

# VOTE BY MAIL PROGRAM

**District Level candidate qualifying period begins March 1, 2024 and ends by Noon on March 27, 2024.** Beginning March 1, 2024 and ending by Noon on March 27, 2024 any registered Democrat in the state of Louisiana will be able to request a ballot be mailed to them. Once the request is received from the voter we will data-match them to the voter file and ballots will only be mailed to registered Democrats to the mailing address provided to the Secretary of State.

**Ballots can be requested online through LouisianaDemocrats.org, by calling our office, faxing our office, emailing a special email address or visiting our office in person.** The Affirmative Action Committee and State Party will advertise widely the process for requesting a ballot and empower candidates to outreach to their networks to vote by requesting a ballot. **April 3, 2024 all ballots will be mailed** via our Mail House to every registered Democrat requesting a ballot. Each Vote by Mail Ballot will contain the registered voter's state id.

**Voters will have 3-Weeks to return their ballot via Postage Paid card/envelope.** Ballots will come in to our post office box where a rotating two person team will pick up ballots together. As ballots are returned, the ballot will be updated in the voter file, so we can document the receipt of the ballots. **BALLOTS WILL NOT BE TABULATED** at this time. Ballots will be securely locked up. **Vote by Mail ballots should be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2024.** On May 4, 2024 Congressional District Vote by Mail Ballot counting starts at Party Office at 10 am and the results will be announced after each Congressional District is counted and verified.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 03/1** Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party's web site at [www.louisianademocrats.org].
- 03/1** Any registered Democrat in the state of Louisiana will be able to request a Vote By Mail ballot for the election to be held on May 4, 2024.
- 03/23** Presidential preference primary.
- 03/25** District-level delegate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
- 03/27** Last day for any registered Democrat in the state of Louisiana will be able to request a Vote By Mail ballot for the election to be held on May 4, 2024.
- 05/2** Last day to receive Vote by Mail ballots from registered Democrats who requested a ballot for the election to be held on May 4, 2024.
- 05/4** Congressional District Vote by Mail Ballot counting starts at Party Office at 10 am and results announced after each congressional District is counted and verified.
- 05/17** Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
- 06/08** State Central Committee convenes. PLEO delegates selected. Following selection of PLEO delegates State Central Committee selects at-large delegates and alternates.  
National Convention delegation meeting—Delegates select National Convention standing committee members and delegation chair. State Chair names convention pages. State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.

## LOUISIANA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

# DELEGATE SELECTION 2024

Represent Louisiana at the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, IL on August 19-22, 2024.



The Democratic Party, both in Louisiana and Nationally is dedicated to encouraging the broadest participation possible by Democrats from all walks of life. This brochure was prepared in an effort to provide a simple, easy to understand explanation of the process by which Democrats in Louisiana may become delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention which will be held in Chicago, Illinois on August 19-22, 2024.

The Delegate Selection Plan for Louisiana provides for allocation of district-level, At- Large and Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions to presidential preferences through a proportional representation primary system. The primary will take place on March 23, 2024.

**Louisiana has a total of 54 delegates and 4 alternates.**

**District Level** Candidates for thirty-two (32) district level delegates will be elected via a Vote By Mail Program and counted on May 4, 2024

**PLEO** Six (6) pledged party leader and elected official delegates will be selected by the Democratic State Central Committee of Louisiana on June 8, 2024.

**At-Large** Ten (10) at-large delegates and four (4) alternates will be selected by the Democratic State Central Committee of Louisiana on June 8, 2024.

**DISTRICT LEVEL DELEGATES**

CD	DELEGATES	MEN	WOMAN
1	4	2	2
2	8	4	4
3	5	2	3
4	5	3	2
5	5	2	3
6	5	3	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>

**Who may qualify to run as a Delegate and how do I qualify?**

Any registered Democrat may qualify as a delegate candidate. District level delegates are elected from throughout a congressional district. Persons eligible to be elected as a party and elected official delegate must be an elected official in the state of Louisiana. At-Large delegates are elected from throughout the state with no requirement that a certain number come from any certain area of the state. **To qualify, an individual should complete the qualifying form on the Party website and return it to the Louisiana Democratic Party Headquarters by Noon on March 25, 2024.** Qualifying forms for the at-large delegates must be received at the Louisiana Democratic Party Headquarters by no later than 5:00p.m. on May 17, 2024.

**How Will Delegates Actually Be Elected?**

District-level delegates shall be elected by a Vote By Mail Program on May 4, 2024.

**How much does it cost to be a delegate?**

Delegates will be responsible for all of their transportation (air, car service, etc.), lodging (hotel estimated room cost \$340 per night - does not include tax or fees), food, beverage and entertainment. We suggest you price out an airline ticket for what that cost could be.

Delegates will be provided breakfast each morning, August 19-22.

If you have any questions contact us at:  
 Louisiana Democratic Party  
 701 Government Street  
 Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
 (225) 336-4155  
 delegate@lademo.org

**What is the purpose of the Presidential Preference Primary?**

The names of all persons qualified as Democratic Presidential candidates will appear on the ballot on the March 23, 2024 primary in accordance with the state law. The results will be tallied on a congressional district basis as well as on a statewide basis. **Candidates for the thirty-two (32) district level delegate positions who have signed a statement pledging their support to a presidential candidate will be elected via a Vote By Mail Program and counted on May 4, 2024.** In order to qualify to receive any District Level delegates, a presidential candidate must reach a threshold of at least 15% of the votes cast at the primary in each congressional district. If no presidential candidate reaches the applicable threshold, the threshold shall be the percent of the vote received by the frontrunner minus 10%. **There are ten (10) pledged At-Large delegates and four (4) At-Large alternates along with six (6) Pledged Party and Elected Officials delegates to be elected by the Democratic State Central Committee on June 8, 2024.** In order to receive At-Large or Pledged Party and Elected Official delegates, a presidential candidate or must receive 15% of the votes cast statewide at the primary. In the selection of the At-Large delegation, priority considerations shall be given to African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian-American Pacific Islander, Labor Households, and LGBTQ candidates. The election of At-Large delegates shall be used if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and shall be used to achieve the representation goals established by the Affirmative Action Committee. **Even though no delegates or alternates are elected directly at the primary, the results are used in order to determine the number of delegates a presidential candidate receives.**

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	A.A.P.I.	LGBTQ+	People w/ Disabilities	Youth	Labor
Percent in Democratic Electorate	57%	6%	1%	1%	6%	18%	33%	5%
Numeric Goals for Delegation	33	3	1	1	3	10	19	2