

# **Bylaws of the Second Congressional District Committee, Libertarian Party of Virginia**

## **Article I: Name of the Committee**

The name of this organization is the Second Congressional District Committee (“Committee”) of the Libertarian Party of Virginia (“LPVA”).

## **Article II: Membership**

**Section 1:** All members of the Libertarian Party of Virginia and/or sustaining members of the “national” Libertarian Party who reside in the Second Congressional District and who have been members of the LPVA or the “national” Libertarian Party for at least thirty days, are members of the Committee. Only sustaining members of the LP and/or LPVA members who reside in the Second Congressional District are eligible for membership of the Committee.

**Section 2:** For members of both the LPVA and the “national” Libertarian Party, the earlier date on which they joined either organization shall be used to determine eligibility for membership in the Committee.

## **Article III: Officers**

**Section 1:** The officers of the Committee will be a Chair & a Vice Chair. Except when filling a vacancy, officers will be elected by majority vote at conventions of the Committee. Except when filling a vacancy, the term of an officer will last from the end of the convention at which the officer is elected until the end of the subsequent convention.

If a convention is held but officer elections do not take place, the terms of the officers of the Committee shall continue until a subsequent convention when officer elections are held or until they are removed by any other process described in this document.

An officer may be elected by majority vote at a meeting of the Committee to fill a vacant office. The term of an officer elected to fill a vacant office will be from the conclusion of that election until the end of the term of the office for which the vacancy is being filled.

“None of the Above” will be an option in all elections of the Committee. Should a candidate receive no more votes than the number for “None of the Above” in an election for office, that candidate cannot be elected to that office during that election.

**Section 2:** The Chair of the Committee shall preside at all meetings of the Committee, serve as the spokesman for the Committee, and represent the Committee at meetings of the State Central Committee (“SCC”) of the LPVA. Should the Chair be unable to attend an SCC meeting, the Vice Chair shall represent the Committee at the meeting. Should neither the Chair nor the Vice Chair be able to attend an SCC meeting, the Chair may designate a proxy holder to represent the Committee at the meeting.

**Section 3:** The Vice Chair will assume the duties of the Chair in his or her absence.

**Section 4:** The Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected using ranked-choice ballots. The winner of the election shall be determined using the instant-runoff method.

**Section 5:** Candidates for an officer of the Committee must be members of the LPVA. Members of the Committee who are only a member of the “national” Libertarian Party are not eligible to be officers of the Committee. Members of the Committee who are only members of the “national” Libertarian Party are not eligible to vote in conventions of the Committee. Only “sustaining” LPVA members shall be eligible to vote in conventions of the Committee.

**Section 6:** An officer of the Committee may be removed by a two-thirds vote at a meeting of the Committee, provided a quorum of at least ten percent of the membership or at least twenty members are present.

## **Article IV: Meetings**

**Section 1:** Meetings of the Committee will be of two types: regular conventions (henceforth known as conventions) and special conventions. Notice of a meeting and a tentative agenda shall be e-mailed to the membership at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. Meetings will operate according to the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order.

**Section 2:** Conventions of the Committee in which officer elections take place shall take place at least once per year. In the event a convention is not called for any calendar year, both the Chair and the Vice Chair shall be removed from their positions on January 1 of the following year and a convention shall be called within ninety days of January 1. The former Chair and Vice Chair shall be ineligible to run for an officer position during this convention or at any subsequent convention for the calendar year in which they were removed.

**Section 3:** Special conventions can be called either with the agreement of both the Chair and the Vice Chair or by petition of at least ten percent of the membership or at least twenty members. In each case, the date and location of the special convention shall be determined by the Chair, but it shall be no more than ninety days after any petition for a special convention is submitted. The agenda must be included in the notice of the special convention; if the special convention is called by petition, the agenda must be specified in the petition. The agenda for a special convention may not be modified within two weeks of the meeting except for the deletion of items.

**Section 4:** The Chair shall designate a convention secretary no later than 14 days prior to each convention. The convention secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of the convention. The convention secretary shall only hold this position until the close of the convention.

## **Article V: Nomination of Candidates by the Committee**

**Section 1:** In order to serve as the Libertarian Party candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in the Second Congressional District, one must be nominated at a meeting of the Committee at which a quorum of at least five percent of the membership is present.

**Section 2:** In order to serve as the Libertarian Party candidate for any office of a jurisdiction within the Second Congressional District, one must be nominated at a meeting of the Committee, unless that jurisdiction belongs to an area that is part of a recognized local affiliate committee. If the jurisdiction

belongs to an area that is part of a local affiliate committee, the person must receive the nomination of that local affiliate committee.

**Section 3:** “None of the Above” will be an option in all nomination processes. Should a person seeking the nomination of the Committee receive no more votes than “None of the Above,” that person cannot serve as the Libertarian candidate in that election.

**Section 4:** The endorsement of a candidate who has been nominated at a meeting of the Committee can be removed by a four-fifths vote at a meeting of the Committee at which a quorum of at least five percent of the membership is present.

## **Article VI: Amendments to the Bylaws**

**Section 1:** Once adopted, these bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority at a meeting of the Committee, provided that a quorum of at least ten percent of the membership is present.

## **Article VII: Adoption of the Bylaws**

These bylaws shall take effect upon adoption by a two-thirds majority vote at the convention of the Committee on May 1, 2021.

Amended May 14, 2022