



**STATE COMMITTEE OF THE MAINE DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
CALL FOR A NOMINATING CONVENTION  
TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE PARTY'S NOMINEE  
FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR**

*Pursuant to 21-A M.R.S. §§ 363, 365, 374-A and the Maine Democratic Party Charter*

**ARTICLE I — AUTHORITY & PURPOSE**

**1.1 Statutory Authority**

A vacancy having occurred in the Maine Democratic Party's nominee for the office of United States Senator under 21-A M.R.S. § 374-A (the "Vacancy"), the Maine Democratic State Committee ("DSC") is now charged with choosing a qualified person to fill the Vacancy pursuant to 21-A M.R.S. §§ 363, 365(4) and 374-A.

**1.2 Party and DSC Authority**

The DSC is the supreme governing body of the Maine Democratic Party between State Conventions and, under that authority, exercises the powers of the Convention, and provides "direction and supervision of the affairs of the Party." See MDP Charter § 700(3). Under Maine law, the DSC has the duty to fill the Vacancy. See 21-A M.R.S. §§ 363(2), 365(4). On July 8, 2026, the DSC determined by majority vote that the Vacancy shall be filled based upon the results of a nominating convention to be called on an expedited basis.

**1.3 Purpose**

The sole business of the Convention is to select, by the procedure in Article X herein, one qualified Democratic candidate to be certified as the Party's nominee for United States Senator in the 2026 general election in Maine, and to transact such other business as is strictly necessary to that purpose.

**ARTICLE II — DEFINITIONS**

- (a) "Convention" means the nominating convention called to select a replacement Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate in the 2026 general election in Maine.
- (b) "DSC Member" means a person holding Elected Membership or Ex Officio Membership on the Democratic State Committee under MDP Charter § 710, and includes an Alternate Member of the DSC only while and to the extent that Alternate Member is entitled to vote in

place of an absent DSC Member under MDP Charter § 710(5). The membership list maintained by the Secretary shall be the official membership list as of July 10, 2026.

(c) “County” means each of the sixteen (16) counties of the State of Maine.

(d) “County Delegate” means one of the persons certified by each County under Article V to cast a vote at the Convention on behalf of that County.

(e) “County Alternate” means one of the persons certified by each County under Article V to vote only in place of a County Delegate from the same County who is absent or unable to vote for any reason.

(f) “Credentials Committee” means the committee constituted under Article VI to prepare the roll of accredited voting members of the Convention.

(g) “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Maine Democratic Party.

(h) “Voting Member” means any person entitled to cast exactly one vote at the Convention under Section 4.1.

## **ARTICLE III — CALL OF THE CONVENTION**

### **3.1 Date, Time, and Place**

The Convention shall convene on Saturday, July 25th, 2026, at 9:00 AM, at the Cross Insurance Center located at 515 Main St, Bangor, ME 04401.

### **3.2 Notice**

The DSC Chair shall issue this Call, in writing, to the Chair of each County Committee and the Chair of each Municipal Committee electronically as soon as practicable before the Convention is to convene. Notice of the Convention shall also be posted on the Maine Democratic Party website. Notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the Convention.

### **3.3 Contents of the Call**

In addition to this document, the Call shall include: (a) the apportionment of votes under Article IV; (b) the deadline and procedure for County certification of delegates and alternates under Article V; and (c) the deadline and procedure for declarations of candidacy under Article VIII.

## **ARTICLE IV — COMPOSITION OF THE CONVENTION; APPORTIONMENT OF VOTES**

#### **4.1 Voting Members**

The Convention shall have six hundred and one (601) Voting Members, apportioned as follows:

- (A) each DSC Member one (1) vote each;
- (B) each At-Large Member of the DSC Executive Committee one (1) vote each: and
- (C) for each County, a number of County Delegates equal to one third of the total number of delegates apportioned to that County for the 2026 State Convention. If the total is .5 or over, the number will be rounded up. If the total is .4 or lower, the number will be rounded down. Each county's County Delegate allotment is provided in Exhibit A to this Call. Each County Delegate shall be certified under Article V with one vote per County Delegate, for a total of five hundred (500) County Delegate votes across the sixteen (16) Counties.

#### **4.2 One Person, One Vote**

Each Voting Member shall cast one (1) vote per Convention ballot round described under Section 10.3 and 10.4, and no more. No vote may be split, fractionalized, or weighted.

#### **4.3 Alternates**

Each County shall additionally certify County Alternates under Article V in a number equal to one third of the alternate delegates required for the 2026 State Convention. If the total is .5 or over, the number will be rounded up. If the total is .4 or lower, the number will be rounded down. Each county's County Alternate allotment is provided in Exhibit A to this Call. A County Alternate may vote only if seated in place of a County Delegate from the same County under Section 6.2, and in no event may a County have more than its allotted number of votes under Section 4.1 cast on its behalf at any one time.

### **ARTICLE V — SELECTION OF COUNTY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES**

#### **5.1 County Appointment**

The Chair of each County Committee shall appoint individuals equal to the number of County Delegates allotted by Section 4.1 and County Alternates allotted by Section 4.3 to serve at the Nominating Convention as Voting Members.

#### **5.2 Delegate Nominating Meetings**

Each County Chair shall call a meeting at which the County Committee will select delegates to fill the slots assigned to each county for the Convention (the "Delegate Nominating Meeting"). The County Chair shall be responsible for ensuring that at the conclusion of the meeting, the County Chair appoints the allotted number of County Delegates. Delegates are not pledged to any specific qualified candidate for the U.S. Senate.

#### **5.3 Delegate Nominating Meetings - Delegate Information**

County Chairs will provide copies of submitted nomination statements for all County Delegate candidates to County Committee members. Additionally, each County's Delegate Nominating

Meeting will be preceded by a one-hour period where delegates may circulate and talk with other voting members about their candidacy. County delegate candidates do not have to attend the Delegate Nominating Meeting in order to be considered for a Delegate slot.

#### **5.4 County Committee Membership**

All Democrats registered in the County as of June 9, 2026 are eligible to participate and vote in their county's Delegate Nominating Meeting.

#### **5.5 Pre-Registration for Participation in Delegate Nominating Meeting**

Democrats who meet the eligibility criteria for participation in their county's Delegate Nominating Meeting are asked to pre-register their attendance by completing and submitting a digital form provided by the Maine Democratic Party on their website. Submission of the form is not required to participate, and registration is not required to attend the meeting. **Pre Registration will close on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 5 pm.**

#### **5.6 In-Person Registration for Participation in Delegate Nominating Meeting**

Democrats who meet the eligibility criteria for participation may also register to attend immediately prior to the commencement of the meeting.

#### **5.7 Delegate Qualifications**

Each County Delegate and County Alternate must, at the time of selection and at the time of the Convention, be a registered Democratic voter in Maine in the County that person represents. Additionally, all County Delegates and County Alternates must have been registered Democrats as of June 9, 2026, and otherwise satisfy all conditions and requirements more particularly described in the Selection of County Delegates Plan provided as Exhibit B to this Call.

#### **5.8 Delegate Nominations - Registration of Candidacy**

Individuals seeking nomination for a delegate slot must indicate their desire to be a delegate prior to the Delegate Nominating Meeting. No nominations will be accepted from the floor. Individuals can pre-register by completing an online form, **no later than Wednesday, July 15th at 5pm.** The form will be available, when complete, on the Maine Democratic Party website. Nominees will be checked for eligibility and a list of qualified nominees will be provided to the County Chair prior to the Delegate Nominating Meeting.

#### **5.9 Representation Goals to Improve Minimum Diverse Representation for Delegates to the Nominating Convention**

To ensure equitable and meaningful representation and to promote diversity, County Committee members are encouraged to take into account the diversity goals outlined in Section 515 of the Maine Democratic Party Charter when selecting delegates. As outlined in the Charter, that diversity of representation includes, but is not limited to, gender, age and members of historically disadvantaged communities. Representation goals under the Charter are for each county to have

25% of its members and delegates meet at least one of these categories: BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, youth, people with disabilities, immigrants, New Mainers or those who are underrepresented because of their religion. MDP Charter § 515.

### **5.9.1 Certification Deadline**

After each county's Delegate Nominating Meeting, each County Chair shall submit to the Executive Director, in writing (email to suffice), the name, residential address, email address and phone number for each of its County Delegates and the County Alternates no later than 24 hours of the completion of the Delegate Nominating Meeting (the "Certification Deadline").

### **5.9.2 Consequence of Missed Deadline**

If a County Chair fails to submit a list of eligible County Delegates that meets the County's full allotment under Section 4.1, and 4.3, the DSC Chair shall, as promptly as practicable and in any event before the Convention convenes, appoint qualified individuals that meet the eligibility requirements in Section 5.7 to fill that County's unfilled County Delegate positions and the County Alternate positions, giving preference to any partial slate the County Chair did submit and considering the diverse-representation goals of MDP Charter § 515. County Delegates and County Alternates appointed under this Section have the same rights, including the right to vote, as delegates and alternates selected by the County Committee.

### **5.9.3 Notice of County Delegates & DSC Members**

The Executive Director shall compile a report that includes: (i) a provisional roll of all appointed County Delegates and County Alternates, along with confirmation that each individual was selected by a County Chair pursuant to Section 5.1 and meets the eligibility requirements in Section 5.7, according to the voter registration records on file with the Maine Democratic Party; and (ii) the list of DSC Members maintained by the Secretary. This report shall be transmitted to the Credentials Committee, as defined in Section 6.1, as soon as practicable.

## **ARTICLE VI — CREDENTIALS**

### **6.1 Credentials Committee**

A Credentials Committee shall consist of five (5) members of the DSC, each of whom shall be selected by the DSC Chair to serve.

### **6.2 Credentials Report**

The Credentials Committee shall review the report transmitted under Section 5.9.3 and confirm, by majority vote, the eligibility of all delegates. This vote may happen by electronic means including email or video conference. It shall then present a final Credentials Report to the Convention at the opening of business, listing all Voting Members entitled to be seated. Except for procedural business that may customarily be conducted in the absence of a quorum, no other business may be conducted before the Credentials Report is adopted.

### **6.3 Quorum**

A quorum of the Convention consists of a majority of the total Voting Members certified by the Credentials Report as entitled to be seated. No business, including balloting under Article X, may proceed without a quorum present.

## **ARTICLE VII — CONVENTION OFFICERS**

### **7.1 Presiding Officer**

The Chair of the DSC, or the Chair's designee, shall preside over the Convention as the Convention Chair.

### **7.2 Secretary**

The Secretary of the DSC, or the Secretary's designee, shall serve as Secretary of the Convention and shall keep a full and accurate record of its proceedings, consistent with DSC Bylaws Art. 3.2(C).

### **7.3 Parliamentarian**

The DSC Chair shall appoint a Parliamentarian of the Convention.

### **7.4 Tellers Committee**

The Convention Chair shall appoint a Tellers Committee of not fewer than five (5) members, which shall not include any declared candidate, any candidate's immediate family member, or any candidate's paid campaign staff, to distribute, collect, count, and certify the results of each ballot under Article X. Each candidate remaining in contention at the time of a given ballot shall have the right to designate one observer to be present at the counting of that ballot.

## **ARTICLE VIII — CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION**

### **8.1 Eligibility**

Any person eligible under the United States Constitution to serve as a United States Senator, who is a voter registered in Maine, enrolled in the Democratic Party, and who otherwise satisfies all conditions and requirements set forth in the Candidate Qualification Requirements published at:<https://mainedems.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/MDP-Candidate-Qualification-Rules-2026-2.pdf> is eligible to seek the Convention's nomination.

### **8.2 Certification of Candidates**

The Executive Director shall review the paperwork submitted by each candidate and, in consultation with the Chair, compile a final list of candidates eligible for consideration and make such list public as soon as is practicable.

The Chair shall determine, by a public drawing, the order in which candidates will be listed on the ballot and in which they will speak under Section 9.2.

### **8.3 Withdrawal**

A candidate may withdraw at any time before or during the Convention by providing written notice to the Maine Democratic Party Chair via email to [senate@mainedems.org](mailto:senate@mainedems.org). A candidate who withdraws is deemed removed from all subsequent ballots.

## **ARTICLE IX — ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Convention Order**

The order of business at the Convention shall be:

- (1) Call to order by the Convention Chair; determination of a quorum.
- (2) Presentation and adoption of the Credentials Report (Article VI) by majority voice vote of the Convention voting members present and voting.
- (3) Adoption of any additional standing rules for the Convention not inconsistent with this Call by majority voice vote of the Convention voting members present and voting.
- (4) Nominating and candidate speeches (Section 9.2).
- (5) Balloting under Article X, repeated as necessary until a nominee is chosen.
- (6) Adoption of a Nominating Convention report by the DSC which certifies the nominee and which directs the Chair and Secretary to file the certificate required by 21-A M.R.S. § 363(2).
- (7) Any other business strictly necessary to the purpose of the Convention.
- (8) Adjournment.

### **9.2 Nominating and Candidate Speeches**

Each certified candidate will be invited to offer one supporter's nominating speech up to two minutes in length, followed by the candidate's own speech up to five minutes in length (collectively the "Candidate Presentation"). Candidate Presentations shall proceed in the order determined under Section 8.2. No further remarks shall be permitted.

### **9.3 Accessibility**

Consistent with the Maine Democratic Party's commitment to full and equal participation, the Party shall ensure that no individual is denied the opportunity to take part in the Convention, whether as a Voting Member or permitted attendee as a result of any physical disability. The Convention itself shall be held in a location that is accessible to individuals with disabilities, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act and MDP Charter § 110(4), and the Party shall provide reasonable accommodations — including accessible seating, sign language interpretation, materials in alternative formats, and other supports — upon request. Where a Voting Member's disability makes in-person participation impracticable, the Party shall make available an alternative, secure means of voting that preserves the confidentiality of the ballot and the integrity

of the count, so that every Voting Member has a full and equal opportunity to be heard and to vote.

## **ARTICLE X — VOTING PROCEDURE**

### **10.1 Ballot**

All Convention voting shall be by ballot. Each candidate remaining in contention has the right to have one observer present when ballots are counted. Each Voting Member is entitled to vote for a single candidate on each ballot.

### **10.2 No Proxy Voting**

There shall be no proxy voting at the Convention, consistent with MDP Charter § 110(2). A Voting Member must be personally present to cast a ballot. A County Delegate who is absent may be replaced only by a County Alternate who is named on the Credentials Report under Section 6.2, and not by proxy.

### **10.3 Initial Rounds of Voting**

Voting shall occur in rounds until one candidate receives a majority of votes in a round from the Convention Voting Members. The first ballot shall include every candidate certified under Section 8.2. After each ballot round, a representative of the Teller Committee shall provide to the Chair the total votes received by each candidate and the Chair shall announce those results to the full Convention. The five candidates receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot shall appear on the second ballot. Each subsequent ballot round shall include every remaining candidate except for the prior ballot's last-place finisher. This process shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of votes cast.

### **10.4 Final Voting Round**

Once only two candidates are left, the final round of voting shall list only those two final candidates on the ballot. A representative of the Teller Committee shall provide to the Chair the total votes received by each candidate and the Chair shall announce those results to the full Convention.

### **10.5 Ties**

A tie between candidates for the last position that would otherwise advance to the next round, or a tie in the final round itself, shall first be resolved by an immediate revote limited to the tied candidates. If the revote does not break the tie, it shall be resolved by a coin flip conducted publicly by the Convention Chair.

### **10.6 Effect of Withdrawal Between Ballots**

If a candidate who would otherwise advance to the next round of voting withdraws under Section 8.3, the next-highest vote-getter on the preceding ballot advances to the next round in that candidate's place, subject to Section 10.5 if a tie results.

### **10.7 Certification of Result**

Upon a candidate receiving the nomination as set forth according to the procedures in this Section 10, the Tellers Committee shall certify the final vote to the Convention Chair and Secretary. The DSC shall then vote to adopt the convention report, designating the Convention's winning candidate as the DSC's chosen person to fill the Vacancy, and directing the DSC Chair to cause delivery of a certificate to the Secretary of State in compliance with 21-A M.R.S. § 363(2).

## **ARTICLE XI — PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with applicable law or this Call. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Convention Chair on all questions of parliamentary procedure.

## **ARTICLE XII — MISCELLANEOUS**

### **12.1 Record**

The Secretary shall preserve the minutes of the Convention and all ballots cast for at least two (2) weeks after adjournment.

### **12.2 Notice and Records**

Consistent with MDP Charter § 110(4), § 110(5), and § 110(8), the Convention's agenda, time and location will be publicized as fully as possible, and its official records available for inspection by any Maine Democrat, except for any portion properly closed for the limited purposes recognized in DSC Bylaws Art. 4.3.

### **12.3 Severability**

If any provision of this Call is held invalid or unenforceable, or inconsistent with the MDP Charter, the DSC Bylaws, or applicable law, the remaining provisions remain in full force and effect.

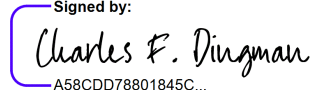
### **12.4 Amendment**

This Call may be amended only by the DSC Chair.

### **12.5 No Private Rights**

This Call contains internal procedures to govern the DSC's internal affairs. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Call, the Call is not intended to and does not create any enforceable rights in any person or entity other than the DSC.

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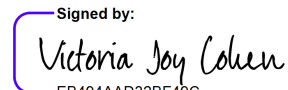


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Secretary, Maine Democratic State Committee

**EXHIBIT A**

**MAINE DEMOCRATIC PARTY COUNTY DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE ALLOTMENT**

FOR THE NOMINATING CONVENTION TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE PARTY'S NOMINEE FOR U.S. SENATOR

County	July 25, 2026 Nominating Convention		2026 State Convention	
	County Delegates	County Alternates	Delegates	Alternates
Androscoggin	31	6	94	19
Aroostook	15	3	45	9
Cumberland	149	30	446	89
Franklin	9	2	28	6
Hancock	23	5	69	14
Kennebec	40	8	121	24
Knox	18	4	53	11
Lincoln	15	3	46	9
Oxford	17	3	51	10
Penobscot	44	7	132	26
Piscataquis	4	1	12	2
Sagadahoc	16	3	49	10
Somerset	12	2	35	7
Waldo	15	3	44	9
Washington	8	2	24	5
York	84	17	251	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>300</b>

## **EXHIBIT B DELEGATE NOMINEE REQUIREMENTS**

Any registered Democrat in a County interested in serving as a delegate to the Nominating Convention must indicate that interest by submitting the following information by **Wednesday, July 15, 2026**. The information is to be submitted by entering the following information on a spreadsheet linked on the Maine Democratic Party's webpage.

1. Name (must match voter registration)
2. Address (must match voter registration)
3. Statement of Interest – no more than 250 words describing why you would like to be a delegate to the Nominating Convention and what you plan to do harness the grassroots energy now in Maine and to beat Susan Collins in November.
4. A statement that you are able to attend in person the Nominating Convention on July 25<sup>th</sup> in Bangor.
5. A statement that the individual agrees to accept and comply with all terms and obligations set forth herein, including all deadlines, meeting processes and requirements

Individuals are qualified to be nominees if at the time of selection, the time of Convention and the time of the June 9, 2026 primary, the individual was a registered voter in the County they seek to represent.

Individuals who were not registered Democrats as of June 9, 2026 may not be considered as delegates to the Nominating Convention or as participants to any county Delegate Nominating Meeting.

Same day registration to participate in county Delegate Nominating Meetings will not be allowed.

Delegate nominees do not have to be present at the Delegate Nominating Meeting to be eligible to become a Delegate.

## **EXHIBIT C CANDIDATE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**The 2026 Maine Senate Nomination Forms, Qualifications and Process Information can be found at:**

**[Senate Candidate Process - Maine Democratic Party](#)**