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***Can the Libertarian Party change their name, if approved through meetings, etc.?***

(Ex. from Libertarian Party to The Thomas Jefferson Party)

My thoughts:

Probably not, because the Election Code discusses the powers of the state convention WS 22-4-118 and it does not include power to change the name...it specifically states power to formulate or change rules governing the internal organizations of the party, etc. but not the name.

(It's also fairly specific on what is done at committee meetings.)

I would think they would have to submit a petition to form a new Political Party, especially because we would need to approve that the new name isn't similar to a current one.

Is this a question for Mike?

Thanks,

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Let's just say "no". The name of the party, I believe is the party itself, they are inseparable. Because of this, I believe to change the name is an attempt to create a "new" party and sidestep the petition process.

You're correct, they would need to go through petition process to become a provisional party. I would still cite the statute of the powers and duties, but I believe it's even more fundamental.

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Ok, I'll call him back and see what he says.

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