Authorize Party Platform & Set Vote Threshold (Dependent on Amendment Language Cleanup Proposal)

Problem: There is no provision made in the Party governing documents for the adoption of a platform.

Solution: This amendment will create an authorization for a Party platform and set the voting threshold.

Benefits: Allows the Party to expand upon the national Libertarian Party Platform or to take additional stances which the national platform does not discuss.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
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Note: This proposal must be noticed 90 days in advance of the Regular State Convention. It will require a 4/5 vote to pass.

SPONSORS: Fast

<u>**MARK-UP LEGEND**</u>

- o In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- o Deletions are in *red bold italic strikethrough*.
- o Additions are in **blue bold underline**.
- o Per LPVA Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, amending the constitution requires a 2/3 vote to pass.
    - o Exceptions defined in Section 2 of the same article require 4/5 vote to pass and 90 days notice.
        - ▪ Article I, Section 2
        - ▪ Article VIII, Section 2
        - ▪ Article IX
        - ▪ Article X
- o Per RONR t8 #13, the convention special rules of order require a 2/3 vote with notice or a majority of the entire convention membership