

**Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party
Presented to the Iowa Democratic Party State Convention on June 21, 2014**

Article XII, Section 6, Subsection A, is amended by adding the following new paragraph after the last paragraph:

Quorum: For the purpose of the initial meeting of a county, district, or state platform committee, quorum shall be forty (40) percent of the members elected.

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Platform committees shall have their initial meeting no later than seven (7) days after the conventions at which they were elected.

Article VI, Section 10 of the Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party is amended by adding the following sentence after the second paragraph:

The State Chair shall designate the at-large members of the State Platform Committee before the scheduled date for the congressional district conventions.

Article VI, Sections 10 and 11, are amended by striking:

~~at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the date designated for the convening of the State Convention.~~

from each section and adding in their place the following:

no more than seven (7) days after the date of the district conventions.

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Article XII, Section 6, Subsection A, is amended by adding the following new paragraph after the last paragraph:

The initial meeting of the platform committee shall be called to order no later than fifteen minutes after the time announced for the meeting. If the temporary chair does not call the meeting to order within this time limit, any member may call the meeting to order and the business shall begin.

Each constituent unit (precinct caucus, county convention, district convention) shall elect the same number of alternates as the number of members allowed for that unit. Alternates shall be elected in a designated order, in which they will be called to serve, if available, as vacancies arise in the membership of their constituent unit. The vacancy that occurs first in time is filled by the first elected alternate or the ranking one available, and so on.

Election of permanent officers shall begin as soon as there is a quorum. A quorum is determined by counting both the number of members and the number of alternates present from each designated unit (precinct caucus, county convention, or district convention) up to the maximum number allowed for that unit. Alternates filling a vacancy in their constituent units are promoted to members at that time. Members who arrive late may still qualify as members if vacancies in their constituent units are still available when they arrive.

If a member who is unable to attend the meeting wishes to designate a specific alternate in writing from the list of qualified alternates and the alternate agrees, that designated alternate is not elevated to a member and must give up the seat of a replaced member if and when that member returns to the meeting.