
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII'S SUPERDELEGATES TO THE 2008 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION TO REFLECT THE APPROXIMATE RATIO OF EACH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE'S SHARE OF VOTES AT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII'S PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE POLL ON FEBRUARY 19, 2008.

1 WHEREAS, "superdelegate" is an informal term used to
2 describe certain delegates to the Democratic National
3 Convention; and

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5 WHEREAS, the term is used to describe an unpledged party
6 leader and unpledged elected official delegates; and

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8 WHEREAS, superdelegates may support any presidential
9 candidate, including one who has withdrawn from the race, and
10 are not restricted to the presidential candidate chosen by the
11 voters in their party's state primary caucus; and

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13 WHEREAS, this process was established in the 1980s as a
14 mechanism to accord active elected officials a greater role in
15 the Democratic Party's annual national convention; and

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17 WHEREAS, at the 2008 Democratic National Convention,
18 superdelegates will comprise approximately twenty per cent of
19 the total delegates; and

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21 WHEREAS, Hawaii has nine superdelegates out of a total of
22 twenty-nine national delegates; and

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24 WHEREAS, Hawaii's remaining national delegates will be
25 pledged to a presidential candidate based on the approximate
26 ratio of each presidential candidate's share of the votes at the
27 Democratic Party of Hawaii's Presidential Preference Poll on
28 February 19, 2008; and
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1 WHEREAS, the nominating process at the 2008 Democratic
2 National Convention should be a democratic one that reflects the
3 will of the people; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's superdelegates should similarly reflect
6 the approximate ratio of each presidential candidate's share of
7 votes at the Democratic Party of Hawaii's Presidential
8 Preference Poll on February 19, 2008; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
12 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that Hawaii's
13 superdelegates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention are
14 urged to reflect the approximate ratio of each presidential
15 candidate's share of votes at the Democratic Party of Hawaii's
16 Presidential Preference Poll on February 19, 2008; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the
20 Democratic Party of Hawaii, who in turn, is requested to
21 transmit a copy to each of the superdelegates of the Democratic
22 Party of Hawaii.
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