



# Official Call

## State Endorsement Convention

### Saturday, March 21, 2020

The Democratic Electors of the State of Michigan are hereby notified that by direction of the Democratic State Central Committee, the 2020 State Endorsement Convention of the Michigan Democratic Party will be held at Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan on Saturday, March 21, 2020.

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## **I. County and District Conventions**

### ***A. Date, Place, and Time***

County Conventions shall be held in all counties within the 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Districts. In those counties comprised of more than one Congressional District, each portion of the county within one Congressional District shall be considered a “county” and shall hold a convention on or before February 29, 2020. Each convention shall convene at the time and hour designated in the Call issued by each County or District Committee.

District conventions shall be held in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts on or before February 29, 2020 at the place and hour designated in the Call issued by each Congressional District Committee.

The calls to County and District Conventions shall be issued to the delegates not less than fifteen (15) days before the Convention is held or, if held on February 29, by February 14, 2020.

### ***B. Purpose***

The purpose of these Conventions shall be to elect Members and Alternates of State Convention Committees and to consider resolutions to be forwarded to the State Party. Each district shall be entitled to two Members (one male and one female) and two Alternates (one male and one female) on each of the following committees: Credentials, Rules, and Resolutions. In order to be elected to a Convention Committee, a person must be member of the Michigan Democratic Party at least thirty (30) days prior to March 21, or by February 20, 2020. Committee members shall be apportioned among the various Counties of each District. The Congressional District Chairperson shall have the final responsibility for approving appointments to Convention committees and forwarding such appointments to the Michigan Democratic Party. Care should be taken to ensure that the delegates and alternates in each district are balanced by gender.

### ***C. County and District Convention Delegates***

Delegates to County and District Conventions shall be the Precinct Delegates who were duly elected at the Primary Election held August 7, 2018, the nominees for County and Legislative office as set forth in Party Rules Article 5 C, and members of the Michigan Democratic Party whose membership was renewed at least thirty (30) days prior to the County/ District Convention. Precinct Delegates, Democratic elected officials and Democratic nominees to partisan offices may become members that day when they register at the County and District Conventions.

## **II. State Convention Committee Meetings**

### ***A. Rules***

Date: Monday, March 2, 2020

Time: 7:00 PM EST

Place: Hart-Kennedy House, 606 Townsend St, Lansing MI 48911

Agenda: The Committee shall meet to consider rules for the State Convention and to receive training in those rules and on proportional voting. A call in option will be provided to District Chairs for distribution to committee members.

## **B. Resolutions**

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2020

Time: 7:00 PM EST

Place: Hart-Kennedy House, 606 Townsend St, Lansing MI 48911

Agenda: The Committee shall meet to consider resolutions proposed by County and District Conventions for the State Convention's consideration. A call in option will be provided to District Chairs for distribution to committee members.

## **C. Credentials**

The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party at the convention if necessary.

## **D. Voting Privileges**

In order to vote at these committee meetings, Delegates and Alternates of these committees must be members of the Michigan Democratic Party at least thirty (30) days before the convention meeting.

## **III. Constituency Group Caucus Meetings at State Convention**

Chartered constituency group caucuses may meet on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Lansing Center between 9:00 AM EST and 12:00 PM EST. In order to obtain a room and time, groups must contact Hayley Alderman at Hart-Kennedy House at halderman@michigandems.com or 810-858-2042.

## **IV. Congressional District Caucuses**

### **A. Date, Time, and Purpose**

The delegates from each Congressional District will meet in Caucus on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 12:30 PM EST at the places designated in this Call for such purposes as shall be proper and necessary. The Caucuses shall adjourn by 2:00 PM EST.

The duly elected District Chairperson (or her/his designee) shall function as temporary Chairperson to convene and preside over the District Caucus until the permanent Chairperson is elected. In the event that the District Chair or designee is not present at the Caucus at the hour for which it is called, his/her place as temporary chairperson shall be filled by the County Chairperson from the county in the district having the largest number of votes in the 2018 midterm election for Secretary of State.

### **B. Voting Privileges**

In order to vote at a Congressional District Caucus, a person other than a precinct delegate or Democratic candidate for public office must be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party at least thirty (30) days prior to March 21, 2020 or by February 20, 2020. Hand-delivered membership applications must be delivered to Hart-Kennedy by 5:00 PM EST on February 20, 2020. Applications submitted online must be submitted by 11:59 PM EST on February 20, 2020. Membership applications submitted by USPS must be postmarked no later than February 20, 2020. Membership applications may not be submitted by Fax. Precinct Delegates, Democratic elected officials, and Democratic candidates for public office must be members of the Michigan Democratic Party on March 21, 2020 and may become members that day when they register at State Convention.

**C. Materials**

The Democratic State Central Committee shall provide the Rules Committee Report and other pertinent materials when delegates receive their credentials.

**D. Place**

<b>Congressional District</b>	<b>Location</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Room 205
2 <sup>nd</sup>	River Street Pub
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Governor’s Room
4 <sup>th</sup>	Exhibit Hall C
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rooms 103 & 104
6 <sup>th</sup>	Banquet Room 3
7 <sup>th</sup>	Banquet Room 1
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ballroom 2 & 4
9 <sup>th</sup>	Rooms 101 & 102
10 <sup>th</sup>	Exhibit Hall C
11 <sup>th</sup>	Rooms 203 & 204
12 <sup>th</sup>	Rooms 201 & 202
13 <sup>th</sup>	Ballrooms 5 & 7
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ballrooms 6 & 8

**V. March 21, 2020 State Convention**

**A. Sunday, March 21, 2020**

Beginning at 2:30 PM EST, the Convention shall convene for the purposes of:

1. Hearing a report on the number of Delegates
2. Hearing and voting on the report of the Rules Committee
3. Electing Convention Chair
4. Selecting Convention Officers
5. Endorsing candidates for State Supreme Court
6. Endorsing candidates for State Board of Education
7. Endorsing candidates for University Boards
8. Adopting Resolutions
9. Conducting any other business which is proper and necessary. The Convention is scheduled to adjourn by 5:00 PM EST. The time of adjournment is tentative and subject to change.

**B. Voting Privileges**

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## **VI. March 21, 2020 Democratic State Central Committee Meeting**

The Democratic State Central Committee will meet immediately following adjournment of the State Convention to canvass and ratify the convention proceedings.

## **VII. Proportional Voting System**

A proportional voting system (by County or by fraction of County in multi-county Districts) shall be used in County and District Conventions and Caucuses and on the floor of the State Convention. The system used shall be in accordance with the State Party Directive on Proportional Voting

## **VIII. Candidates Seeking Endorsement**

Candidates seeking endorsement by the Michigan Democratic Party's State Convention shall be eligible for consideration if they gather a number of signatures equal to 10 % of the delegate vote or 443 signatures and file them with the Director of Party Affairs by 12:00 PM on Saturday, March 21, 2020. All signatures shall be procured from credentialed delegates on Saturday, March 21.

## **IX. Credentials**

Credential Cards shall be used for voting at District Caucuses and at the State Convention and shall be issued during the following times:

- Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

## **X. Notice of State Convention**

This Call shall be mailed or e-mailed to all Federal and State Elected Officials and County, District, Club, and Caucus Chairperson on or before January 21, 2020. Notice of the State Convention shall also be given to Michigan Democratic Party members via mail, email, and on the web.

## **XI. Eligibility and Allocation of State Convention Delegates and Alternates**

### ***A. Eligibility***

In order to vote at the State Convention, a person other than a precinct delegate or Democratic candidate for public office must be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party at least thirty (30) days prior to March 21, 2020 or by February 20, 2020. Hand-delivered membership applications must be delivered to Hart-Kennedy by 5:00 PM EST on February 20, 2020. Applications submitted online must be submitted by 11:59 PM EST on February 20, 2020. Membership applications submitted by USPS must be postmarked no later than February 20, 2020. Membership applications may not be submitted by Fax. Precinct delegates, Democratic elected officials, and Democratic candidates for public office must be members of the Michigan Democratic Party on March 21, 2020 and may become members that day when they register at State Convention.

### ***B. Allocation***

There shall be one State Convention vote for each 500 votes or major fraction thereof cast for the Democratic candidate for Michigan Secretary of State in 2018 provided that no fraction of a County within a Congressional District shall be without a minimum of one vote.

**District  
Delegates**

<b>1</b>	Alcona	4
	Alger	4
	Alpena	10
	Antrim	9
	Baraga	2
	Benzie	9
	Charlevoix	11
	Cheboygan	9
	Chippewa	11
	Crawford	4
	Delta	13
	Dickinson	8
	Emmet	15
	Gogebic	6
	Grand Traverse	44
	Houghton	13
	Iron	4
	Kalkaska	5
	Keweenaw	1
	Leelanau	14
	Luce	1
	Mackinac	4
	Manistee	10
	Marquette	33
	Mason (Part)	2
	Menominee	7
	Montmorency	3
	Ontonagon	2
	Oscoda	2
	Ostego	7
	Presque Isle	5
	Schoolcraft	3

**District  
Delegates**

<b>2</b>	Allegan (part)	2
	Kent (part)	69
	Lake	4
	Mason (part)	9
	Muskegon	73
	Newaygo	14
	Oceana	8
	Ottawa	91

**District  
Delegates**

<b>3</b>	Barry	20
	Calhoun	46
	Ionia	18
	Kent (part)	207
	Montcalm (part)	1

**District  
Delegates**

<b>4</b>	Clare	8
	Clinton	34
	Gladwin	8
	Gratiot	12
	Isabella	23
	Mecosta	12
	Midland	32
	Missaukee	3
	Montcalm (part)	16
	Ogemaw	6
	Osceola	5
	Roscommon	9
	Saginaw (part)	32
	Shiawassee	26
	Wexford	9

**District  
Delegates**

<b>5</b>	Arenac	5
	Bay	45
	Genesee	195
	Iosco	9
	Saginaw (part)	51
	Tuscola (part)	4

**District  
Delegates**

<b>6</b>	Allegan (part)	36
	Berrien	53
	Cass	14
	Kalamazoo	133
	St. Joseph	15
	Van Buren	26

**District  
Delegates**

<b>7</b>	Branch	10
	Eaton	50
	Hillsdale	10
	Jackson	51
	Lenawee	33
	Monroe	53
	Washtenaw (part)	55

**District  
Delegates**

<b>8</b>	Ingham	154
	Livingston	77
	Oakland (part)	113

**District  
Delegates**

<b>9</b>	Macomb (part)	236
	Oakland (part)	141

**District  
Delegates**

<b>10</b>	Huron	9
	Lapeer	29
	Macomb (part)	127
	Sanilac	10
	St. Clair	55
	Tuscola (part)	12

**District  
Delegates**

<b>11</b>	Oakland (part)	223
	Wayne (part)	145

**District  
Delegates**

<b>12</b>	Washtenaw (part)	193
	Wayne (part)	204

**District  
Delegates**

<b>13</b>	Wayne (part)	348
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**District  
Delegates**

<b>14</b>	Oakland (part)	207
	Wayne (part)	224

**Total Delegates  
Statewide**

**4,427**