Section 5 – Vacancies in Ward/Precinct Officers or County Central Committee Members

5.4 – Appointing Officers for New Wards/Precincts

5.4.1 – Wards
If new wards are created, the County Chair shall appoint the officers of the new wards. Realignment or creation of a new ward structure and/or the creation of new wards, as well as the filling of any new officer positions, is subject to approval by a majority vote of the County Central Committee.

5.4.2 – Precincts
When new precincts are created in a county in accordance with New Mexico law, precinct officers shall be appointed by the Ward Chair within thirty (30) days; if not, by the County Chair.

5.4.3 – County Central Committee Members and Delegates from New Precincts
Positions on the County Central Committee and Delegates to a Convention are normally apportioned/allocated based on calculations using the average of the number of votes for the Democratic Party’s candidates for Governor and for President in the previous two General Elections (Article III, Section 2, Rule 2.3.3 and Section 5, Rule 5.1). When new precincts are created, there is no data that can be used for those calculations, with complete data unavailable for a period of up to two (2) years.

A. When no election performance data is available, then a previously existing precinct that has been split into multiple precincts will meet as one precinct to elect the original precinct’s apportioned/allocated County Central Committee or Delegates (per Article III, Section 2, Rule 2.3.3 and Section 5, Rule 5.1) on an at-large basis, with the multiple precinct chairs serving as co-chairs at the meeting.

B. When election performance data for only the previous General Election is available, the apportionment/allocation for the original precinct will be calculated (per Article III, Section 2, Rule 2.3.3 and Section 5, Rule 5.1) and that number will then be divided among the multiple precincts equitably, based on the results of the previous General Election.