



Handling of Provisional Participation at Precinct Conventions

In the event your precinct convention actually has provisional voters participating, the following information provides a method for proper provisional participation after the official count and delegate allocations have been determined without provisional participants.

Provisional participants should be marked on the sign-in sheet with a “P” next to their name to indicate that they are participating provisionally. The Precinct Convention Chair will then establish the threshold and presidential preference calculation without including the provisional voters, which will be the official calculations included on the Minutes. The Precinct Convention Chair shall then calculate the threshold and presidential preference with including the provisional voters.

The delegates and alternates recorded on Exhibit A should NOT INCLUDE ANY delegates and alternates elected or allocated by the involvement of provisional participants. The results that will be called in to the reporting system SHOULD NOT INCLUDE PROVISIONAL PARTICIPANTS. Following are possible scenarios describing how provisional participants might affect your precinct convention and how to deal with them.

1. If the inclusion of the provisional participants affects the threshold (i.e. without the provisional voters a candidate does not meet the threshold but with the provisional voters they would), caucuses must be held twice.

- The first caucus would exclude provisional participants completely and allow only the candidate who met the threshold to have a caucus, following established rules. Non-provisional participants whose candidate did not receive enough sign-ins to meet threshold could caucus for their second choice, as usual. Voting in the caucus would proceed as usual, with the caucus holding one election and the highest vote getters becoming the delegates and the next highest becoming the alternates.
- The second caucus would allow the provisional participants. At this point, all participants, including provisional participants, would caucus separately for their candidates and elect their delegates and alternates (see the process described below for provisional voters affecting the allocation of delegates). The results of these caucuses with the provisional voters should be recorded separately on a sheet of paper by the caucuses and turned in to the Precinct convention chair to become part of the official records.

2. If the inclusion of the provisional voters would change the number of delegates awarded to the presidential candidates, each candidate’s caucus will need to hold two elections, one in which the provisional participants do not vote and the second in which they do.

- Two lists of delegates and alternates will need to be made based on the results of these two elections. These lists of delegates and alternates elected by each caucus should be recorded separately on a sheet of paper and should not be listed on the official Exhibit A. Starting from the top, this list should show the person who received the highest number of votes down to the lowest, and it should be turned in to the County Chair as part of the official records of the convention. This is necessary to establish an orderly method at the county/district convention should provisional voters be proven eligible.
- In the election in which the provisional participants do not vote, the caucus would elect its delegates and alternates using the number of delegates their candidate would receive without including the provisional participants.
- In the election in which the provisional participants get to vote, the caucus shall elect as many delegates and alternates as they would be entitled to if all of the provisional voters are eligible.