

# Bylaws of the Eleventh Congressional District Committee of the Libertarian Party of Virginia

## 1. Name of the Committee

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

## 2. Membership

**2.1** All members of the LPVA who reside and are domiciled in the Eleventh Congressional District of Virginia are members of the Committee.

## 3. Officers

**3.1** The officers of the Committee will be a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a Secretary. Officers shall be elected by majority vote at regular conventions of the Committee. The term of an officer will last until the end of the regular convention at which their successors are elected.

**3.1.1** The Chair of the Committee shall preside at all meetings of the Committee, serve as the spokesperson 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 any member of the Committee to be the proxy holder and represent the Committee at the meeting.

**3.1.2** The Vice Chair will assume the duties of the Chair in his or her absence. If the Chair position becomes vacant for any reason, the Vice Chair shall become the Chair and the Vice Chair position shall become vacant.

**3.1.3** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings. The same person may hold the office of Vice Chair and Secretary simultaneously. If the Secretary position becomes vacant and the previous holder of the Secretary position was not the Vice Chair, then the Vice Chair shall both retain his or her office and also assume the role of Secretary.

**3.2** In the event of one or more vacancies of officer positions, a special convention shall be called to fill the vacant offices. An officer elected to fill a vacant office will hold the office from the conclusion of the special convention until the end of the term of the office for which the vacancy is being filled.

**3.2.1** No business other than filling the vacant officer position shall be heard at this special convention.

**3.2.2** If the Chair position is not vacant, then the chair shall set the time and location of the convention to fill the vacancy.

**3.2.3** If the Chair position is vacant, then the members of the Committee shall select a time and location for the convention which allows the maximum number of members to attend.

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**3.3** The officers of the committee shall be elected using ranked-choice ballots. The winner of the election shall be determined using the instant-runoff method.

**3.3.1** “None of the Above” will be an option in all elections of Committee officers. Should a candidate receive less than or the same number of votes than the number of votes received by “None of the Above” in an election for office, that candidate cannot be elected to that office during that election.

**3.4** Candidates for an officer of the Committee must be members of the Committee.

**3.5** An officer of the Committee may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any special convention of the Committee, provided a quorum of either at least five percent (5%) of the membership or at least five (5) members are present, whichever is greater.

## 4. Meetings

**4.1** Meetings of the Committee will be of two types: regular conventions and special conventions. Notice of a meeting and a tentative agenda shall be e-mailed to the membership at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting.

**4.2** Regular conventions of the Committee shall take place biennially during odd numbered years. Elections for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair must be included on the agenda of any regular convention. Quorum for a regular convention shall be at least five percent (5%) of the membership or at least (3) members are present, whichever is greater.

**4.2.1** Regular conventions of the Committee may not take place on the same weekend as a convention of the national Libertarian Party or the Libertarian Party of Virginia.

**4.3** Special conventions can be called either with the agreement of both the Chair and the Vice Chair or by petition of either at least five percent (5%) of the membership, or at least five (5) members, whichever is greater.

**4.3.1** If the special convention was called with the agreement of both the Chair and the Vice Chair, then the date and location of the special convention shall be determined by the Chair, but it shall be no more than sixty (60) days after the vote for a special convention is held.

**4.3.2** If the special convention was called by petition then the date and location of the special convention shall be specified in the petition.

**4.3.3** The agenda must be included in the notice of the special convention. The agenda for a special convention may not be modified within two (2) weeks of the meeting except for the deletion of items.

## 5. Nomination and Endorsement of Candidates by the Committee

**5.1** A candidate for political office may only be nominated or endorsed by the Committee if they are a member of either the national Libertarian Party or of the Libertarian Party of Virginia, or if a candidate has certified in writing that they do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

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**5.1.1** The Committee shall neither nominate nor endorse any candidate for a partisan office if the candidate is a member of any political party other than the Libertarian Party, the Libertarian Party of Virginia, or any recognized affiliates thereof.

**5.2** “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.

**5.3** The endorsement of a candidate who has been nominated can be removed at a special convention of the Committee, provided that fourteen (14) days’ notice is given. The nomination or endorsement may be removed with a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

## 6. Amendments to the Bylaws

**6.1** Once adopted, these bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committee members at a meeting of the Committee, provided that the Committee receives at least fourteen (14) days’ notice.

## 7. Parliamentary Authority

**7.1** The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the national Libertarian Party, the constitution and bylaws of the LPVA, these bylaws, and any special rules of order the Committee may adopt.

# Convention Standing Rules

## 1. Convention Procedure

**1.1** Provided that no more than 12 members of the committee are in attendance at any convention of the committee, the convention shall follow the Procedure in Small Boards, with the exception that all motions which require a second under the standard rules shall require a second.

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