



**From the Office of the Secretary of the State
165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106**

March 23, 2026

To all Town Clerks:

Re: Selection of Delegates

We are enclosing the required forms in connection with the selection of delegates to conventions under Sections 9-390, 9-391, 9-393, and 9-395 of the General Statutes.

Selection of Delegates

Delegates to conventions must be selected, in accordance with the rules of the party, by one of two methods prescribed by Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-390. The two methods are: (1) Selection made by party enrolled members of such party in such municipality in a caucus or (2) Selection made by the town committee of such party.

Notice of Caucus

If a caucus is the endorsing authority of delegates, the town chairman or their designee must give notice in a newspaper having general circulation in the town of the date, time, location and purpose of such caucus held. The notice must be given not less than five full days before the date set for the caucus; provided, if the rules of the party in any municipality require earlier notice, the party rules shall prevail. Please refer to the November 3, 2026, State Election Calendar, which is available [here](#). C.G.S. §9-390

To reduce the likelihood of inadvertent failures-to-endorse, you may wish to remind the party officials in your town that (a) all delegate selections must be made only between **March 24 and March 31, 2026**, and (b) **selections must be certified to the Town Clerk by April 1, 2026**. The failure to file a timely certification nullifies an otherwise timely selection, and such a situation is **not** a "vacancy," which may be filled at a later date.

Selection of Delegates from Political Subdivision

If delegates are to be selected from a political subdivision (i.e. part of a town), only the enrolled party members or town committee members, as the case may be, from such political subdivision may participate, except that (1) in a municipality in which the town committee is elected at-large and is the selecting authority, the town committee as a whole shall select, and (2) in a municipality in which the town committee is elected from political subdivisions and is the selecting authority, whenever no member of the town committee resides in such political subdivision or district from which the selection is to be made, the town committee as a whole shall select.

Selection of Delegates Deemed Lawful

If delegates are selected in accordance with the provisions of party rules and by one of the methods discussed above, the delegates shall be deemed to have been lawfully selected. **There is no longer an opportunity to primary for delegate selection.**

Notification of Selection of Delegates

The selection of delegates must be certified to the clerk of the municipality by the chairman or presiding officer or the secretary of the town committee or caucus not later than 4:00 pm. on April 1, 2026. Each such certificate shall contain the name and street address of each person selected, the position as delegate, and the name or number of the political subdivision or district for which each such person is selected. If such a certificate of a party's selection is not received by the clerk of the municipality by this deadline, such party shall be deemed to have neither made nor certified any selection of any person for the position of delegate. **Please Note:** The State Central Committees of each political party will provide this form to the town chairs.

Vacancies in Delegation

The rules of a party may provide methods for the filling of vacancies in delegations to the convention, which methods may include prescribing that each delegate selected in conformity with the Connecticut General Statutes may designate an alternate delegate or a proxy to act for such delegate in their absence.

A. Notices of Delegate Selections

We are enclosing two forms for use during the delegate selection: (1) the notice of certification of party-selected delegates and (2) the notice for failure to receive certification of party-selected delegates. The Town Clerk is required to publish the notice under Section 9-395. The Secretary of the State is required to prescribe the form of the notice. One copy of each of the prescribed forms of Notice of Selected Delegates (ED-616), and Failure to Select (ED-617) is enclosed. (The Town Clerk must forthwith publish any change in the party-selected candidates listing such changes.)

If you have any questions in connection with these forms, or if we can be of service to you in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Lewis Button at (860) 509-6100.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Thomas
Secretary of the State
Enclosures (ED-616 and ED-617)

Information copies to:

Registrars of Voters (letter only)
Republican and Democratic State Central Committees

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**Prescribed form of Legal Notice re:
Party-Selected Delegates to Conventions**

To be published by Town Clerk, under Section 9-395 of the General Statutes

Legal Notice

A certified list(s) of party-selected candidates for the _____
(Party)

Party in the Town of _____ for participation as
(Name of Town)

Delegates to the convention(s) of said Party specified below is on

file in my office at _____,
(Address)

Connecticut and copies are available for public distribution:

Convention(s)

Town Clerk of _____

(Town) _____

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**Prescribed form of Legal Notice re:
Failure to Receive Party-Selected Delegates to Conventions
To be Published by Town Clerk, under Section 9-395 of the General Statutes**

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that I failed to receive within the time limited in

Section 9-391 of the General Statutes the certifications of names of any

persons as party-selected delegates of the _____ Party
(Party)

in the Town of _____ as Delegates to the
(Town Name)

Convention of said party specified below:

Convention(s)

Town Clerk of

(Town)

**De La Oficina Del Secretario De Estado
165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT 06106**

Delegados seleccionados por el partido a las convenciones

A ser publicado por el secretario municipal, conforme al § 9-395 de los Estatutos
Generales

Aviso legal

Una(s) lista(s) certificada(s) de los candidatos seleccionados del partido

(Party)

en la municipalidad de _____ para su participación en
(Name of Town)

función de **delegados a la(s) convención(es)** de dicho partido según se especifica a
continuación consta(n) en el archivo en mi oficina en la
_____, Connecticut y copias de las
(Address)

cuales están disponibles para distribución al público:

Convención(es)

Town Clerk of

(Town)

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Omisión de recibir delegados seleccionados por el partido a convenciones

A ser publicado por el secretario municipal, conforme al §9-395 de los Estatutos Generales

Aviso legal

Por la presente se notifica que dentro del plazo estipulado en el §9-391 de los Estatutos Generales no recibí las certificaciones de los nombres de ninguna

persona nombrada delegado seleccionado del partido _____
(Party)

en la municipalidad de _____ en función de
(Town Name)

delegados a la convención de dicho partido según se especifica a continuación:

Convención(es)

Town Clerk of

(Town)