

Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee

(Report approved 21 January 2023)

First, we would like to thank the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee members for their work that went into the proposed changes to the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws.

The committee is reporting two proposed bylaw amendments. Each proposal listed below includes a description of the change and some background information. Additions are underlined and deletions are in ~~striketrough~~. The ellipsis (...) vertical ellipsis (:) represents unchanged text that isn't included in the report for brevity. These are only *proposed* changes and nothing in this document will take effect unless 60 percent of those present and voting at the State Central Committee meeting choose to adopt them.

On behalf of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee, we move the adoption of the proposed Bylaws changes. These proposed changes may be considered as one motion or separately, at the pleasure of the State Central Committee or its chair.

If you are receiving this as a paper notice, this report is available at <https://dfi.org/scc>. For folks viewing this report online or as a paper handout, the proposed bylaw changes are included in this packet.

Respectfully submitted.
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Change 1: This proposed change was requested by leaders in Hennepin County to better accommodate their ability to reserve spaces for holding the Hennepin County Special Endorsing Commission. Changing the ratio in this bylaw will reduce the maximum number of commission delegates allocated to each precinct by half.

ARTICLE X

OTHER ELECTORAL JURISDICTIONS WITHOUT APPROVED CONSTITUTIONS

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Section 1. Electoral Jurisdictions Not Provided for Elsewhere.

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Bylaw Commission delegates and alternates for the Hennepin County special endorsing commission shall be elected at precinct caucuses in even-numbered years. Each precinct shall elect one delegate and one alternate to the Hennepin County special endorsing commission for every ~~20~~ 40 delegates, or fraction thereof, it elects to its organizing unit convention.

Change 2: This proposed change was requested by State Party leadership. It defines a method for allocating State Convention delegates and State Central Committee members to organizing units in proportion to the DFL Candidates Average Vote.

ARTICLE VII

STATE PARTY ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Convention.

Authority. The State Convention is the supreme governing body of the party in Minnesota.

Membership. (a). Delegates. There shall be 1,200 delegate votes at the State Convention apportioned among the organizing units in proportion to the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party Candidates Average Vote (defined in

Article III, Section 11) provided that no organizing unit shall have fewer than three votes (except an organizing unit without enough DFL Candidates Average Vote to be allotted a vote, the vote and method of electing to be determined by the State Central Committee).

An organizing unit or organizing unit congressional district subdivision allotted six votes or more shall elect delegates with one vote each. An organizing unit or organizing unit congressional district subdivision allotted fewer than six votes shall also elect delegates with one vote each, unless the organizing unit constitution provides that the organizing unit will elect twice as many delegates with one-half vote each. An amendment to an organizing unit constitution to change the delegation size will take effect in the year following its adoption. Allotments among parts of organizing units divided between more than one congressional district shall be rounded to the nearest one vote, except that the minimum allotment shall be one delegate.

Bylaw The method of equal proportions prescribed for allocation of representatives in Congress shall be applied to the allocation of State Convention delegates from organizing units.

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Section 4. State Central Committee.

Authority. The State Central Committee shall be the governing body between conventions.

Membership. The State Central Committee shall consist of the following members:

- a. the members of the State Executive Committee, with no alternates;
- b. the vice-president of the MYDFL, with no alternate;
- c. 10 elected officials, as defined in Article VII, Section 2, with no alternates;
- d. seven members from each congressional district, with no alternates;
- e. the chair and vice chair of each organizing unit;

- f. the chair and vice chair of each senate district party unit that is not an organizing unit; g. the chair of each county-wide party unit that is not an organizing unit, with the unit's vice chair serving as the alternate; and
- h. 464 members, including each unit's chair and vice chair, allocated to organizing units according to the DFL Candidates Average Vote (see Bylaw, Article III, Section 11).

In addition, each former State Party Chair or Vice Chair shall be an ex-officio voting member of the State Central Committee if they participated in the most recent precinct caucuses and accept the position.

All members of State Party Standing Committees shall be non-voting members of the State Central Committee.

A poll by mail of the members of the State Central Committee may be taken on specific questions, provided such a poll is approved by the State Executive Committee. In such polls, at least 15 days must elapse between the mailing of ballots and the date set for the tabulation of returns.

For all State Central Committee members, ranked alternates shall be elected, unless otherwise specified.

Bylaw The method of equal proportions prescribed for allocation of representatives in Congress shall be applied to the allocation of State Central Committee members from organizing units.

Bylaw Congressional district members (...)