



II. State of Tennessee Primary Election Laws [4-2.5]

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Part 3
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- 2-13-315. Certification of political party's delegates.

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The delegate-candidate, or delegate-candidates, according to the number allocated for any presidential candidate or for the uncommitted designation, receiving the highest number of votes shall be certified as that political party's delegate or delegates to the party's national convention.

[Acts 1976, ch. 421, § 15; T.C.A., § 2-1355.]

- 2-13-316. Vacancies in delegation.
- 2-13-317. Binding effect of presidential primary.

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The results of the preferential presidential primary shall be binding on the delegates to the national conventions as provided in this section. The delegates to the national conventions shall be bound by the results of the preferential presidential primary for the first two (2) ballots *(NOTE: the Green Party of TN is not recognized as a party currently by the state. Therefore, it is Green Party of Tennessee's opinion the state laws would not be applicable until the Green Party of Tennessee is officially recognized by the state elections regulating body.)*

and shall vote for the candidate to whom they are pledged as provided in § 2-13-307.

The delegates shall thereafter be bound to support such candidate so long as the candidate, not to exceed two (2) ballots, has twenty percent (20%) of the total convention vote or until such time the candidate of their party releases them from the results of the presidential preference primary.

[Acts 1976, ch. 421, § 17; T.C.A., § 2-1357.]

- 2-13-318. Legislative intent.
- 2-13-319. Conduct of elections.
- 2-13-320. Election to fill vacancies in county legislative body — Date.

III. [4-2.7(a)]

(excerpted from Green Party of Tennessee Nomination Convention rules as approved March 3, 2008)

III. RULES FOR ALLOCATION OF DELEGATES TO CANDIDATES

- A. Allocation of delegates will be proportional to the results of STV tally of Presidential voting, rounding if necessary using standard accounting practices.
- B. Half delegate allocations will be committed to candidates if allowable by GPUS rules.
- C. The number of votes necessary for a candidate to receive a delegate will be equal to the number of votes cast divided by the number of delegates allotted to Tennessee by the GPUS. Candidates that do not receive the minimum threshold for 1 delegate will not qualify for a half delegate.
- D. Once a candidate receives enough votes to qualify for one whole delegate, he or she will not be eliminated in subsequent rounds of voting and may qualify for additional delegates or half delegate.

IV. [4-2.7(b)], [4-2.7(c)] N/A,

[4-2.7 (d)]

According to State Bylaws:

“2. Only candidates recognized by the Green Party of the US who are seeking the Green Party presidential nomination shall be considered. “

Article V

C. Nominating Convention

1. For presidential elections, a Presidential Nominating Convention shall be called at a minimum one month before the Green Party of the US Presidential nominating convention.

2. Only candidates recognized by the Green Party of the US who are seeking the Green Party presidential nomination shall be considered.

[4-2.7(e)] See [4-2.7 (d)] .