



# **Official Call**

## **Spring State Convention**

### **Saturday, February 11, 2017**

The Democratic Electors of the State of Michigan are hereby notified that by direction of the Democratic State Central Committee, the Spring State Convention of the Michigan Democratic Party will be held at Cobo Center in Detroit, Michigan on Saturday, February 11, 2017.

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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 January 28, 2017. 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 January 28, 2017 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 January 28, by January 13, 2017.

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

The purpose of these Conventions shall be to elect Members and Alternates of State Convention Committees.

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 February 11, or by January 12, 2017. 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 2, 2016, 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. January 31, 2017 State Convention Committee Meetings**

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

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017

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: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 & Thursday, February 2, 2017

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 Caucuses and Other Meetings at State Convention**

Constituency group caucuses, clubs, and other groups may meet on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at Cobo Center between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. In order to obtain a room and time, groups must contact Ryan Covert at Hart-Kennedy House at [rcovert@michigandems.com](mailto:rcovert@michigandems.com) or 586-907-0859.

## **IV. Congressional District Caucuses**

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

The delegates from each Congressional District will meet in Caucus on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 12:30 PM EST at the places designated in this Call. The Caucuses shall adjourn by 2:00 PM EST.

The 2016 Democratic nominee for Congress shall serve as the temporary chairperson and shall convene and preside over the District Caucus at the State Convention until a permanent chairperson is elected by the Caucus. In the event that the nominee 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 at the last general election.

The District Caucus shall elect by proportional voting a District Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson (of a different gender from the Chairperson), Secretary, Treasurer and at least fifteen (15) Members of the District Executive Committee, all to serve for two (2) year terms.

The District Caucus also shall elect by proportional voting its allocated number of Members and Alternate Members to the State Central Committee for two (2) year terms according to the following allocation which is based on the November 8, 2016 vote count for President of the United States under Party Rules Article 7.A.2.

**2017-2018 DSCC Allocation**

<b>District</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Male/Female</b>	<b>Alternates</b>	<b>Male/Female</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	10	5/5	10	5/5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10	5/5	10	5/5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	11	5/6	11	6/5
4 <sup>th</sup>	9	5/4	9	4/5
5 <sup>th</sup>	12	6/6	12	6/6
6 <sup>th</sup>	11	5/6	11	6/5
7 <sup>th</sup>	10	5/5	10	5/5
8 <sup>th</sup>	12	6/6	12	6/6
9 <sup>th</sup>	14	7/7	14	7/7
10 <sup>th</sup>	9	5/4	9	4/5
11 <sup>th</sup>	13	6/7	13	7/6
12 <sup>th</sup>	15	8/7	15	7/8
13 <sup>th</sup>	17	8/9	17	9/8
14 <sup>th</sup>	19	10/9	19	9/10
<b>Total</b>	172	86/86	172	86/86

***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 February 11, 2017 or by January 12, 2017. Hand-delivered membership applications must be delivered to Hart-Kennedy by 5:00pm on January 12, 2017. Applications submitted online must be submitted by 11:59pm on January 12, 2017. Membership applications submitted by USPS must be postmarked no later than January 12, 2017. Membership applications may not be submitted by Fax. Persons whose memberships are current as of January 12, 2017 but which expire before February 11, 2017 are eligible to vote if they renew on or before February 11, 2017. Precinct Delegates, Democratic elected officials, and Democratic candidates for public office must be members of the Michigan Democratic Party on February 11, 2017 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>	142 C
2 <sup>nd</sup>	140 A
3 <sup>rd</sup>	140 B
4 <sup>th</sup>	142 B
5 <sup>th</sup>	140 C
6 <sup>th</sup>	140 D
7 <sup>th</sup>	140 E
8 <sup>th</sup>	140 F
9 <sup>th</sup>	141
10 <sup>th</sup>	142 A
11 <sup>th</sup>	140 G
12 <sup>th</sup>	330 B
13 <sup>th</sup>	360 (Ambassador)
14 <sup>th</sup>	260 (Portside)

### **V. February 11, 2017 State Convention**

#### ***A. Saturday, February 11, 2017***

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. Electing the Chairperson and two (2) Vice-Chairpersons of the State Central Committee (each of another gender and race); and conducting any other business properly brought before the Convention. The Convention shall adjourn by 5:00 PM EST.

#### ***B. Voting Privileges***

In order to vote at the State Convention, a person other than a precinct delegate, Democratic elected official, or Democratic candidate for public office must be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party at least thirty (30) days prior to February 11, 2017, or by January 12, 2017. Hand-delivered membership applications must be delivered to Hart-Kennedy by 5:00 pm on January 12, 2017. Applications submitted online must be submitted by 11:59pm on January 12, 2017. Membership applications submitted by USPS must be postmarked no later than January 12, 2017. Membership applications may not be submitted by Fax. Persons whose memberships are current as of January 12, 2017 but which expire before February 11, 2017 are eligible to vote if they renew on or before February 11, 2017. Precinct delegates, Democratic elected officials, and Democratic candidates for public office must be members of the Michigan Democratic Party on February 15, 2017 and may become members that day when they register at State Convention.

### **VI. February 11, 2017 Democratic State Central Committee Meeting**

The Democratic State Central Committee will meet immediately following adjournment of the State Convention for the purposes of ratifying the proceedings of the Convention; electing a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer of the State Central Committee; and any other business which shall be proper and necessary.

## **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 Nomination**

Candidates seeking nomination for Michigan Democratic Party Chairperson shall be eligible if they gather a number of signatures equal to 10 % of the delegate vote or 453 signatures and file them with the Director of Party Affairs by 12:00 PM EST on Saturday, February 11, 2017. All signatures shall be procured from credentialed delegates on Saturday, February 11.

## **IX. Credentials**

Credential Cards shall be used for all hand voting at District Caucuses and at the State Convention. On Saturday, February 13, 2017 Credential Cards will be issued to eligible persons from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM EST.

## **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 December 13, 2016. 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, Democratic elected official, or Democratic candidate for public office must be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party at least thirty (30) days prior to February 11, 2017, or by January 12, 2017. Hand-delivered membership applications must be delivered to Hart-Kennedy by 5:00pm on January 12, 2017. Applications submitted online must be submitted by 11:59pm on January 12, 2017. Membership applications submitted by USPS must be postmarked no later than January 12, 2017. Membership applications may not be submitted by Fax. Persons whose memberships are current as of January 12, 2017 but which expire before February 11, 2017 are eligible to vote if they renew on or before February 11, 2017. Precinct delegates, Democratic elected officials, and Democratic candidates for public office must be members of the Michigan Democratic Party on February 11, 2017 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 President of the United States in 2016 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	3
	Alger	3
	Alpena	10
	Antrim	9
	Baraga	2
	Benzie	8
	Charlevoix	10
	Cheboygan	9
	Chippewa	11
	Crawford	4
	Delta	13
	Dickinson	8
	Emmet	14
	Gogebic	6
	Grand Traverse	42
	Houghton	12
	Iron	4
	Kalkaska	5
	Keweenaw	1
	Leelanau	14
	Luce	1
	Mackinac	4
	Manistee	10
	Marquette	32
	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)	68
	Lake	4
	Mason (part)	9
	Muskegon	73
	Newaygo	12
	Oceana	8
	Ottawa	90

**District Delegates**

<b>3</b>	Barry	18
	Calhoun	48
	Ionia	16
	Kent (part)	209
	Montcalm (part)	1

**District Delegates**

<b>4</b>	Clare	9
	Clinton	33
	Gladwin	8
	Gratiot	11
	Isabella	23
	Mecosta	12
	Midland	31
	Missaukee	3
	Montcalm (part)	15
	Ogemaw	6
	Osceola	5
	Roscommon	9
	Saginaw (part)	35
	Shiawassee	25
	Wexford	9

**District Delegates**

<b>5</b>	Arenac	5
	Bay	43
	Genesee	205
	Iosco	9
	Saginaw (part)	54
	Tuscola (part)	4

**District Delegates**

<b>6</b>	Allegan (part)	34
	Berrien	59
	Cass	15
	Kalamazoo	134
	St. Joseph	15
	Van Buren	27

**District Delegates**

7	Branch	10
	Eaton	49
	Hillsdale	10
	Jackson	52
	Lenawee	34
	Monroe	54
	Washtenaw (part)	50

**District Delegates**

8	Ingham	158
	Livingston	69
	Oakland (part)	89

**District Delegates**

9	Macomb (part)	230
	Oakland (part)	144

**District Delegates**

10	Huron	9
	Lapeer	25
	Macomb (part)	122
	Sanilac	10
	St. Clair	49
	Tuscola (part)	11

**District Delegates**

11	Oakland (part)	216
	Wayne (part)	124

**District Delegates**

12	Washtenaw (part)	207
	Wayne (part)	196

**District Delegates**

13	Wayne (part)	445
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**District Delegates**

14	Oakland (part)	237
	Wayne (part)	269

**Total Delegates**

<b>Statewide</b>		4,530
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