

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XII

ELECTION ELIMINATION PROCEDURES

C&B Committee Action: Form and Function Approved

Changes to constitution with **additions underlined** and deletions having a ~~strike through~~.

ARTICLE XII

CAUCUS AND CONVENTION PROCEDURES

Section 2. State and County Nominating Conventions

H. In the event that three or more candidates are nominated for the same office, the convention may use multiple ballots or preference voting to choose Party nominees. The State Party Central Committee ~~shall~~ **may** certify the method of election for the State **Nominating** Convention at least 6 months prior to the convention: **if they desire to change the method of election from the most recent Nominating Convention. Should the State Central Committee not take action, the method of election from the most recent State Nominating Convention shall be used.** In the case of multiple ballots, more than one candidate may be eliminated in each round, ~~provided that~~ **If the number of votes received by any candidate is greater than the sum of the votes of all the candidates receiving fewer votes, all those candidates receiving fewer votes will be eliminated. sum of the votes received by the candidates to be eliminated does not exceed the number of votes received by the next highest candidate, and that at least two candidates remain on the ballot.** The two top candidates shall participate in the final ballot.

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Sponsor Explanation:

This change is required to prevent situations where no candidates are eliminated in a particular round, and the vote ends in a stalemate. This can happen multiple times in the same election unless one or more delegates leave or change their votes. This also solves the issue of two candidates tying for the lowest vote getters and no candidate being eliminated as a result. Lastly, it clarifies that if the SCC does not take action on the method of election that the method of election used at the last nominating convention shall be used.