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## OHIO'S PART IN

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CONVENTION DELEGATES - Ohio's delegates and alternates to the Republican and Democratic National Conventions will be chosen at the primaries on June 8, 1976. Under Ohio law, candidates for delegate and alternate must fite their petitions by 4 p.m., March 25, 1976. The petitions must name the first and second choices for President, whose signed consent must have been previously given.

The National Committee of each party will determine the number of delegates and alternates to be efected to its convention. The Republican apportlonment for Onio is 97 delegates - 28 at targe and 3 from each Congressional District. The Democratic National Committee has apportioned 152 votes to Ohio. 114 Dlstrict Delegates will have one vote each and 38 at large delegates will have one vote each. Each National Convention adopts its own governing rules in naming nominees for President and Vice President.

VOTING FOR PRESIDENT - Electing delegates in the June primaries should not be confused with voting for Presldential Electors in the November General Election.

The Federa! Constitution provides for the Electoral College. Each State, in a manner prescribed by its Legislature, must select Presidential Electors equal in number to the number of Senators and Representatives to which the State is entitied in Corgress. In Ohlo, a slate of electors is designated by the State Convention of each Party. Voters will cast thelr ballots at the General Election, November 2, 1976, for 25 Republican Presidential Electors or 25 Democratic Electors, etc.

Under Onio law only the names of the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates appear on the ballot and the voter casts his vote for both with a single " $x$ ". A ballot marked for a candidate for President and Vice President counts as a vote for the Presidential Electors of that candidate.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE - Following the canvass of the votes, the Secretary of State is required to convene the Presidential Electors of the candidate receiving the most votes in the State. Meeting in Columbus, simultaneously on a date selected by Congress for the Electoral College to convene in all State Capitals, the Ohlo Electors will formally cast Ohlo's vote for President and Vice President. This certification is transmitted to washington, where a joint session of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives receives the Electoral College vote and finally declares a President and Vice President elected.


