

2016 County Convention Guide

SEATING OF ALTERNATES

If a delegate is unable to attend all or part of the convention, an alternate may take his or her place.

1. A delegate may name his or her own alternate in writing on the designated form to the credentials committee.
2. If a delegate fails to name an alternate, the credentials committee shall seat an alternate based on the following priority order.
 - a. Alternates of the same preference group and precinct as the delegate on a first come, first served basis.
 - b. Alternates of the same preference group and geographically similar precinct as the delegate.
 - c. Alternates of the same preference group in any precinct.
3. When an alternate has been designated by a duly elected delegate, he/she shall do so only until the originally elected delegate shall appear at the convention and request of the credentials committee chair his/her right to be seated. At such time, the alternate shall turn over his/her credentials and balloting material to the duly elected delegate. However, if the alternate has been selected by the credentials committee per the above rules, and the duly elected delegate has failed to select an alternate, the alternate shall have the right to retain his/her position as a delegate despite the presence of the duly elected delegate. In the event of a dispute between the alternate and the delegate claiming to be duly elected, the preference group delegation immediately resolves the dispute and informs the credentials committee of the resolution of the problem. Either the alternate or the claimed to be duly elected delegate may appeal immediately the decision of the precinct delegation to the conventions credentials committee. The convention shall uphold or overrule, if requested, the decision of the credentials committee. The business of the convention shall continue, unabated, during the resolution of this dispute.
4. If any of the foregoing methods of alternate seating are not used, the proposed alternate shall not be seated.
5. The Credentials Committee shall seat, as expeditiously as possible, any alternate who presents to them, either before or on the day of the convention, proper convention credentials from the appropriate designated representative. The Credentials Committee shall substitute the name of the alternate in place of the delegate for the official convention record.