

Rules for the Election of Congressional District Representatives to the State Democratic Party Executive Board

1 The following rules shall apply to the election of Executive Board members elected by and from the
2 SCC membership in each Congressional District:
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4 At each reorganization meeting or in the event of a vacancy in one or more of these positions, the
5 position or positions may be filled by election at any regular or special meeting of the SCC.
6 Candidates interested in running for a position must notify the State Party at least a week in advance
7 to be included in a published candidate guide. Parameters around candidacy declaration and
8 permission of any accompanying materials like a statement or photo will be published in the official
9 Call to Meeting during which the election will be held.
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11 I. Congressional District Representatives:

12 A. The State Chair shall appoint a convener, who is an eligible voter in the Congressional
13 District Caucus election, who shall run the election and serve as temporary Chair of the
14 caucus.
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16 B. Individuals allowed to vote in the election of Congressional District representatives to the
17 State Party Executive Board shall be the regular or special members of the SCC who have
18 signed into the meeting. SCC members may only vote in the election of the SCC
19 representative for the Congressional District in which they reside.

20 i. Proxy votes may only be cast in the CD in which the SCC member giving the proxy
21 resides.
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23 C. A Congressional District representative on the Executive Committee must be a State
24 Committee Member residing in the Congressional District which they are elected to
25 represent. Candidates must be a resident of the State of Washington. A candidate need
26 not be present to be elected but if not present must have filed a letter of intent with the
27 State Chair prior to the meeting at which the elections will be held.
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29 D. All candidates shall be nominated and seconded by members of the SCC residing in their
30 respective Congressional District. Each candidate may use up to two (2) minutes on their
31 behalf for nominating and seconding speeches and a speech by the candidate, to include
32 the time spent by the temporary chair in reading the letter for a candidate not in
33 attendance. The two (2) minutes may be allocated at the candidate's discretion.
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35 E. After all candidates for the office are nominated, the SCC members in a specific
36 Congressional District shall vote as follows: a ballot to be counted must be signed, and
37 clearly state one (1) name of a properly nominated candidate for that office. In order to be
38 elected, a candidate must have a majority of the votes of those casting valid ballots. A
39 candidate who receives the highest total of votes and receives a majority on the first ballot
40 shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the first ballot, then there
41 shall be a runoff election between the two (2) highest vote getters for that office. Voting on
42 the runoff ballot shall be the same as the first ballot. If only one (1) candidate is nominated
43 for an office, voting shall be by voice.