

PROPOSED RULES

46TH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS 2010 NOMINATING CONVENTION

1. The 46th Legislative District Nominating Convention shall be held on Thursday, May 20, 2010, immediately following the conclusion of the 46th Legislative District Candidate Forum for District-level candidates at our regular Legislative District meeting. Notice shall be mailed to all elected or appointed Precinct Committee Officers for precincts within the 46th Legislative District not less than ten (10) days prior to the Convention.
2. Those eligible to vote at the nominating convention shall be duly elected or appointed 46th Legislative District Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs). Other members of the public are invited to attend and observe.
3. The Legislative District Chair shall serve as the Chair of the nominating convention.
4. The Chair shall remind all those eligible to vote to pick up their ballots if they have not already done so. Before commencing each vote, the Chair shall remind voters that they must sign their ballots.
5. The Elections Committee shall present a credentials report including (a) the total number of 46th District PCOs, (b) the number of PCOs present and signed in, and (c) the sum of the weighted votes carried by the PCOs at the time the report is given. The report of the Elections Committee shall be adopted prior to the conduct of any other official business. The report may be amended at any time except during the interval between the closing of nominations and announcement of voting results for any particular position. Amendments must be reported to the convention.
6. Each elected or appointed PCO eligible to vote at the convention shall be apportioned a number of votes equal to the number of precinct-level delegate votes his or her precinct has been allotted by the Washington State Democratic Party. Precincts where two PCOs serve due to redistricting shall have the votes for that precinct divided equally. Printed ballots shall be provided which include the precinct number for which the ballot will be cast, the name of that precinct's PCO to whom the ballot is issued, the number of weighted votes for the precinct and space to write the name of the candidate voted for and the voter's signature.
7. The chair of the Rules Committee shall present the report of the Rules Committee. The convention shall adopt rules for the conduct of its business.
8. Rules from the State Democratic Party relating to nomination of candidates or the weighted vote allocation to PCOs may not be suspended, amended or otherwise changed.
9. Nomination of 46th Legislative District candidates will be considered in order, beginning with State Representative position #1, then State Representative position #2, then State Senate.
10. Nominations will be taken from the floor to consider a candidate for the Democratic Party nomination. A second is required for each nomination.
11. Each candidate and/or candidate designee shall be entitled to address the convention for up to a total of two minutes and, in the case of a contested election, a total of five minutes. For each position, each PCO shall cast all of his/her votes by signed ballot for only one nominated

candidate. The results shall be tallied and reported to the Chair. The convention may dispense with balloting and nominate by acclamation for any position in which only one candidate is seeking nomination.

12. The nominee of the Democratic Party shall be the candidate who receives a majority of the weighted votes cast for nominated candidates. If no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be dropped from each successive ballot until a candidate receives a majority. In the event of a tie in determining which candidate shall be dropped, that candidate shall be chosen by lot.
13. The Chair shall appoint a tally committee.
14. Proxy voting shall not be allowed.
15. A quorum call shall be out of order until all business of the convention is completed.
16. The District's adopted "Methods of Voting and Determining Results" (<http://46dems.com/2009/tallyprocedures.20090423.pdf>) shall control all matters related to voting not specifically covered herein. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall prevail in all matters not specifically covered herein or in that document.