
HOUSE 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9 candidate, including one who has withdrawn from the race, and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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30 WHEREAS, the nominating process at the 2008 Democratic
31 National Convention should be a democratic one that reflects the
32 will of the people; and



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 2 WHEREAS, Hawaii's superdelegates should similarly reflect
 3 the approximate ratio of each presidential candidate's share of
 4 votes at the Democratic Party of Hawaii's Presidential
 5 Preference Poll on February 19, 2008; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 8 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 9 Session of 2008, that Hawaii's superdelegates to the 2008
 10 Democratic National Convention are urged to reflect the
 11 approximate ratio of each presidential candidate's share of
 12 votes at the Democratic Party of Hawaii's Presidential
 13 Preference Poll on February 19, 2008; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 16 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Democratic Party
 17 of Hawaii, who in turn, is requested to transmit a copy to each
 18 of the superdelegates of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.
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