



TEMPORARY RULES OF THE INDIANA DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S 2026 STATE CONVENTION

1. These temporary rules (“Temporary Rules”) apply to the Indiana Democratic Party’s 2026 State Convention (“Convention”) as provided herein. These Temporary Rules have been duly adopted by the Indiana Democratic State Central Committee (“State Central Committee”) pursuant to the Rules of the Indiana Democratic Party.
2. The Secretary of the State Central Committee shall certify to the Permanent Chair of this Convention the names of all candidates for any office who have filed declarations of candidacy or applications in the office of the Indiana Democratic Party (“State Party”). Such certification shall constitute notice to the Convention of all persons who have filed such declarations of candidacy or applications. In making such certification to the Convention, the Secretary shall name the candidate, the county, and district in which such candidate resides, and the office to which such candidate aspires.
3. With respect to qualifications and eligibility:
 - a) All candidates for any statewide office (Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, or State Comptroller) nominated at the Convention shall file a declaration of candidacy with the Indiana Democratic Party on or before NOON on Friday, April 24, 2026. Declarations of candidacy will be accepted for filing beginning April 6, 2026. The original notarized declaration of candidacy forms must be filed with the Indiana Democratic Party by the deadline set above. If no candidate has filed for a specific office (Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, or State Comptroller), then the deadline is extended to NOON on Friday, May 22, 2026.
 - b) Any candidate may withdraw his or her name as a candidate at any time prior to nomination.
 - c) The State Chair of the State Party (“State Chair”) may reject the declaration of candidacy or application of any candidate for any office if the State Chair, in consultation with district and county party committees, determines that the candidate is not affiliated with the Indiana Democratic Party.
 - d) Following the primary election, the State Chair will provide each candidate the elected delegate list within seven (7) days after the primary election, that includes: VANID, Congressional District, County, Type of Delegate (appointed, elected, automatic), Position (county chair, district secretary, etc.), First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, Address; Phone, Email. The final list of appointed delegates will be provided by the State Chair as they are received and processed. A final list of changes will be provided by May 29, 2026.
 - e) Statewide office (Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, or State Comptroller) will

require a filing fee to be paid by May 22, 2026. Filing fees are assessed as follows:

- Secretary of State: \$5,000
- Treasurer of State: \$5,000
- State Comptroller: \$5,000

4. When there is no contest for an office, the nomination or election may be made by a motion by the Permanent Chair of the Convention or by acclamation of the Convention.

5. There shall be allowed three (3) minutes for a nomination speech for the offices of Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, and State Comptroller, unless the Permanent Chair of the Convention approves longer times. The Permanent Chair will then ask for a second to the nomination from the floor. The nominating speeches for candidates shall be in order as the candidate's names are listed on the voting machines, which shall be in alphabetical order. The Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, and State Comptroller nominees will then have three (3) minutes for an acceptance speech.

6. No one shall be allowed on the floor of the Convention where the delegates are located while any vote is being taken except delegates, party officials, election officers and voting machine assistants as may be duly appointed by the State Chair and necessary to conduct such elections, watchers representing the candidates during the time the votes are cast, and other properly credentialed individuals.

7. A Temporary Chair of the Convention shall be appointed by the State Chair, subject to approval by the State Central Committee. The Temporary Chair shall open the Convention and preside over all such matters coming before the Convention until such time as the Temporary Chair relinquishes the gavel to the Permanent Chair of the Convention.

8. The State Central Committee shall report to the Convention the duly adopted Temporary Rules of the 2026 State Convention. The Committee on Rules and Permanent Organization shall report the Temporary Rules to the Delegates. The Temporary Rules shall be made Permanent by the Convention by voice vote upon a motion by the Temporary or Permanent Chair. The Committee on Rules and Permanent Organization shall meet on June 6, 2026, at 10:30 A.M. to formally adopt the Temporary Rules passed by the State Central Committee.

9. The State Central Committee shall appoint a Temporary Credentials Committee that shall serve until a Permanent Credentials Committee is elected at District Caucuses on June 6, 2026. The Permanent Credentials Committee shall report to the Convention the total number of eligible delegates, the total number of delegates present (credentialed as of 10:30 A.M., June 6, 2026, by congressional district) and the presence or absence of a quorum. The report of the Permanent Credentials Committee shall be adopted by the Convention by voice vote upon a motion by the Temporary Chair.

10. Credentials Procedure:

- a) County Chairs shall submit their appointed delegate and alternate lists to the State

Chair no later than 5:00 P.M. Friday, May 22, 2026. Credentials will be distributed to County Chairs or their designees, whose county delegate assessments have been paid by NOON on Friday, June 5, 2026. The State Chair or the Temporary Credentials Committee by majority vote may seat individual delegates or delegations from counties making late payments after the June 6, 2026, deadline. No County delegation shall be seated at the Convention if the County is in arrears with the State Party.

b) The Temporary Credentials Committee shall meet on Friday June 5, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. to adopt the official poll list of delegates and alternates eligible to vote at the Convention and to resolve any preliminary credentialing issues. Any challenges to the official poll list must be submitted to the Temporary Chair by 11:30 A.M. on Saturday, June 6, 2026. The Permanent Credentials Committee shall review and resolve all challenges at their meeting on June 6, 2026, at 1:00 P.M.

c) It shall be the responsibility of each County Chair to:

- i) Distribute credentials to the persons entitled to those credentials;
- ii) Certify to the Temporary Credentials Committee no later than 3:00 P.M. on Friday, June 5, 2026, the names of the individuals who hold the credentials, identifying those persons from the list of elected delegates, or a list of the certified elected alternates in possession of the State Central Committee.
- iii) Make changes in the composition of the county delegation only with the approval of the Temporary Credentials Committee after 3:00 P.M. Friday, June 5, 2026.

d) The names of duly authorized Convention delegates and alternates shall be compiled into official lists, which will be distributed to candidates and to the voting machine inspectors and clerks for use as a voter poll list at such machines.

11. Elected delegates who appear in person and who have been replaced by an alternate shall have precedence over an alternate up to the time of printing of the final poll list at 10:30 A.M. on June 6, 2026, and subject to compliance with all applicable rules of the Convention, and approved by the Credentials Committee.

12. The State Central Committee shall appoint a Temporary Resolutions Committee that shall serve until a Permanent Resolutions Committee is elected at District Caucuses on June 6, 2026. The report of the Permanent Resolutions Committee shall be adopted by the Convention by voice vote upon a motion by the Temporary Chair of the Convention.

13. Resolutions Procedure:

- a) Both the Temporary and Permanent Resolutions Committee members may sponsor a resolution. Members do not need to fulfill the signature requirement as outlined in b.
- b) Delegates wishing to offer a resolution for consideration may submit a proposal to be considered by the Temporary Resolutions Committee. Such resolutions require a minimum of 550 delegate signatures and must be submitted by Wednesday, June 3,

2026 by 5 P.M. to resolutions@indems.org.

- c) c) In order to give adequate time for obtaining signatures, a delegate wishing to submit a resolution may request from the State Chair the final list of delegates that was provided to candidates by the May 29 deadline.
- d) d) Temporary Resolutions Committee shall meet on Friday, June 5, 2026, at 3 P.M. and shall prepare a report for the Permanent Resolutions Committee. Resolutions considered by the Temporary Resolutions Committee and found to be meritorious by a two-thirds majority of the members shall be included in the Report of the Resolutions Committee.
- e) e) The Permanent Resolutions Committee shall meet on June 6, 2026, at 10:30 A.M. The Permanent Resolutions Committee shall consider all resolutions in the report, but they may also consider other resolutions offered by the Permanent Resolutions Committee. The Permanent Resolutions Committee may ratify or amend the report by a two-thirds majority.

14. The 2026 Platform of the Indiana Democratic Party shall be approved by the majority of the State Central Committee at their meeting on June 5, 2026 at NOON. The 2026 Platform shall be adopted by the Convention by voice vote upon a motion by the Temporary Chair.

15. All candidates for a state office where there is a contest shall have their names placed on the voting machines, in alphabetical order by last name.

16. Any candidate for any office receiving a majority of the votes cast by those delegates present and voting for that office on any ballot shall be considered nominated.

17. After the first ballot has been taken for any office and no candidate has received a majority of the votes cast by those delegates present and voting, commencing with the second ballot thereafter, the candidate having the lowest votes for said office shall be eliminated until such time as a candidate shall receive a majority of said votes for said office.

18. If there is a tie between candidates, the State Central Committee shall convene an emergency meeting at State Convention to decide any tie between the candidates via secret ballot.

- a) This special meeting shall convene before the call of the closing gavel at convention. A recess shall be called at the State Convention to allow for time for the full State Central Committee to convene. No other business will be conducted at this meeting. The only purpose is to vote and adjourn the meeting.
- b) Each State Central Committee member shall submit a proxy via email to the state party secretary by noon on the day of the convention if they will not be present for the full convention.
- c) A meeting room that is reserved for convention purposes at the convention site will be used for this special meeting. Each candidate is allowed to be present for this vote, and each may name a watcher to observe the tally of the votes. No speeches or electioneering will be allowed in this meeting.
- d) Each State Central Committee member will be given a blank piece of paper to

write their selection. These will be collected by the State Central Committee parliamentarian. With the candidate watchers observing, the parliamentarian and another appointee of the State Chair will calculate the vote totals. The winner's name will be announced to State Central Committee members. Once this is done, the convention will reconvene to announce the winner to all delegates.

e) The State Chair shall break a tie vote.

19. Procedure on the floor shall be as follows: A clerk will be present with a list of the eligible delegates as of 3:00 P.M., June 6, 2026. The delegate may be asked to provide their name, county, and home address. The delegate will then be verified and the clerk shall inform the individual that they may vote.

20. Each candidate in a contested race is entitled to one poll watcher per machine whose name shall be submitted in writing to the Chief Inspector not later than NOON on June 5, 2026.

21. Delegates will be seated on the floor of the Convention by Congressional District. Standard rules of decorum will be observed.

22. Any motion made from the floor of the Convention determined to be in order shall be subject to two, one-minute rounds of debate and then be voted upon by voice vote with a majority required for passage.

23. The rules governing this Convention may be suspended or amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Convention.

24. Minority reports are governed by Indiana Democratic Party Rule 17(a)(10).

25. Except where inconsistent with the Temporary Rules, the Rules of the Indiana Democratic Party apply. Except where inconsistent with these Temporary Rules or the Rules of the Indiana Democratic Party, Roberts Rules of Order will apply.

26. All references to deadlines and times within these rules shall refer to local time in Indianapolis, Indiana.