

**Delaware Democratic Party**  
**Resolution On Establishing a Special Rules Committee**

WHEREAS, Rule 5.2.C of the Rules of the Delaware Democratic Party (the “State Rules”) provides that the Committee on Resolutions of the 2017 State Convention “shall consider any proposed resolutions or amendments to [the State Rules] which are put to it in writing, and shall report to the Convention”;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Resolutions has received several proposals regarding a thorough review of the State Rules and the subdivision rules;

WHEREAS, the State Rules, last revised in 2013, represent the result of significant effort by many party members over time, but the rules should evolve with the party and be regularly reviewed to improve clarity and functionality;

WHEREAS, the necessary thorough review of the State and subdivision rules will take significant effort and should be undertaken by a committee of interested and qualified Democrats to be elected from each subdivision and include representatives from the State Executive Committee, and such committee (the “Special Rules Committee”) shall prepare a report on the State Rules and include recommendations for the subdivision rules with such report to be completed in May 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Resolutions believes there is widespread support among Delaware Democrats to form the Special Rules Committee and that its review of the State and subdivision rules should aim to ensure the rules foster the goal of the party to “allow meaningful participation by all of its members”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Resolutions of the 2017 State Convention recommends that the Convention approve the creation of a Special Rules Committee to report in 2018 at a reconvened meeting of the 2017 State Convention, and be it further resolved that:

1. The Special Rules Committee shall be composed of:
  - a. Five party members elected by the executive committee of each of the four subdivisions (Kent County, New Castle County, Sussex County, and the City of Wilmington).
    - i. Each subdivision executive committee shall elect, by a majority of those executive committee members present and voting, the members of the Special Rules Committee from that subdivision at its next scheduled meeting following the State Convention.
  - b. The male and female Vice Chairs of the State Party as elected at the 2017 State Convention;

- c. Three members selected by the State Party Chair; and
  - d. The State Party Chair elected at the 2017 Convention as an ex-officio member.
2. The Special Rules Committee shall meet within two weeks after the election of all its members to elect officers and begin its review of the State and subdivision rules.
3. The Special Rules Committee's charge is to undertake a thorough review of the State Rules, guided by the description in the Whereas Clauses above, and prepare a report, to be completed in May 2018, that proposes a revised set of State Rules and makes recommendations regarding the subdivision rules.
4. The Special Rules Committee shall present this report at a reconvened session of the 2017 State Convention at a time and place set by the State Chair in accordance with the notice requirements of State Rule 4.2.