

2008 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION – VIRGINIA’S DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

- **Democratic National Convention**
 - The Democratic National Convention will be held in Denver, Colorado, on August 25-28, 2008 and select the Party’s candidates for President and Vice President of the United States.

- **Virginia’s Delegation**
 - Virginia will elect a total of 85 National Delegates and 14 Alternates to attend the Democratic National Convention. 54 of those delegates (and 11 Alternates) will be elected from Virginia’s 11 Congressional Districts. The remaining 31 Delegates (and 3 Alternates) will be chosen at the State Convention. Another 18 National Delegates will be made up of Party Leaders and Elected Officials who are “automatic” delegates.

- **The February 12, 2008 Primary**
 - Virginia’s primary will be held on February 12, 2008 and will be used to allocate delegates to the National Convention (National Delegates) for the Democratic presidential candidates. Any voter can participate in the primary.

- **April 2008 Caucuses**
 - In April 2008, cities and counties across the Commonwealth will hold caucuses to select “State Delegates” to Congressional District Conventions and the State Convention. The “State Delegates” will be allocated among the Democratic presidential candidates in proportion to the percentage of votes each candidate receives in the primary. The “State Delegates” will then elect the National Delegates.

- **Congressional District Conventions and Virginia State Convention**
 - The Congressional District Conventions in May 2008 and the State Convention on June 12, 2008 will elect the National Delegates.

- **Open Process**
 - The process is open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or physical disability. The Party also has an active affirmative action and outreach program to encourage full participation by all Democrats.

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