

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF VIRGINIA



2020 Delegate Selection Process

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What is the Democratic National Convention?

- It is the official gathering where Democrats select the nominee for President and Vice President of the United States.
- In addition, Democrats get to showcase to the world the strength and unity of our party.
- Convention marks the official transition from primary to general election.
- The 2020 Democratic National Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from July 13-16, 2020.



Why should you participate?

There are a lot of great reasons to take part in the Virginia Delegate Selection process!

- Meet fellow Democrats in the Commonwealth
- Help build a stronger party
- Travel around the state and to Wisconsin
- Hear speeches from your favorite politicians
- Demonstrate party unity

How can you be a part of it?

- There are lots of ways to be a part of the delegate selection process!
 - Volunteer with your favorite presidential candidate's campaign
 - Run for state delegate, national delegate, or DNC member
 - Volunteer with DPVA for the State Convention, the DNC or Milwaukee Host Committee for National Convention (<https://www.milwaukee2020.com>), or a presidential candidate
 - Attend as a member of one of the Convention Committees
 - Attend as a guest! Congressional District Conventions and State Convention have guest credentials available, and the National Convention has a very limited number of guest credentials available
- This training will cover all of the different opportunities for you to get involved

Step 1 – Register to Vote

- Contact Local Registrar or Virginia Department of Elections:
 - <http://elections.virginia.gov>
 - 800 – 552 - 9745
- Must be 18 by Election Day, U.S. Citizen
- Register at courthouse, DMV, other sites
- You can register by mail
- Fill out form completely and double check
- No party registration
- Deadline for Presidential Primary is February 10, 2020
 - Deadline for 2019 General Election is October 15, 2019

Step 2 - Volunteer

- Young Democrats
- Favorite Presidential Candidate
- Local Democratic Party
- 2019 Democratic Candidates



How many Delegates are elected?

- Virginia will send 124 National Delegates and 8 Alternates to the Democratic National Convention.
- Approximately 25 Party Leaders and Elected Officials will automatically be Delegates due to their status in the party (e.g., Governor, Democratic National Committee member).
- The Delegate Selection plan provides for a four-step process for the selection of the remaining 99 delegates and 8 alternates based on the results of the presidential preference primary.
- Virginia will also select 2,000 State Delegates and 500 Alternates.
- Both Delegations will be equally divided by gender

Overview of the Process

Virginia Presidential Primary

Takes place on March 3, 2020

Any registered voter can vote in the primary—VA doesn't have party registration

City and County Caucuses

Take place Saturday, April 18, 2019 at 12:00 noon or Monday, April 20, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

The caucuses elect 2,000 State Delegates and 500 Alternates

Any registered voter may participate.

Congressional District Convention

The CD Conventions will be held on either Saturday, May 2, 9, or 16, 2020.

State delegates will elect between four and seven national delegates and six CDs will elect one alternate

CD Conventions may conduct other business

State Convention

Takes place on June 20, 2020 in Richmond, VA

State delegates elect the At-Large and Pledged PLEO Delegates and Alternates. It also elects two representatives to the Electoral College, and Virginia's Democratic National Committee members.

Democratic National Convention

The Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on July 13-16, 2020.

National Delegates elect the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees

About the Presidential Primary

- Vote at your regular polling place, 6 am – 7 pm
- Absentee (excused) voting only
- Must choose Democratic or Republican Primary
- No Loyalty Oath for Democratic Primary
- DPVA hotline: 844-4VA-VOTE
(844-482-8683)

How does the primary impact Delegate allocation?

- The Presidential Primary result totals are used to allocate the National Delegates.
 - If two candidates each get 50% of the statewide vote, for example, they will each get 50% of the statewide delegates.
 - 15% threshold statewide and per CD. Delegates will be allocated to any candidates over the 15% threshold based on the percentage of the votes they received.
- Delegate Selection: Separate caucuses for each candidates' supporters to elect national convention delegates

What happens at city or county caucuses?

- Elect state delegates and alternates to represent your city or county at your Congressional District and State Convention
- Meet Democrats in your area!

About the City and County Caucuses

- Caucuses may be assembled or unassembled caucuses
- Take place on April 18, 2020 at 12:00 pm or April 20, 2020 at 7:30 pm
 - *Absentee voting (optional) – April 16, 7:00 p.m.*
- Delegate filing deadlines – 7 days in advance
- Caucuses must be publicized and locations must be ADA accessible

About the City and County Caucuses, cont.

- Each city/county is apportioned a certain number of delegates & alternates (State DSP & Convention Call)
- Delegates & alternates are allocated to Presidential Candidates based on Primary % in that city/county
- If the maximum number or fewer delegates & alternates pre-file for each candidate, they are elected (caucus canceled)
- Voters committed to a candidate elect delegates & alternates committed to that candidate
- Slate voting is permitted

About the City and County Caucuses, cont.

- To participate in a city or county caucus:
 - Be a registered voter
 - Reside in the jurisdiction
 - Sign a Democratic pledge form
- To be a State Convention delegate
 - Pre-file in advance
 - Indicating candidate preference
 - Voluntary Administrative Fee of \$25 max to cover expenses (may be waived)

What happens at Congressional District Conventions?

- Elect National Delegates and Alternates to represent your Congressional District at the Democratic National Convention
- Elect a Democratic Elector to represent your Congressional District
- Adopt the Rules, Credentials, and possible Resolution Committee Reports for your District
- If your Congressional District does not chose its Congressional Candidate by primary, you may also vote on the Democratic nominee for Congress

About Congressional District Conventions

- The Congressional District Conventions will be held on either Saturday May 2, 9, or 16, 2020.
- Each Congressional District Democratic Committee will determine the date and location and publicize that information.
- The filing deadline to run for national delegate or alternate is 14 days before convention

What happens at State Convention?

- Elect National Delegates and Alternates to represent the Commonwealth at the Democratic National Convention
- Elect two Democratic Electors
- Elect the Virginia DNC members
- Adoption of Rules, Credentials, and Resolutions Committee Reports

About State Convention

- State Convention takes place on June 20, 2020 in Richmond Virginia, at the Convention Center
- The delegate filing deadline is May 21, 2020 at 5:00 pm
- After the Convention, there will be a delegation meeting where Platform, Rules, and Credentials Committee members, and the Delegation Chair, will be selected and pages will be announced

What happens at the Democratic National Convention?

- Nominate the Democratic Nominees for President and Vice President
- Listen to great speeches from prominent Democrats
- Meet Democrats from all around the country
- At Convention, there will be approximately 4,532 Delegates (3,768 pledged, 764 automatic) and 327 Alternates from around the country

Types of National Delegates

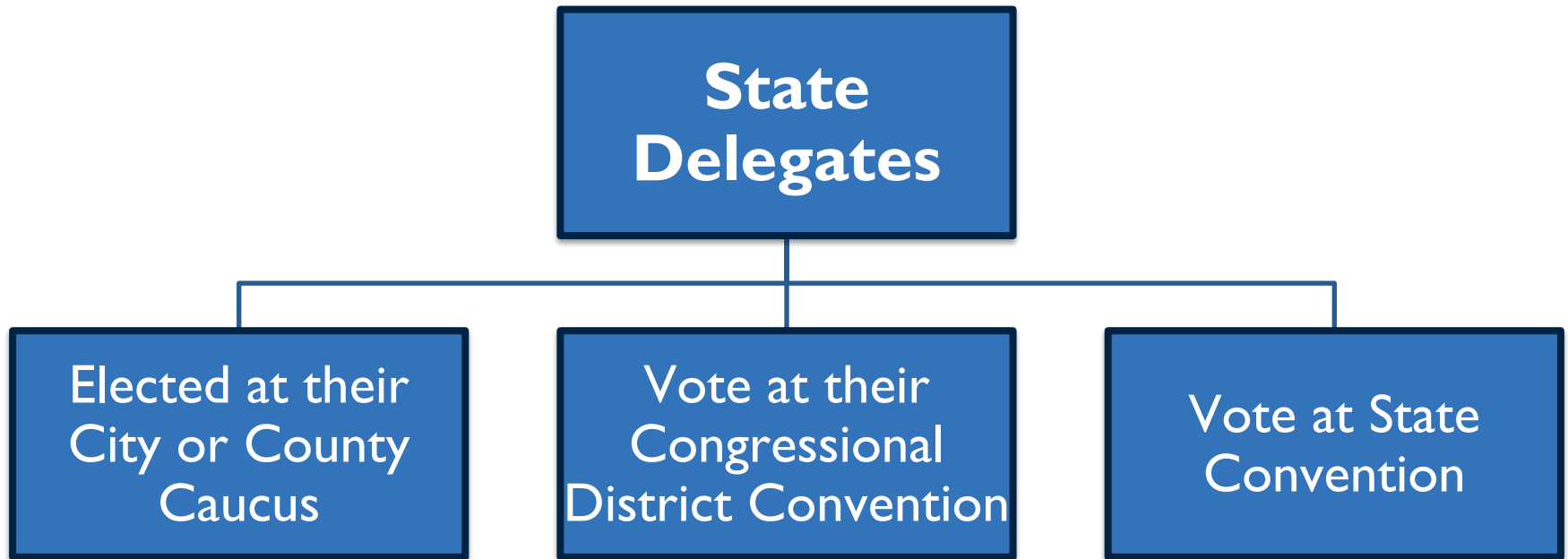
- Each of Virginia's 11 Congressional Districts will elect between four and seven National Delegates and six will elect an Alternate.
- The State Convention will elect 21 at-large Delegates and two Alternates.
- The State Convention will also elect 13 pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials ("PLEOs"), who are state, county, and local elected officials and party leaders.

Congressional District Breakdown

District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males*	Females*	Total	Males*	Females*	Total
1	3	3	6			
2	3	2	5			
3	3	4	7	1		1
4	3	3	6	1		1
5	3	3	6			
6	3	2	5			
7	3	3	6		1	1
8	3	4	7	1		1
9	2	2	4			
10	3	3	6		1	1
11	4	3	7		1	1
Total	33	32	65	3	3	6

**(Assuming no gender non-binary delegates are elected.)*

What do state delegates do?



What do national delegates do?

National Delegates

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How do you know which role to run for?

You can run as both a state and national delegate, so you don't have to pick!

The Affirmative Action and Outreach Plan

Affirmative Action Plan

- All meetings are open
- Discrimination is prohibited
- Affirmative Action Committee
- Publicize primary and delegate selection process to all media
 - Contact/inform constituency organizations
 - Work with City, County, District Affirmative Action/Outreach Committees

Representation Goals

- The DNC requires States to set numeric goals for representation in the convention delegation based on the demographic composition of the state. Virginia's are as follows:

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ+ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
Percent in Democratic Electorate	30%	7%	0%	6%	5%	14%	34%
Numeric Goals for Delegation	40	9	1	8	7	18	45

- State Delegates to the Congressional District and State Conventions should keep these goals in mind when voting for National Delegates and Alternates

The Big Picture

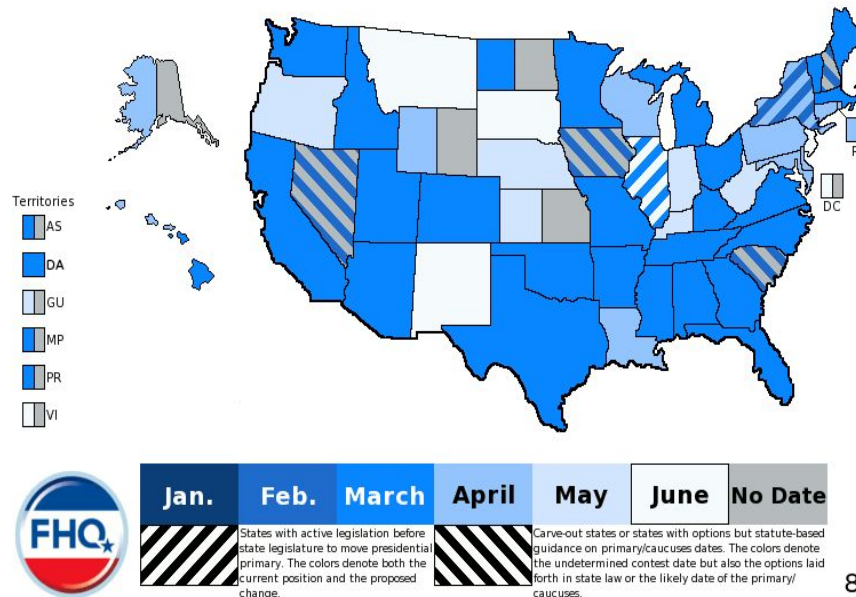
Delegate Selection Process: Rules Changes for 2020

- Automatic (super) delegates –
 - No vote on Presidential 1st ballot if it could affect result
- Presidential Candidates must certify that they are Democrats and will run and serve as Democrats
- Voter protection incorporated into State Plans
- Non-binary gender recognized
- Presidential elector qualification requirements to ensure faithful electors

2020 Primary Calendar

- IA, NH, SC, NV – February 4, 11, 22, 29
- Everyone else – March 3 to June 15

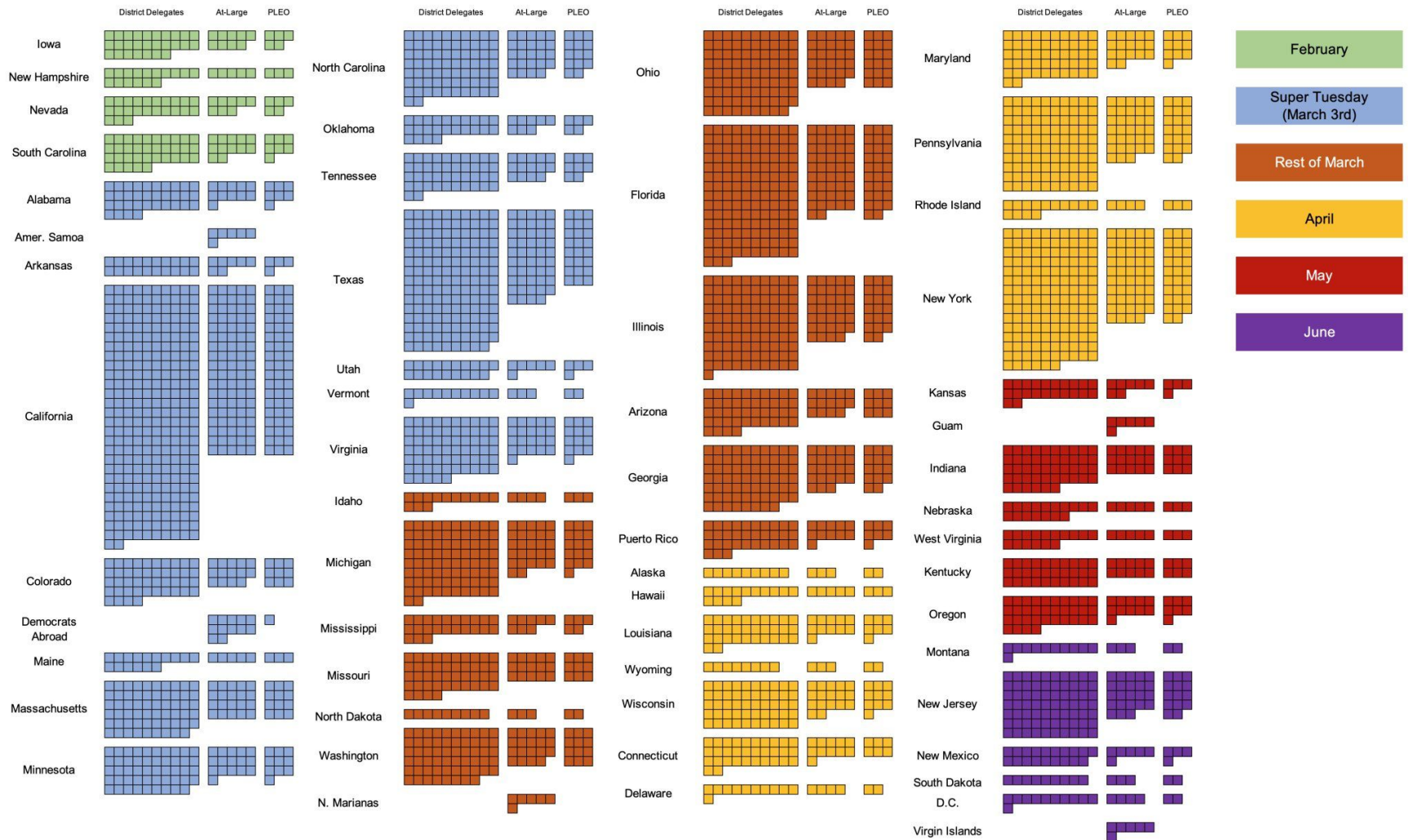
Presidential Primaries and Caucuses by Month (2020)



- Convention is slightly earlier (July 13 vs. July 25)

National Schedule

2020 Democratic Nomination Pledged Delegate Allocation By State/Territory and Delegate Type



Additional Information

- DPVA
 - <https://vademocrats.org/delegateselection/>
- DNC
 - <https://democrats.org/2020-2/>
- Milwaukee Host Convention
 - <https://www.milwaukee2020.com>

Questions?