e-mail list to stay informed if you have not already done so.**
24. **A final schedule of virtual meeting locations and links will be posted at www.indems.org/state-convention/ by Friday, June 5 at midnight.**

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Timeline and Process Summary

All times are EDT; Schedule Subject to Change

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| May 22 (NOON) | Filing deadline for National Convention Delegate, Standing Committee and Presidential Elector |
| | Ballots are mailed to delegate candidates for Attorney General and Lieutenant Governor |
| June 2 | Primary Election Day |
| June 4 (5:30-7 p.m.) | WISH-TV Convention Preview Broadcast |
| June 5 (5:00 p.m.) | Resolutions to be considered by Resolutions Committee due |
| | Platform amendments to be considered by the State Committee due |
| (7:00 p.m.) | Deadline for counties to submit full delegate lists to the IDP |
| June 6 (10:00 a.m.) | 2020 State Convention is called to order virtually for announcements and then recessed |
| | Resolutions submitted for consideration are posted online |
| June 11 (6-8:30 p.m.) | TENTATIVE: Resolutions Committee Meeting # 1 (virtual) |
| June 12 (11:00 a.m.) | State Central Committee Meeting (virtual) |
| (4:30 p.m.) | Credentials Committee Meeting (virtual) |
| (5:00 p.m.) | Ballot return deadline for Attorney General/Lieutenant Governor <i>Ballots should be mailed, but are also available for hand-delivery by 7:00 PM</i> |
| June 13 | State Convention Day |
| (8:00 a.m.) | Constituency Caucus Meetings (virtual) |
| (9:30 a.m.) | Congressional District Caucus Meetings (virtual) |
| (11:30-1:30 p.m.) | Standing Committee Meetings (all virtual) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credentials • Rules |

- Resolutions

(2:30-4:00 p.m.) General Session

Convention recesses

(6:00 p.m.) Online voting for National Convention begins

June 15 Ballot counting begins for Attorney General/Lieutenant Governor race

June 16 (11:59 p.m.) Online voting deadline for National Convention Delegation

June 17 Ballot counting ends for AG/LG races

June 18 Ballots for National Convention are counted

Convention results are announced; Convention adjourns

June 19 (6:00 p.m.) Indiana National Convention Delegation Meeting (virtual)

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