

# 2017 State Democratic Conference<sup>\*</sup>

## DELEGATE SELECTION RULES FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

### PREAMBLE TO DELEGATE SELECTION RULES

The Florida Democratic Party (FDP) shall be guided by its affirmative action goals and policies in all phases of the Delegate Selection Process in order that the process shall be open and free from all forms of discrimination.

The Florida Democratic Party encompasses many different groups and ideologies and every effort will be made to ensure that all are included in the Delegate Selection Process.

The FDP and its County Executive Committees shall make certain that all groups traditionally underrepresented in party affairs are made aware of and included in the Delegate Selection Qualifying Procedure and given proper consideration in the appointment process.

The FDP State Party Chair and officers of each County DEC shall be responsible for disseminating Delegate Qualification Information through media when possible.

Some groups are traditionally underrepresented in FDP activities. Therefore, delegate appointments allotted by the State Party Chair, Vice Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer will be used to compensate for any shortfalls of representation in the entire body of delegates.

**The FDP is committed to the election of Democratic office holders as promulgated in our Party's Charter & Bylaws and the Rules of the 2017 State Conference. Therefore, elected delegates to the State Conference shall execute by written oath and affirmation of the loyalty oath before qualifying as delegates to the State Conference. The exception to this will be representatives of organizations that are not able to make partisan endorsements.**

---

<sup>\*</sup> Approved by the State Central Committee at its meeting on June 18, 2017.

**SECTION I: ALLOCATION OF DELEGATES**

Delegates to the Florida Democratic Party 2017 State Conference shall be selected based on the following formula:

**A. AUTOMATIC DELEGATES** (Estimated totals)

- 1. County Chairs, Vice Chairs, State Committeemen & Committeewomen ..... **268**
- 2. Other State Exec. Committee Members not otherwise entitled to automatic appointment ..... **30**
- 3. Elected Officials
  - o Democratic U.S. Senators and Members of Congress ..... 11
  - o State Democratic Legislators ..... 52
  - o Clerk of the Court ..... 31
  - o Sheriff ..... 31
  - o Property Appraiser ..... 26
  - o Tax Collector ..... 34
  - o Supervisor of Elections ..... 28
  - o Public Defender ..... 10
  - o States Attorney ..... 7
  - o County Commissioner ..... 143
  - o Superintendent of Schools ..... 26
  - o School Board ..... 146
  - o Democratic Municipal Officers ..... 871
  - TOTAL** ..... **1,416**
- 4. Florida Democratic Party Caucus Presidents
  - o Democratic Asian American Caucus ..... 1
  - o Democratic Black Caucus ..... 1
  - o Democratic Caribbean Caucus ..... 1
  - o Democratic County Chairs' Association ..... 1
  - o Democratic Disability Caucus ..... 1
  - o Democratic Environmental Caucus ..... 1
  - o Democratic Faith-Based Caucus ..... 1
  - o Democratic Jewish Caucus ..... 1
  - o Democratic LGBTQA Caucus ..... 1
  - o Democratic Haitian American Caucus ..... 1
  - o Democratic Hispanic Caucus ..... 1
  - o Democratic Labor Caucus ..... 1
  - o Democratic Muslim American Caucus ..... 1
  - o Democratic Progressive Caucus ..... 1
  - o Democratic Senior Caucus ..... 1
  - o Democratic Student Caucus ..... 1
  - o Democratic Veterans Caucus ..... 1
  - o Democratic Women's Club of Florida ..... 1
  - o Florida Young Democrats ..... 1
  - o Small County Coalition ..... 1
  - TOTAL** ..... **20**

**TOTAL AUTOMATIC DELEGATES** ..... **1,734**

**B. APPOINTED DELEGATES**

- 1. Party Officials
  - o State Chair's Appointments ..... 100
  - o State 1st Vice Chair's Appointments ..... 50
  - o State Vice Chair (4x10 each) ..... 40
  - o State Secretary's Appointments ..... 10

o State Treasurer's Appointments.....	10
o DNC Members' Appointments (10 each).....	170
o State Committeewomen/men's Appointments (10 each) .....	1340
o County Chairs' Appointments (10 each).....	670
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>2,390</b>
2. Elected Officials	
o US Senator Appointments.....	10
o Democratic Congressmen's and Congresswomen's Appointments (10 each) .....	110
o Senate & House Democratic Leader's Appointments (10 each) .....	20
o Democratic Legislators' Appointments (5 each).....	280
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>420</b>
3. Florida Democratic Party Caucus President's Appointments	
Democratic Asian American Caucus .....	20
Democratic Black Caucus .....	20
Democratic Caribbean Caucus.....	20
Democratic Disability Caucus .....	20
Democratic Environmental Caucus .....	20
Democratic Faith-Based Caucus.....	20
Democratic Jewish Caucus .....	20
Democratic LGBTQA Caucus .....	20
Democratic Haitian American Caucus.....	20
Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida .....	20
Democratic Labor Caucus .....	20
Democratic Muslim American Caucus.....	20
Democratic Progressive Caucus .....	20
Democratic Senior Caucus .....	20
Democratic Student Caucus .....	20
Democratic Veterans Caucus .....	20
Democratic Women's Club of Florida .....	20
Florida Young Democrats .....	20
Democratic County Chairs' Association....	20
Small County Coalition .....	20
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>TOTAL APPOINTED DELEGATES.....</b>	<b>3,210</b>
<b>C. COUNTY ELECTED DELEGATES (see below*).....</b>	<b>1,556</b>
<b>TOTAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES (Section I. A-C).....</b>	<b>6,500</b>

**\*ALLOCATION OF COUNTY ELECTED DELEGATES**

Alachua.....	25	Franklin.....	11	Lee .....	35	Pinellas .....	67
Baker .....	11	Gadsden.....	10	Leon .....	30	Polk.....	37
Bay.....	9	Gilchrist .....	9	Levy .....	9	Putnam .....	9
Bradford .....	10	Glades .....	7	Liberty .....	10	Santa Rosa.....	7
Brevard .....	37	Gulf.....	9	Madison .....	9	Sarasota .....	29
Broward .....	147	Hamilton .....	9	Manatee .....	23	Seminole.....	29
Calhoun .....	10	Hardee.....	6	Marion .....	22	St. Johns.....	15
Charlotte .....	12	Hendry.....	7	Martin .....	12	St. Lucie.....	23
Citrus .....	11	Hernando.....	13	Miami-Dade.....	150	Sumter .....	11
Clay.....	10	Highlands .....	8	Monroe.....	10	Suwannee.....	9
Collier.....	18	Hillsborough .....	84	Nassau.....	10	Taylor.....	10
Columbia.....	9	Holmes .....	9	Okaloosa .....	8	Union .....	11
Desoto .....	9	Indian River .....	12	Okeechobee.....	8	Volusia.....	34
Dixie .....	9	Jackson .....	9	Orange .....	85	Wakulla.....	11
Duval.....	58	Jefferson.....	12	Osceola .....	24	Walton .....	8
Escambia .....	19	Lafayette.....	10	Palm Beach.....	104	Washington.....	9
Flagler.....	9	Lake.....	20	Pasco .....	30	<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>1,556</b>

Seventy-five (75%) percent, and any fraction thereof, of the delegates elected from each county shall be members of the County Democratic Executive Committee, and the remainder shall be non-members. Each delegation of elected delegates must be balanced by gender to the extent possible. In the event a

sufficient number of delegates do not get elected from either the DEC member/ non-DEC member or the gender category, then those candidates with the highest number of votes in the other pertinent category shall be deemed elected. The leadership of each county Democratic Executive Committee is strongly encouraged to ensure that a sufficient number of non-Democratic Executive Committee members qualify for election.

**If insufficient members of the DEC have filed, and insufficient other delegates have filed, then the excess appointments will revert to the State Party Chair. The State Chair will do his/her best to fill these appointments with persons from the county of the unfilled delegate position.**

## **SECTION II: QUALIFICATION OF DELEGATES**

All delegates must be registered Democrats in the State of Florida. Any registered Democrat may run for a delegate position in the county, where registered. All interested candidates are required to file with their County Chair, Vice Chair, State Committeeman, or State Committeewoman between August 1 and September 1, 2017. It is the responsibility of the County Party officers to make delegate filing forms available to any Democrat seeking them during the above-mentioned dates. **At the time of qualifying, each elected delegate to the State Conference shall execute a written Florida Democratic Party loyalty oath before qualifying as a delegate to the conference. The exception to this will be representatives of organizations that are not able to make partisan endorsements. A signments.**

---

If not enough candidates qualify for election, nominations may be made from the floor. Nominees from the floor must be present to accept or deny the nominations and must meet the qualification requirements and submit a delegate filing form.

It shall be the responsibility of the County Chair to retain all ballots from elections, until 30 days after the election or October 6, 2017.

At the time of election, each elected delegate shall immediately submit a non-refundable **\$45** registration fee for the state conference. County Chairs must collect these fees and send them along with the delegate filing forms to the State Headquarters no later than September 22, 2017. The registration fee for students is \$25.

Each County Democratic Executive Committee shall be responsible for its own expenses incurred in holding the elections. County Democratic Executive Committees may vote to add a surcharge of up to \$15 to the registration fee to defray local expenses related to the Conference.

#### **SECTION IV: AUTOMATIC and APPOINTED DELEGATES**

The delegate appointments by the State Chair, State Vice Chairs, State Secretary and State Treasurer of the Florida Democratic Party will be for the purpose of ensuring that all segments of Florida's Democratic populace are represented at the Conference. Each Democratic Executive Committee is encouraged to make written recommendations for such appointments from the county to the State Headquarters by September 22, 2017.

The State Chair will notify all automatic delegates of their appointments by August 28, 2017. Automatic delegates must return their registration forms and fees to the State Headquarters by September 29, 2017.

All delegate appointments except those made by the State Chair, State Vice Chairs, State Secretary and State Treasurer must be made by September 22, 2017. A listing of appointments including names, addresses and telephone numbers, must be received at the State Party Headquarters by this date. Appointed delegates must return their registration forms and fees to the State Headquarters by September 29, 2017.

All delegate appointments made by the State Chair, State Vice Chair, State Secretary and State Treasurer must be made by September 29, 2017.

#### **SECTION V: VACANCIES**

Any vacancy in either elected or appointed delegate positions existing after the deadlines for election or appointment may be filled by the State Chair in any manner he/she deems proper by September 29, 2017.

# TIMELINE

## FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY -- 2017 STATE DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE

---

Date	Description
August 1 - September 1	Delegate filing period. Delegate filing forms available from County Chairs, Vice Chairs, State Committeemen and State Committeewomen.
August 11	Deadline by which County Chairs must submit the DEC's delegate election date to Florida Democratic Party Headquarters.
August 4 - September 8	County Chairs hold delegate elections. All votes will be tallied; registration fees and delegate filing forms collected at the time of the election.
August 28	All automatic delegates will be notified of their appointment by the FDP.
September 22	Registration fees and delegate filing forms must be sent to Florida Democratic Party Headquarters postmarked by midnight on this date.  Deadline for all appointments to delegate positions (except appointments by the State Party Chair, Vice Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer).  Deadline for DEC's to make written recommendations for appointments by FDP officers.
September 29	Registration fees and delegate filing forms from automatic or appointed delegates must be sent to FDP Headquarters and postmarked by midnight.  Deadline for all appointments made by the State Party Chair, Vice Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer.  Any challenge to an individual elected or appointed delegate's credentials must be sent in writing to the FDP Headquarters and postmarked by midnight.  State Chair may fill any vacancy in either elected or appointed delegate positions by this date.
October 6	Ballots from DEC elections must be retained by County Chair until 30 days after the election or until this date.  Deadline by which Compliance Review and Credentials Committee will hear and decide any formal written complaint or challenge to delegates elected or appointed to the State Conference.
October 27 - 29	FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S 2017 STATE CONFERENCE