



Obama Texas County / Senate District Convention FAQ's

Q: If I wasn't elected as a Delegate, how can I help Barack Obama at the County/Senate District Conventions?

Alternates: If you are an Alternate, you should attend. If a Delegate does not show up, you may be needed to fill his/her spot.

Observers: You can observe the County Convention proceedings. All meetings are open to visitors and the press. Contact your local Obama organizer or convention delegation to find out how to volunteer.

Q: What if I am a Delegate and cannot attend?

If you are a Delegate and are unable to attend, it is very important to find someone who was elected as an Alternate to go in your place to the County Convention. The substitution process is simple. Give your Alternate a simple note that they will use to pick up your credential. The note should read something like:

"I, Joe Smith, delegate for Barack Obama in Precinct 266, appoint John Doe, an Obama Alternate from Pct 266 to take my seat at this County Convention." [Sign and date the note].

At the County Convention, John Doe will simply present the note and will be able to pick up the Delegate credential.

Note: If you need assistance finding an Alternate substitute, we can identify one for you. Please reach out to your local field organizer or Delegation Chair for assistance in identifying that person.

Q: Will the Obama campaign be conducting any training sessions or providing training materials about the County/Senate District Conventions?

Yes. The campaign will provide both training sessions and written materials explaining the County/Senate District Convention process. Please contact your local Obama office or field organizer for more information. You can also call the Obama for America Texas headquarters at (512) 476-2008 for additional information.

Q: Are there any costs to participate?

There are no fees to participate in the Texas Democratic Party County/Senate District Conventions. Each county has to cover the costs of their convention, so they may ask for donations to help. You are free to give what you can, but you do not have to pay anything to participate.

Q: I can't find any early registration for my county. Am I missing something?

Each County Convention will credential their delegates differently (typically there will be a sign-in form). Please make sure to arrive early, so that you are signed in and seated when the County Convention is called to order. The most important vote is the Presidential Poll which will occur in the first hour of the convention.

Q: I want to help get other Obama supporters to the convention. How can I help?

Please email Texas@BarackObama.com with your county and precinct number if you know it, and we will help you make phone calls to other Delegates and Alternates.

Q: I would like to be a Delegate to the State Convention. What is the process?

Two ways:

Run as a Delegate: Delegates elected at their Precinct Convention are eligible to run for State Delegate at their County/Senate District Convention.

Be selected by the Nominations Committee at the County Convention: Though this process is less common, any person who voted in the March 4, 2008 Democratic Primary is eligible to be elected by the County Convention Nominations Committee to be an At-Large Delegate to the State Convention.

Q: How can I become a delegate to the National Convention in Denver?

Delegates to the National Convention are selected at the June 6-8th Texas Democratic State Convention in Austin. Details about the process are available on the Texas Democratic Party's website at: www.TXDemocrats.org

Q: How can I get additional questions answered?

You can visit www.Texas.BarackObama.com or email Texas@BarackObama.com. You can also call the Obama for America Texas Headquarters at (512) 476-2008.

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