

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ALABAMA DELEGATION  
TO THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The information which was furnished you in Bulletin No. 1 is supplemented by the following:

The Election of District Chairmen

Under the rules adopted by the State Committee, the five delegates from each of the nine old congressional districts must elect a district chairman. That person has no official function but he is entitled to one full vote as compared to one-half vote for the other four district delegates.

There is no prescribed manner of selecting the district chairman. You may use any method you choose. It is necessary, however, that within the next two weeks you arrive at a chairman for each of the districts. You may have a meeting or you may handle the entire matter by telephone except for signing the necessary form. At least three of the delegates from each district should sign and return one copy of the certification form, a copy of which is furnished to each delegate.

Challenge

As you have doubtless read in the newspapers and by letters which you have received, a resolution has been adopted by the Alabama Independent Democratic Party challenging each of the members of the delegation who will not affirm their support for the national nominee. We have received no official word of the acceptance of such challenge by the Credentials Committee. I am inclined to believe, however, that the Committee will treat this resolution as a valid challenge. In addition, press reports indicate the likelihood of a second challenge from an out of state source.

It will of course be my position that each delegate selected by the people is entitled to his seat. Rather than sit back in a defensive position I propose at an appropriate time to take offensive measures calculated to improve our position over that of the past.

The matter cannot be tentatively resolved before the Credentials Committee meets the week before the election. Some indications may well be apparent before that time however.

I have been informally advised that since the four standing committees (i.e., Credentials, Permanent Organization, Rules, and Platform) begin their meetings before the matter can be finally worked out, it is quite possible that Alabama's representatives on these committees will be required to take a loyalty oath before being allowed to participate in the affairs of the respective committees. The action which I contemplate taking may alter this discrimination against Alabama.

Room Reservations

We have received responses to our request for room reservations from a great many of the members of the delegation. It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that those who have not yet sent them in do so as quickly as possible. We very much want to make sure that no member of the delegation will be denied a room because of failure to make a reservation.

The number of rooms allocated to us does not insure more than one room to any member of the delegation. There may be a slight increase in rates over those previously quoted. We will inform you as to the final rate commitment by the hotel as soon as it is received.

#### Tickets to Convention Meetings

Final arrangements for the Convention have not been agreed upon. At this time, however, the indications are that tickets to the spectators' section of the Amphitheatre will be limited to only about 2,000 seats. Perhaps the situation will improve in the weeks ahead. For the present, however, it appears that tickets to the Convention sessions will be extraordinarily scarce. This probability should be taken into account in making plans for various members of your families to accompany you.

#### Resignations

We sincerely hope that every member of the delegation will be in a position to join together at the Convention in working constructively for our state. If by reason of health, personal difficulty or other cause, it should become apparent that any member of the delegation will be unable to attend the Convention, it would help greatly if such person would notify us immediately. We will need every possible advantage at the Convention. Last minute replacements may prove to be a very troublesome thing and we ask your cooperation in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob", written in dark ink.

Robert S. Vance, Chairman

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That under the authority, and subject to the terms and provisions of the Primary Election Laws of Alabama as contained in Chapter 2 of Title 17, Code of Alabama of 1940, Re-compiled 1958, and the amendments thereto, a Democratic Primary Election is hereby ordered to be held throughout the State of Alabama on Tuesday, May 5, 1970, and, if necessary, as provided by law, a second Democratic Primary Election is hereby ordered to be held throughout the State of Alabama on Tuesday, June 2, 1970.

2. That such Primary Election shall be the Primary Election of the Democratic Party of Alabama, and it shall be held and conducted in all respects in accordance with the Primary Election laws of Alabama above mentioned.

3. (a) That in said Primary Elections there shall be nominated Democratic candidates for all State, District, Circuit, Federal, County and Precinct offices to be filled in the General Election to be held in November, 1970.

(b) That in said Primary Elections there shall be elected 106 members of the State Democratic Executive Committee from the Districts and Places as hereinafter provided, and that the 106 members thus elected together with the 5 other members selected in accordance with the Rules of the said Committee shall be and constitute the State Democratic Executive Committee of Alabama. There shall also be elected in each County a County Democratic Executive Committee.

(c) That if a legally qualified candidate for nomination or election to any office or to any Democratic Party office is unopposed when the last date for certifying candidates has passed, his name shall not be printed on the ballots to be used in said Primary Elections, and he shall be declared as duly nominated or elected, as the case may be, to the office for which he has duly qualified.

4. That the following persons shall be entitled to vote in said Primary Elections, and none others, namely: Qualified electors in this State who believe in the principles of the Democratic Party of Alabama, and who certify by participating in said Primary Elections that they are Democrats. The ballots (including voting machines) for said Primary Elections shall be prepared in the form and with the words required in and by Code of Alabama of 1940, Recompiled 1958, Title 17, Sections 350 and 352.

5. That the following persons, and none others, shall be eligible to be candidates for nomination or election in said Primary Elections, namely: Qualified electors who possess the qualifications fixed by law for the respective offices for which they are candidates for nomination or election, and who believe in the principles of the Democratic Party of Alabama and pledge to abide by the result of said primary; and provided, further, that no person shall become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for judge of a court of record who is under disbarment or suspension at the time he seeks to qualify for such office. Each such proposed candidate shall also be required to pay, as hereinafter provided, the assessment or entrance fee fixed or levied by this Committee or fixed or levied by his County Democratic Executive Committee, if he becomes a candidate for nomination for County office.

6. That candidates for nomination or for election for all of said offices shall, on or before 12:00 noon on February 28, 1970 in addition to paying the prescribed assessments, file with the Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee in all offices except County offices, and for County offices with the Chairman of the respective County Democratic Executive Committees, a verified declaration of Candidacy as follows:

"I hereby declare myself to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination (or election) in the Primary Elections to be held on Tuesday, the 5th

day of May, 1970, and on Tuesday, the 2nd day of June, 1970, for the office of \_\_\_\_\_.

"I hereby certify that I am a Democrat; that I am a qualified elector of the State of Alabama; that I subscribe to the principles of the Democratic Party of Alabama; that I possess the qualifications fixed by law for the office for which I am a candidate. I do pledge myself to abide by the result of this primary election and to aid and support all the nominees thereof in the ensuing general election.

"If I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Judge of a Court of Record, I further certify that at the time of filing this Declaration of Candidacy I am not under disbarment or suspension."

7. That after a candidate pays his entrance or assessment fees, if such candidate in writing withdraws from the race on or before 12:00 noon on February 28, 1970, then the Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee of Alabama, or the Chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, concerned, is authorized to refund such assessment or entrance fee to such candidate.

8. That in accordance with Section 346, of Title 17 of the Code of Alabama, this Committee, evidencing its desire to enter the Primary Elections ordered to be held under the provisions of said Primary Election law, shall give proper notice thereof by filing, in accordance with said Section 346, a copy of this Resolution with the Secretary of State of Alabama, and the Chairman of this Committee is authorized to prepare, execute and file said copy.

9. That the following entrance fees, or assessments against each candidate for nomination or election, in such Primary Elections, except as to County offices, be, and the same hereby are, fixed or levied by this Committee:

(a) Against each candidate for nomination for any remunerative office other than a County office, and except

as herein provided, 2% of the salary of such office for the first year of the new term from every lawful source, including supplements from the counties for Circuit Judges and District Attorneys, but not including expense allowances to Circuit Judges, District Attorneys, United States Senators and Congressmen; except, however, that in case of candidates for remunerative office for an unexpired term, or an initial short term of 3 months to and including two years, the amounts to be paid shall be one-half of the amount which would be paid if said candidate were running for a full term, and in case of candidates for a short term of less than three months, the amount to be paid shall be \$10.00 for such short term.

(b) Against each candidate for the U. S. House of Representatives, one-half the amount provided above in paragraph (a).

(c) Against each candidate for Lieutenant Governor, State Senate or the State House of Representatives, \$100.00.

(d) Against each candidate for the State Board of Education, \$25.00.

(e) Against each candidate for the State Democratic Executive Committee, \$10.00.

10. That no candidate for nomination for any office other than a county office and no candidate for election as a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, who fails to pay the assessment required to be paid by him on or before 12:00 noon on February 28, 1970, or fails to file his declaration in the form herein prescribed on or before 12:00 noon on February 28, 1970, to and with the Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee of Alabama shall have his name printed on the ballot, nor shall votes for such candidate so failing to qualify be counted. Likewise, that no candidate for nomination for any County office or for election as a member of a County Democratic Executive Committee who fails to pay the assessment required to be paid by him on or before 12:00 noon on February 28, 1970, or fails to file his declaration in the form herein prescribed on or before 12:00 noon on February 28, 1970, to and with the Chair-

man of his County Democratic Executive Committee, shall have his name printed on the ballot, nor shall votes for such candidate so failing to qualify be counted.

11. That, within the limits provided by law and the Rules of this Committee, the authority of this Committee to fix entrance, or qualifying fees or assessments of candidates for Democratic nomination for County offices, is hereby vested in the several County Democratic Executive Committees of this State, insofar as the 1970 Primary Elections are concerned.

12. That the Chairman of this Committee be, and he hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to appoint a sub-committee of five, consisting of the Chairman of this Committee, who will be the chairman of the sub-committee, and four members of this committee, and such sub-committee shall have all the powers of this Committee to supervise the holding of the primary elections herein ordered, including the canvassing of the declaration of result and the certification of those nominated, and/or elected, and the said sub-committee shall perform all of the duties required by law of this Committee in said Primary Elections except the duties reposed by law on the Chairman.

13. That no County Democratic Executive Committee of any County of the State shall pass any resolution in the premises in conflict herewith.

14. That a copy of this resolution be sent by the Chairman of this Committee to the Chairman of each County Democratic Executive Committee of the State for their guidance and compliance.

15. That if, in the opinion of the Chairman of this Committee, it becomes necessary for any further action to be taken in connection with such primaries or the details pertaining thereto, the Chairman of this Committee is hereby authorized to act for and on behalf of this Committee.

16. If any sentence, clause, term, provision, or part of this resolution should be held invalid or ineffective by any Court or officer such holding shall not invalidate or effect the remainder of this resolution.

17. The provisions of Act No. 221 passed in the 1961 Special Session of the Legislature of Alabama and approved on September 15, 1961 (Ala. Code, Title 17, Section 153(1), 1958 ed.) relative to the numbering of places where there are two or more offices of the same classification or category to be nominated or elected, are hereby adopted and hereby made a part of the procedure for the qualification, voting and election of Party Officers. Said provisions shall not be construed, however, in such manner as to conflict with paragraph 18 hereof concerning the allocation of places on the State Democratic Executive Committee to specific areas within a District. Inasmuch as said Act No. 221 applies to all elective offices for which candidates are to be nominated in the Primary Elections hereinabove ordered, it is declared and ordered that every candidate for nomination or election in the aforesaid Primary Elections herein called, and who is a candidate for an office of a class where two or more persons are to be nominated or elected in said Primary Elections, shall designate by number in his declaration of candidacy, for which of the numbered places he is a candidate.

18. That the Districts and Places for election of the 106 elected Members of the State Democratic Executive Committee shall be allocated among the counties in the same manner as State House of Representatives Districts but that the Places within certain counties shall be assigned to specific geographical areas within the District in accordance with the Rules of the Committee. Such allocation as modified by such assignment shall be and constitute the official designation of the areas by and from which the said 106 Members of the State Democratic Executive Committee are elected and the same shall be as follows:

District 1, Places No. 1 and No. 2: Lauderdale County  
District 2, Places No. 1 and No. 2: Limestone and  
Lawrence Counties



District 3, Madison County shall be divided as follows:

Place No. 1: All of Madison County outside the City of Huntsville,

Places No. 2 and 3: Huntsville Wards 1 and 4,

Places No. 4 and No. 5: The remainder of the City of Huntsville and including Wards 2, 3 and 5;

District 4, Jackson County;

District 5, Places No. 1 and No. 2, Colbert and Franklin Counties;

District 6, Places No. 1 and No. 2, Morgan County;

District 7, Places No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3, Marshall and Cullman Counties;

District 8, Places No. 1 and No. 2, DeKalb and Cherokee Counties;

District 9, Marion and Winston Counties;

District 10, Blount County;

District 11, Places No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3, Etowah County;

District 12, Lamar and Fayette Counties;

District 13, Places No. 1 and No. 2, Walker County;

District 14, Jefferson County shall be divided as follows:

Place No. 1: Pct. 1-Box 14, Pct. 9-Box 14, Pct. 25-Boxes 1,2,6 and 8;

Place No. 2: Pct. 25-Boxes 3,4,7,10 and 11;

Place No. 3: Pct. 24-Boxes 2,3 and 4, Pct. 25-Box 9, and Pct. 10-Box 6;

Place No. 4: Pct. 12, Pct. 13, Pct. 14-Box 1, Pct. 15 and Pct. 25-Box 5;

Place No. 5: Pct. 10-Boxes 4 and 13, Pct. 17-Box 1, Pct. 18-Box 1, Pct. 20-Box 2, Pct. 22;

Place No. 6: Pct. 18-Box 2, Pct. 19, Pct. 20-Box 1, Pct. 21;

Place No. 7: Pct. 10-Boxes 14,15 and 17, Pct. 17-Box 2, Pct. 23;

Place No. 8: Pct. 10-Boxes 2,3,5 and 16, Pct. 14-Box 2;

Place No. 9: Pct. 10-Boxes 1,6,7,8,9,10 and 11;

Place No. 10: Pct. 8-Boxes 2,3,4 and 8, Pct. 24-Box 1;

Place No. 11: Pct. 7-Boxes 2,3 and 4, Pct. 8-Boxes 7 and 9, Pct. 10-Box 12;

Place No. 12: Pct. 8-Boxes 1 and 6, Pct. 9-Boxes 4 and 16;

Place No. 13: Pct. 6-Box 3, Pct. 7-Boxes 1 and 5, Pct. 9-Boxes 1,2,11,13 and 17;

Place No. 14: Pct. 9-Boxes 3,5,6,8 and 10;

Place No. 15: Pct. 2-Box 1, Pct. 5-Boxes 4 and 5, Pct. 9-Boxes 7,9 and 12;

Place No. 16: Pct. 4-Boxes 1 and 2, Pct. 5-Boxes 1,2 and 3, Pct. 6-Boxes 1,2,4 and 5;

Place No. 17: Pct. 2-Boxes 2 and 3, Pct. 1-Boxes 11,13,16,18 and 26, Pct. 9-Box 15;

Place No. 18: Pct. 1-Boxes 5,8,15,19,20,22,23 and 25;

Place No. 19: Pct. 1-Boxes 1,7,9,24,28,29,30 and 31;

Place No. 20: Pct. 1-Boxes 2,3,4,6,12,14,17,

21, 27 and 32, and all other precincts and boxes in Jefferson County.

District 15, St. Clair County;

District 16, Places No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3, Calhoun County;

District 17, Pickens and Greene Counties;

District 18, Tuscaloosa County, Shall be divided as follows:

Places No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3: All of that part of Tuscaloosa County South and East of the Warrior River.

Places No. 4: All of Tuscaloosa County North and West of the Warrior River;

District 19, Shelby County;

District 20, Places No. 1 and No. 2, Talladega County;

District 21, Clay and Coosa Counties;

District 22, Cleburne and Randolph Counties;

District 23, Hale and Bibb Counties;

District 24, Chilton County;

District 25, Tallapoosa County;

District 26, Chambers County;

District 27, Places No. 1 and No. 2, Sumter, Marengo and Perry Counties;

District 28, Places No. 1 and No. 2, Dallas County;

District 29, Autauga and Lowndes Counties;

District 30, Elmore County;

District 31, Places No. 1 and No. 2, Macon, Bullock and Barbour Counties;

District 32, Places No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3, Lee and Russell Counties;

District 33, Places No. 1 and No. 2, Choctaw, Clarke and Washington Counties;

District 34, Places No. 1 and No. 2, Wilcox, Monroe and Conecuh Counties;

District 35, Montgomery County, Shall be divided as follows:

Place No. 1: Pct. 2N, 2S-1, 2S-2,

Place No. 2: Pct. 4, 7W, 6S, 6N, 18, [As such

Place No. 3: Pct. 5E, 5-W-1, 5-W-2, precincts

Place No. 4: Pct. 7E, 23N, 23S, 8,

Place No. 5: Pct. 1, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, were as of

14, 15-1, 15-2, 16, 17, 19, 22 and any

other precincts;

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District 36, Places No. 1 and No. 2, Butler, Crenshaw and Pike Counties;

District 37, Mobile County, Shall be divided as follows:

Places No. 1 and No. 2: Prichard, Chickasaw, Saraland and Precincts 10 and 10A,

Places No. 3 and 4: City of Mobile Wards 29 and 30 together with the remainder of Mobile County not in the City of Mobile and not in Places 1 and 2,

Places No. 5 and No. 6: City of Mobile Wards 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31 and 32,

Place No. 7 and No. 8: City of Mobile Wards 4, 6, 7, 8, 15, 16, 17, 19 and 26,

Place No. 9 and No. 10: The remainder of  
the City of Mobile and including Wards 5,  
18, 27, 28, 35, 36, 37 and 38;

District 38, Places No. 1 and No. 2, Baldwin County;

District 39, Escambia County;

District 40, Places No. 1 and No. 2, Covington and  
Geneva Counties;

District 41, Coffee County;

District 42, Dale County;

District 43, Places No. 1 and No. 2, Houston and  
Henry Counties.