

### ***GPUS Credentials Application Item #3: State law regarding the selection of delegates to a national convention***

The relevant laws for the state of Massachusetts are contained in:

“The General Laws of Massachusetts” or “MGL” (<http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/>).

The pertinent chapter of the MGL relating to candidates, nominations, delegate and elector selection, and related matters is Chapter 53.

Of the many Sections in this Chapter, of primary relevance are 53:70B and 53:70I.

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**53:70B Delegates to national conventions; election; number** (<http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/53-70b.htm>) reads:

#### **Chapter 53: Section 70B. Delegates to national conventions; election; number**

Section 70B. In any year in which candidates for presidential electors are to be elected, the selection of delegates and alternate delegates to national conventions of political parties shall be by that system adopted by the state committee, provided such system shall not include the placing of the names of delegates on the presidential primary ballot; and provided, further, that the distribution of delegates under any such system shall reflect the preference expressed by the voters on the presidential preference portion of the ballot at the presidential primary. The system adopted by the state committee shall be set forth in written rules and procedures covering all aspects of the delegate selection process and a copy of such rules and procedures shall be filed with the state secretary on or before October first of the year preceding the year in which presidential electors are to be elected. The number of district delegates and alternate district delegates, not less than two from each congressional district, and the number of delegates and alternate delegates at large shall be fixed by the state committee, who shall give notice thereof to the state secretary on or before the first Tuesday in January. At such primaries, members of the state, ward and town committees shall also be chosen as provided in chapter fifty-two.

**53:70I Delegates and alternate delegates to national conventions; voting for president on first roll call** (<http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/53-70i.htm>) reads:

#### **Chapter 53: Section 70I. Delegates and alternate delegates to national conventions; voting for president on first roll call**

Section 70I. If there is a roll call vote for president at the national convention of a political party, all delegates and alternate delegates whose selection is subject by party rule to the approval of a presidential candidate shall vote on the first such roll call for that presidential candidate unless released by such candidate.