

Comparative Political Party Processes - Conventions, Delegates and Nominees

Democratic Party Rule: "The Chairperson shall be responsible for ensuring that the national officers and staff of the Democratic National Committee maintain impartiality and even-handedness during the Democratic Party Presidential nominating process."

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Republican Party Rule: "The Republican National Committee shall not ... contribute money or in-kind aid to any candidate for any public or party office of that state except the nominee of the Republican Party ...[or an unopposed candidate/presumed nominee]".



State Primary Election - June 7, 2016 - Conducted by State / County Government



June 9, 2016 - Democratic County Party Conventions

Delegate application deadline: before 6/9 County Central Committee

Early May 2016 - Republicans County Party Conventions

Delegate application deadline passed: 4/29 to County Central Committee.

June 10 & 11 State Convention in Helena, MT

27 delegates selected for National Convention

21 are pledged delegates - On first ballot only, must vote based on proportional allocation MT Primary Election.

6 are super-delegates - unpledged and automatic (not elected)

These delegates can vote their choice at Nat. Party Convention

Jon Tester (MT U.S. Senator)
 Steve Bullock (governor)
 Jean Lemire Dahlman (National Dem Committeewoman)
 Jorge Quintana (National Dem. Committeeman)
 Jacquie Helt (MT State Dem Party Vice-Chair)
 Jim Larson (MT State Dem Party Vice-Chair)

Different states and different parties have different rules.

May 13 & 14 State Convention in Billings, MT

27 delegates selected for National Convention

27 are pledged delegates (On first ballot only, all are 'bound' - must vote for winner of the MT Primary, "Winner Take All"

0 unpledged delegates - MT GOP rules disallow unpledged delegates

3 of the 27 pledged delegates are automatic (not elected):

These delegates are bound or pledged to vote to state winner.

Jeff Essmann, Chairman, Montana Republican Party
 Betti Hill (National Republican Committeewoman)
 Errol Galt (National Republican Committeeman)

National Party Rules and Credentials Committees convene and make recommendations for delegates to vote on before delegates vote for nominees.

July 25 -28 National Convention in Philadelphia, PA

MT pledged delegates (21) must vote for a specific candidate in first round, based on MT Primary outcome %. In subsequent ballots, they vote their choice.

Montana's 6 super-delegates are among 719 at the National Convention who get to vote for who they want regardless of State Primary outcomes. Super-delegates represent 15% of all delegates at the National Convention. Most are DNC affiliated.

July 18-21 National Convention in Cleveland, OH

All Montana Republican delegates must vote for winner of Montana Presidential Primary in the first ballot at the National Convention. In subsequent voting rounds, all delegates may vote their own choice.

Other Republican State Parties may send unbound/unpledged delegates to Convention.

2383 <<<< # Delegates needed to win each party nomination >>>> **1237**

Who pays for Conventions: U.S. taxpayers paid \$136.5 million for both National Conventions in 2012, and will pay \$100 million in 2016 (for security). Corporations and unions also contribute.

All Montana delegates cover their personal costs to attend National Convention - ranging \$3,000-\$4,500 - some do local fundraisers.



U.S. General Election - November 6, 2016 - Conducted by State / County Government

