

Kennedy Won't Be A Delegate, Either

Boston

Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Dem-Mass.), who was expected to lead the Massachusetts delegation to the Democratic National Convention this summer, says he will not go as a delegate.

It was expected that Kennedy, as the head of the state's Democratic Party, would head the at-large slate from Massachusetts.

But Kennedy said Thursday at a meeting with the State House Press Association that he "won't run as an at-large or district candidate" for a spot as a delegate in the April 25 Massachusetts presidential primary.

AFFIDAVIT

Kennedy also said that he filed an affidavit with Massachusetts Secretary of State John F. X. Davoren Thursday saying he will not be a candidate for the Presidency. The disclaimer is necessary to remove his name from the state's presidential primary ballot.

He said he will file a disclaimer in Florida and all other states where necessary.

"I felt it could be legit-

imately misunderstood if I filed an affidavit and announced the heading of an uncommitted slate" to the Miami convention Kennedy said.

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Kennedy said he plans to attend the convention to take part in the platform drafting and to testify before the credentials committee and other committees.

"I see my role between now and the convention as speaking at fund-raising dinners and other events sponsored by the Democratic National Committee," he said.

He said he would not endorse any Democratic contender before the convention but will "actively" support the nominee.

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