



September 21, 2019

Concerned members of the Alabama Democratic Party State Executive Committee (SDEC)
Via email

Dear Concerned members of the Alabama SDEC:

We are in receipt of your September 19, 2019 request that the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (RBC) review your draft proposed amended Bylaws to ensure conformity with the National Party's Charter and Bylaws. Yesterday, the RBC met telephonically to consider other matters and was able to take action on your request.

The RBC found that the proposed amended bylaws you submitted comply with National Party Rules. Given that the current Alabama bylaws remain in conflict with the DNC Charter and Bylaws, you should immediately transmit the proposed amended bylaws to the State Chair. The Chair should immediately distribute these proposed amended bylaws that comply with the DNC Charter and Bylaws to all members of the State Democratic Executive Committee (SDEC). In addition, you should request her to schedule a meeting of the SDEC to adopt new bylaws that comply with the DNC Charter and Bylaws no sooner than ten (10) days from the date the office of State Chair receives the proposed amended bylaws as approved by the RBC, but no later than Saturday October 5, 2019.

The RBC noted that pursuant to the current Alabama Democratic Party Bylaws, a majority of the whole SDEC can also call a meeting of the SDEC to consider new bylaws.

After new bylaws have been approved, and given previous rulings of this Committee and the Credentials Committee, new elections must promptly take place for the State Party Chair and First Vice Chair, no later than Saturday October 19, 2019. Failure of the Chair convene the SDEC to hold an election pursuant to the adopted amended bylaws within this timeframe will result in further appropriate action by the RBC, up to and including action on the pending Delegate Selection Plan, which is under challenge.

Prior to a meeting to adopt revised bylaws, the RBC encourages Alabama Democrats to conduct appropriate outreach, including outreach to diverse constituencies, to Alabama Democratic voters and SDEC members to help them better understand the proposed amended bylaws, proposed opportunities for participation, and next steps to vote on them.

Because of the significant interest, questions, and concerns expressed by Alabama Democrats, designated RBC members will be available to inform interested parties on the procedural posture of the situation in Alabama, as well as provide any technical assistance.

Given prior election irregularities found in the challenges to the Credentials of the State Chair and First Vice Chair, and the existing challenges to the 2020 Delegate Selection Plan, the RBC

will supervise the processes in connection with convening and conducting these SDEC meetings for adoption of new bylaws, the election of the Chair and First Vice Chair, and any additional elections required under revised bylaws.

While the Alabama Party still has the ability to take action on matters within Alabama pursuant to state law, it is essential that new bylaws and elections occur immediately to resolve this long ongoing problem as we head into key elections in 2020 and a time when all Democrats and all state parties need to be fully integrated and involved in what we need to do to win.

Finally, the RBC authorized whatever technical changes that need to be made to the proposed amended Alabama draft bylaws.

We appreciate the initiative you have taken to bring the Alabama Party's Bylaws into compliance with the Charter and Bylaws of the National Party and to hold fair elections. The DNC and the RBC are committed to working with all stakeholders to resolve these matters and have a Party that is fully operationally and working to elect Democrats at every level in Alabama.

Sincerely,



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