

Emergency Declaration Regarding Precinct Reorganization and County Conventions

On this 25th day of January 2022, the State Executive Committee of the South Carolina Democratic Party, in recognition of surging COVID-19, hereby issues this emergency declaration regarding the 2022 precinct re-organization and county conventions.

County Parties have until February 15, 2022, to notify the SCDP Executive Director (jay@scdp.org) whether they will hold their precinct reorganization and the county party convention in-person or contactless. The choice of method must be made by the county executive committee.

Precinct Reorganization and County Conventions to be held pursuant to SCDP Rules: If a county party chooses to hold its precinct reorganization and county convention in person, the County Party must require all participants and guests:

- Wear well-fitted masks appropriately over the nose and mouth, even while speaking;
- Socially distance to the extent possible; and
- Provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours; and
- All County Parties will follow the current and up-to-date CDC guidelines.

If a county party chooses to hold its precinct reorganization in person all precincts must meet at the same time and may do so on any day between March 5 and March 31, 2022.

If a county party chooses to hold precinct meetings and its county convention in person, they may make accommodations for those wishing to participate contactless. Such accommodations must be approved by the County Executive Committee and the Executive Director of the South Carolina Democratic Party.

By February 17, the SCDP will provide precinct reorganization and county convention forms for those counties holding in-person precinct meetings and county conventions.

Contactless Precinct Reorganization and County Conventions: If a county chooses to hold Precinct Reorganization and the County Convention contactless they must work with the SCDP staff to schedule the date and time for the county convention to be held between March 5 and March 31, 2022, via Zoom.

Precinct Meetings and Electronic Submission: The SCDP will make available to each county party by February 17, 2022, the official Precinct Reorganization Google Form. This form will allow for contactless/electronic sign-ups for individuals as if they were attending a precinct meeting and will require participants to affirm that they are Democrats. The form will also allow individuals if they so desire to register their intent to hold a precinct office. Electronic submissions must be accepted up to two days prior to the county convention. Only precinct committeepersons will be elected during the contactless county convention.

Contactless County Conventions:

- A. For 2022, any registered voter in the county who considers himself or herself to be a Democrat may attend the county convention and, upon registration, will be a voting delegate of the convention.
- B. Election of members of the county executive committee will take place at a time set forth on the convention agenda.
- C. Other business at the county conventions will be conducted including the election of officers and delegates to the state Democratic convention;
- D. County Parties are encouraged to use a nominating committee per SCDP Rules as a method to nominate members of the county executive committee representing precincts, county party officers, and delegates to the state convention;
- E. County Parties may elect to not consider resolutions and should ask members to submit resolutions directly to the state party resolutions committee. Such resolutions should not be specific to one county.
- F. When the slate of executive committee members is proposed, any voting delegate may also submit her or his own name to the convention to be elected a member of the executive committee from his or her precinct.

Electing Precinct Officers:

County Executive Committees must select all Precinct officers other than county Executive Committee members by May 31, 2022. Individuals who completed a Precinct Reorganization Google Form must be considered for the office they selected.