



Summary of State Delegate Selection Plan

Information about selection of delegates, alternates and standing committee members for the 2008 Democratic National Convention

A project of the National Stonewall Democrats

PUERTO RICO

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Primary / Caucus Date

Primary
06/01/08

Status of State Del Sel'n Plan

Pending RBC Review

Overview of State Procedures for Selecting Official Participants to the National Convention

The Delegate Selection Plan for Puerto Rico provides for delegates and alternates to be allocated proportionally to presidential preferences based on a Presidential Preference Primary on June 1, 2008.

District level delegates and alternates will be elected on the ballot in the June 1, 2008 two-part primary. Puerto Rico's Democratic Assembly, an equivalent of a State Convention, will select the unpledged add-on delegate, pledged party leader and elected official delegates and at-large delegates and alternate on June 21, 2008. In addition, Puerto Rico's delegation includes unpledged delegates.

The delegation will select the standing committee members and the Delegation Chair at a meeting following the Puerto Rico Democratic Assembly on June 21, 2008. The State Chair will name Puerto Rico's Convention Pages at that time.

Total Number of Delegates	63
Total Number of Alternates	9

Category to be Selected	Delegates	Alternates	Filing Deadline	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
District-Level	36	6	04/07/08	06/01/08	Two-Part Primary
Party Ldrs/Elec'd Officials	7		06/09/08	06/21/08	State Convention
At-Large	12	3	06/09/08	06/21/08	State Convention
<i>Unpledged Delegates</i>	8	<i>(Unpledged delegates include the add-on unpledged delegate(s), the state's Democratic National Committee members, and Democratic Members of Congress, the Democratic Governor, and certain former Party leaders, if any, who automatically serve as delegates.)</i>			

Other Official Convention Participants

Standing	<i>Per Committee</i>	2	<i>(Credentials Committee, Platform Committee, and Rules Committee)</i>			
Comm. Mbrs	<i>Total Members</i>	6	06/18/08	<i>(by pres. campaign)</i>	06/21/08	National Convention Delegates
Convention Pages		2			06/21/08	State Party Chair

Diversity Information (Outreach goals for delegates as set by State Party. Delegation must be equally divided between men and women.)

African Americans: n/a Asian/Pacifics: n/a Hispanics: n/a Native Americans: n/a
LGBT Americans: 6 People w/ Disabilities: Youth: 3
Other Goals: Union Workers: 4



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Information about running for delegate or alternate for the 2008 Democratic National Convention

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Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support forms for candidates for delegate and alternate are available from the State Democratic Party. These forms may be available on-line from the state party's website. Many state parties also provide additional information about the selection process and a link to the complete Delegate Selection Plan on their website.

District Level Delegates and Alternates

A majority of each state's delegates are elected from local districts (usually Congressional Districts). Each district level delegate pledges support to a presidential candidate of his or her choice (or "uncommitted"). This is the first category of delegates to be selected. Any Democrat is eligible to run for one of these positions. These delegates are allocated to presidential candidates based on the results of the state's primary or caucus in the respective district. Candidates should refer to the state party's Delegate Selection Plan for information on the number of delegates and alternates to be elected in their specific district.

Delegates 36

Alternates 6

Filing Deadline	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
04/07/08	06/01/08	Two-Part Primary

Filing Requirements for District Level Delegate & Alternate Candidates

File statement of candidacy and pledge of support with Chair of the Democratic Party of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and with the Chairman of the Commonwealth Election Commission.

Party Leaders & Elected Officials (PLEO) Delegates

Democrats eligible for PLEO delegates are big city mayors, statewide elected officials, state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. Candidates for these positions must file a written statement of candidacy and a signed pledge of support for their presential candidate. These delegates are allocated to presidential candidates based on the statewide results of the presidential primary or caucus.

Delegates 7

Filing Deadline	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
06/09/08	06/21/08	State Convention

At-Large Delegates and Alternates

This is the final group of delegates chosen. Any Democrat within the state is eligible for one of these positions. Candidates for these positions must file a writer statement of candidacy and a signed pledge of support for their presidential candidate. These delegates are allocated to presidential candidates based on the statewide results of the primary or caucus. At-large delegates help the delegation to reflect the demographics of the state's Democratic Party and competition for these positions is intense.

Delegates 12

Alternates 3

Filing Deadline	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
06/09/08	06/21/08	State Convention

Presidential Campaign Contacts *(Subject to Change)*

Persons interested in running for delegate or alternate should contact the state or local Delegate Selection or LGBT Outreach staff person for the presidential candidate they support prior to filing to run. Each presidential candidate's national campaign headquarters, contact person and phone number is listed below.

Hillary Clinton
Lisa DiBartolomeo
703-469-2008

Barack Obama
Myesha Ward
312-819-2008