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2018 County Convention for the
Endorsement of Certain Statewide Candidates

Rules Report
(proposed rules 20180201)

- I. Agenda
 - A. Plenary Session, Saturday, March 24, 2018
 1. The convention shall be convened at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 24, 2018, by the Chair of the Monroe County Democratic Party or their designee. Registration is to begin at 10:30 AM and end upon acceptance of the Credential Report by the Convention.
 2. The order of business shall be as follows:
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Election of a Permanent Convention Chair
 - c. Election of a Convention Secretary
 - d. Credential Report
 - e. Rules Report
 - f. Election of delegates to state convention committees"
 - i. One (1) female member to the Rules Committee
 - ii. One (1) male member to the Resolutions Committee
 - g. Consideration of suggested resolutions
 - h. Comments and announcements
 - i. Adjournment
 - B. The delegate to the Rules Committee shall meet to consider rules for the state convention and to receive training on those rules and on proportional voting on Tuesday, March 27th, 7:00 PM at the Hart-Kennedy House, 606 Townsend St, Lansing, MI 48911. A call in option may be available.
 - C. The delegate to the Resolutions Committee shall meet to consider resolutions proposed by County and District Conventions on Wednesday and Thursday, March 28th and 29th, 7:00 PM at the Hart-Kennedy House, 606 Townsend St, Lansing, MI 48911. A call in option may be available.
- II. State Convention Committee Members
- III. Rules
 - A. Proceedings of the Convention shall be conducted according to the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party, the Convention Call, these Rules, and Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, unless otherwise provided.

- B. Actions to approve the Credential Report, Rules Report, and Resolutions shall require a simple majority.
- C. The Chair shall have authority to reject consideration of a motion that is deemed improper or dilatory. A motion shall be considered improper when it conflicts with the DNC Charter, MDP Rules, Monroe County Democratic Party Bylaws, Michigan Election law or an action previously taken by the Democratic Party.
- D. Eligibility and voting procedures at Convention:
 - 1. In order to vote as a Delegate at the Convention, a person must be duly elected at the Primary Election held in Monroe County on August 2, 2016 to be a Democratic Precinct Delegate or be nominated at the same election to be a Democratic candidate for county, state legislative or Congressional office and must be at the time of the convention a member of the Michigan Democratic Party.
 - 2. No less than forty percent (40%) of the enrolled Democrats registering at the Convention constitute a quorum for any business.
 - 3. No proxies may be used except for state legislative and congressional candidates whose districts include other counties or portions of other counties.
 - 4. The unit rule, or any rules or practice whereby all members of a party unit, delegation or caucus may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be permitted.
 - 5. Voice votes shall be permitted on the floor of convention and may be used to address convention business properly brought before the body.
 - 6. If a voice vote is inconclusive or improper under the circumstances, a hand vote shall be used except where a roll call is properly requested or required.
 - 7. The Chair of the Convention shall be allowed to exercise discretion in presenting Democrats to address the Convention.