



**DEMOCRATS ABROAD**

## **Global Presidential Primary**

**February 5-12, 2008**

### **Information for voters**

The Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary will take place from February 5-12, 2008 with voting by Internet, mail, fax, and in person at Voting Centers in more than 30 countries around the world, including New Delhi! ***That's right - for the first time, registered Democratic voters can vote in a Presidential Primary right here in India's capital!***

This Global Primary takes place alongside state primaries being held throughout the United States. As an American citizen living in India you have the option of voting in the Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary or in a state presidential primary.

#### **WHY NOT VOTE BACK HOME?**

Democrats Abroad encourages overseas voters to participate in the Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary because:

- The process of overseas voting is made easier in the Global Presidential Primary, which allows voting by Internet and in person.
- Given this year's early primary schedule, ballots requested may not arrive in time to complete and return.
- If your voting state votes by caucus, you would have to fly home to participate!
- Your vote will count alongside those of other members of Democrats Abroad towards the allocation of Democrats Abroad's 22 delegates to the Democratic National Convention. As such, your individual vote carries significantly more weight than a vote in a state primary or caucus.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

To vote in the Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary, you must:

- Be a member of Democrats Abroad, the official overseas arm of the Democratic Party of the United States
- Be age 18 or over on November 4, 2008
- Be temporarily or permanently resident outside the United States
- Not vote in any other state presidential primary or caucus

#### **REGISTERING FOR THE DEMOCRATS ABROAD PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY**

To vote in the Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary you must be a registered member of Democrats Abroad. There are no membership fees. Simply complete the online membership form at [www.DemocratsAbroad.org/join](http://www.DemocratsAbroad.org/join).



## **VOTING**

If you are a member of Democrats Abroad, in January 2008 you will be sent detailed instructions on selecting your preferred voting method: Internet voting, paper ballot (by mail or fax), or in person at our Voting Center in New Delhi. Details will also be posted online at [DemocratsAbroad.org](http://DemocratsAbroad.org) and publicized in the press so that other Democratic voters can participate in the Global Primary.

In order to vote by Internet, mail, or fax, you must be a registered member of Democrats Abroad by January 31, 2008. To vote in person, you may join Democrats Abroad on the spot and vote immediately at a Voting Center.

## **YOUR STATE PRIMARY**

If you participate in the Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary, ***you may not*** vote for President in your voting-state primary or caucus. (Your "voting state" is the last place you resided before departing the US. If you never resided in the US, most states will accept the last place your parent(s) resided. Contact Democrats Abroad or your local voting registrar for details if required.)

***You may*** choose to request a primary ballot and vote for other offices on your voting-state primary ballot.

## **THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2008**

Even if you register and vote in the Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary, you will need to be registered separately as an absentee voter in your voting state before the general election in November 2008, because on-line voting from abroad will not be available for that election. You can register anytime by completing an online ballot request at [www.VoteFromAbroad.org](http://www.VoteFromAbroad.org), but we'll also remind you next year in good time to meet your state's registration deadline.

## **DELEGATE SELECTION**

Democrats Abroad has the status of a State Party within the Democratic Party. As such, we will send 22 voting Delegates and one or more Alternates to the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado, August 25 -28, 2008. Eight of these Delegate positions are pre-allocated to our eight members of the Democratic National Committee. The other Delegates and Alternate(s) will be elected at Democrats Abroad's Regional Caucuses and Global Convention. If you wish to run for any of these positions, visit [www.DemocratsAbroad.org](http://www.DemocratsAbroad.org) to find out more, or contact [democratsinindia@yahoo.com](mailto:democratsinindia@yahoo.com).