The Democratic Party, both in Louisiana and Nationally is dedicated to encouraging the broadest participation possible by Democrats from all walks of life. Therefore, this brochure was prepared in an effort to provide a simple, easy to understand explanation of the process by which Democrats in Louisiana may become delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention which will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on July 13-16, 2020.

Louisiana has a total of 61 delegates and 4 alternates.

The Delegate Selection Plan for Louisiana provides for allocation of district-level, At-Large and Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions to presidential preferences through a proportional representation primary system. The primary will take place on April 4, 2020.

Candidates for thirty-five (35) district level delegates will be elected in a post-primary Congressional District caucus on April 30, 2020 Seven (7) pledged party leader and elected official delegates will be selected by the Democratic State Central Committee of Louisiana on May 9, 2020. Twelve (12) at-large delegates and four (4) alternates will be selected by the Democratic State Central Committee of Louisiana on May 9, 2020.

The Delegate Selection process is governed by the Delegate Selection Rules for the Democratic National Convention, the Regulations of the Rules and By-Laws Committee, the rules of the Louisiana Democratic Party, the Louisiana Election Code and this Delegate Selection Plan.

If after reading this document you still have questions, please feel free to call the Louisiana Democratic Party office at 225.336.4155, email us at info@lademo.org or write us at P.O. Box 4385, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

**What is the purpose of the Presidential Preference Primary?**

The names of all persons qualified as Democratic Presidential candidates will appear on the ballot on the April 4, 2020 primary in accordance with the state law. The results will be tallied on a congressional district basis as well as on a statewide basis.

Candidates for the thirty-five (35) district level delegates positions who have signed a statement pledging their support to a presidential candidate will be elected in caucuses on April 30, 2020.

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In order to qualify to receive any District Level delegates, a presidential candidate must reach a threshold of at least 15% of the votes cast at the primary in each congressional district. If no presidential candidate reaches the applicable threshold, the threshold shall be the percent of the vote received by the frontrunner minus 10%.

There are twelve (12) pledged At-Large delegates and four (4) At-Large alternates along with seven (7) Pledged Party and Elected Officials delegates to be elected by the Democratic State Central Committee on May 9, 2020. In order to receive At-Large or Pledged Party and Elected Official delegates, a presidential candidate or must receive 15% of the votes cast statewide at the primary. In the selection of the At-Large delegation, priority considerations shall be given to African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian-American Pacific Islander, Labor Households, and LGBTQ candidates. The election of At-Large delegates shall be used if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and shall be used to achieve the representation goals established by the Affirmative Action Committee. Even though no delegates or alternates are elected directly at the primary, the results are used in order to determine the number of delegates a presidential candidate receives.

**Who may qualify to run as a Delegate and how do I qualify?**

Any registered Democrat may qualify as a delegate candidate. District level delegates are elected from throughout a congressional district. Persons eligible to be elected as a party and elected official delegate must be an elected official in the state of Louisiana. At-Large delegates are elected from throughout the state with no requirement that a certain number come from any certain area of the state.

To qualify, an individual should complete the qualifying form contained in this brochure and return it to the Louisiana Democratic Party Headquarters by Noon on April 6, 2020. Qualifying forms for the at-large delegates must be received at the Louisiana Democratic Party Headquarters by no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2020.

**How Will Delegates Actually Be Elected?**

District-level delegates shall be elected by a Vote By Mail Program on April 30, 2020.

**Vote by Mail Program**

District Level candidate qualifying period begins March 13, 2020 and ends by Noon on April 6, 2020.

Beginning March 13, 2020 and ending by Noon on April 6, 2020 any registered democrat in the state of Louisiana will be able to request a ballot be mailed to them.

Once the request is received from the voter we will data-match them to the voter file and ballots will only be mailed to Registered Democrats to the mailing address provided to the Secretary of State

Ballots can be requested online through LouisianaDemocrats.org, by calling our office, faxing our office, emailing a special email address or visiting our office in person.

The Diversity Action Committee and State Party will advertise widely the process for requesting a ballot and empower candidates to outreach to their networks to vote by requesting a ballot

April 15, 2020 all ballots will be mailed via our Mail House to every registered Democrat requesting a ballot. Each Vote by Mail Ballot will have a special bar-code containing the registered voter's state id.

Voters will have 2-Weeks to return their ballot via Postage Paid card/envelope. Ballots will come in to a special post office box where a rotating two person team will pick up Ballots together.

As ballots are returned, the barcode will be scanned and updated to the voter file, so we can document the receipt of the ballots. **BALLOTS WILL NOT BE TABULATED** at this time. Ballots will be securely locked up.

Vote by Mail ballots should be received by 5:00 p.m. on April 29, 2020. April 30, 2020 Congressional District Vote by Mail Ballot counting starts at Party Office at 10 am and results will be announced after each Congressional District is counted and verified.
If I am an unsuccessful District Level Candidate, will I be permitted to qualify as an At-Large or PLEO Delegate?

Yes. All you would need to do is complete another qualifying form and submit to the Louisiana Democratic Party Headquarters by 5:00p.m. on May 1, 2020.

What is the Presidential Candidate Right of Approval?

At the close of qualifying for each delegate level, the Chair of the Louisiana Democratic Party will submit to the presidential candidates the names of all delegate candidate pledged to them. The presidential candidate will then submit a list of approval delegates candidates to the state chair, provided that approval be given to two times the number of delegate men to be elected and two times the number of delegate women to be elected. If less than this number have qualified as delegate candidates, all candidates are automatically approved.

If Elected, Will I Pay My Own Expenses?

YES. All delegates are totally responsible for his/her travel expenses incurred to participate in the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

Important Dates

March 13 - Delegate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party’s web site at [www.louisianademocrats.org].

March 13 - Any registered Democrat in the state of Louisiana will be able to request a Vote By Mail ballot for the election to be held on April 30, 2020.

April 4 - Presidential preference primary.

April 6 - District-level delegate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.

April 8 - Last day for any registered Democrat in the state of Louisiana will be able to request a Vote By Mail ballot for the election to be held on April 30, 2020.

April 29 - Last day to receive Vote by Mail ballots from registered Democrats who requested a ballot for the election to be held on April 30, 2020.

April 30—Congressional District Vote by Mail Ballot counting starts at Party Office at 10 am and results will be announced after each Congressional District is counted and verified.

May 1 - Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.

May 9 - State Central Committee convenes. PLEO delegates selected. Following selection of PLEO delegates State Central Committee selects at-large delegates and alternates.

National Convention delegation meeting—Delegates select National Convention standing committee members and delegation chair. State Chair names convention pages. State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.
**Please complete all information listed below and sign your form.**

Parish:________________________________________  Congressional District:______________

On this, the _____ day of __________________, 2020, I

Name (Please print or type):_____________________________________________________________________________________

Address (City, State, Zip):_____________________________________________________________________________________

City:________________________________________  State:_____________  Zip:_______________

Telephone (O):_________________________  (H):_________________________  (F):_________________________

Email:________________________________________________________________________  (Cell):_________________________

Statistical Information (Please check all that apply)

- Female
- African American
- Other:____________
- Male
- Asian/Pacific
- Youth
- Non-Binary
- Caucasian
- Senior Citizen
- Other:____________
- LGBTQ
- Latino
- Person with Disability
- Native American
- Labor

I hereby notify the Chair of the Democratic State Central Committee of Louisiana that I will be a candidate for delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention pledged to:_____________________________________

(Presidential Candidate Name)

I wish to qualify as a candidate for delegate in the following category.

- District Level
- At Large
- Pledged party & Elected Official
- Standing Committee

I am a duly qualified elector of Ward_______, Precinct_______.

Date:_________________  Signature:_______________________________________________

*Please submit completed qualifying forms to the Louisiana Democratic Party Headquarters:

**Physical Address:** 701 Government Street, Baton Rouge LA 70802

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 4385, Baton Rouge LA 70821; email delegate@lademo.org

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Received in the Louisiana Democratic Party Headquarters this ______ day of _________________, 2020

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