

Article XII. Temporary Emergency Provisions
(as amended by the State Central Committee on April 18, 2020)

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2. The meeting notice requirement of Art. VII, Sec. B, para. 1 for meetings of the State Central Committee, shall be reduced to not less than one week.
3. An Official Committee may hold its Quadrennial Convention using the following alternative methods, which temporarily take precedence over contrary provisions in other Articles of the State Party Plan:
 - a. “Unassembled Convention”—in an unassembled convention:
 - i. The Official Committee, or a subcommittee of its members that it appoints, shall serve as the Committees on Credentials, Nominations, and Standing Rules. The Official Committee shall act on those reports on behalf of the Convention.
 - ii. Delegates may cast their ballots at one or more polling locations within or adjacent to the area represented by the Official Committee. Military Delegates may still participate as provided in Article VIII.
 - iii. For any office or nomination to be made by the convention, the Official Committee may provide for a) ranked choice voting and a majority winner, or b) for a plurality winner, or c) for a majority winner with multiple ballots, all without respect to whether the initial call included ranked choice voting.
 - iv. In a contest where it is necessary to determine the outcome, ties will be decided by drawing of lots.
 - b. “Bifurcated Convention”—In a bifurcated convention, the nomination of a candidate for U.S. House of Representatives will proceed as described in (a), after which the Convention will adjourn to a date, time, and location selected by the Official Committee to carry on the remaining business of the Convention

Provided that this Article shall expire on July 28,2020.

History of Article XII

Article XII prior to April 18 Meeting

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Provided that this Article shall expire upon the expiration of orders referenced above or July 31, 2020, whichever is earlier.

Amendments adopted at April 18 Meeting

Amendment # 1

In Article XII, in the final sentence, strike out “upon the expiration of the orders referenced above, or July 31, 2020, whichever is earlier” and insert “on July 28,2020”.

Amendment # 2

Insert in Article XII, after paragraph 2, the following:

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