

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT 5**

### **Restoration of Missing Language About the State Committee**

#### *Synopsis of Amendment*

Proposed amendment restores Article II, Section 1, sub-sections (a), (b), and (c)i, ii, and iii from the 2009 NYS Party rules describing State Committee powers, units of representation, and election of members.

#### *Rationale*

The rules adopted at the September 19, 2016 organizational meeting of the State Committee went from Article I, Section 2, sub-section (e) on the bottom of page two, to Article II, Section 1, sub-section (c)iv at the top of page three. Article II, sub-sections (a), (b), and (c)i, ii, iii are missing and the information contained in these sections in previous versions of the rules is necessary and not present elsewhere in the rules.

#### *Changes to Language*

All proposed language below is new, copied exactly from the 2009 Party rules.

### **ARTICLE II. PARTY ORGANIZATION**

#### **Section 1: State Committee**

(a) The State Committee shall be the official organization of the Democratic Party of the State of New York, and shall possess such powers and perform such duties as may be fixed by statute or prescribed by these rules.

(b) The unit of representation of the State Committee shall be the Assembly District, from which the members of the State Committee shall be elected. Except upon the vote for the designation of candidates for

any office to be filled by the voters of the entire state, each Assembly District shall be entitled to two votes.

(c) Members of the State Committee shall be elected as follows:

(i) In each Assembly District which comprises a whole county or is entirely within a county, there shall be elected two members of the State Committee, each of whom shall have one vote.

(ii) In each Assembly District which comprises two or more whole counties, two members shall be elected from each whole county, and each member so elected to cast a proportionate part of the two votes to which the Assembly District is entitled.

(iii) In each Assembly District which comprises one or more whole counties and one or more parts of counties, each whole county shall be entitled to elect two members and each part of a county shall be entitled to elect two members, and the members so elected shall be entitled to cast a proportionate share of the vote to which the Assembly District is entitled.