

## Proposal Q

### ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM

**Problem:** There is a question as to whether the Preamble is part of the Party platform. Some claim that if the Preamble is not part of the Party platform, then it may be amended or deleted by majority vote.

**Solution:** Clarify that the Preamble is part of the platform, and that a 2/3 vote is required to amend the Preamble.

**Benefits:** The Preamble is protected against amendment or deletion by majority vote.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>1. The Statement of Principles affirms that philosophy upon which the Libertarian Party is founded, by which it shall be sustained, and through which liberty shall prevail. The enduring importance of the Statement of Principles requires that it may be amended only by a vote of 7/8 of all registered delegates at a regular convention.</p> <p>2. The Party platform shall include, but not be limited to, the Statement of Principles and the implementation of those principles in the form of planks.</p> <p>3. The current platform shall serve as the basis of all future platforms. The existing platform may be amended only at regular conventions. A platform plank may be deleted by majority vote. New planks or amendments to existing planks require a 2/3 vote.</p>	<p>1. The Statement of Principles affirms that philosophy upon which the Libertarian Party is founded, by which it shall be sustained, and through which liberty shall prevail. The enduring importance of the Statement of Principles requires that it may be amended only by a vote of 7/8 of all registered delegates at a regular convention.</p> <p><del>2. The Party platform shall include, but not be limited to, the Statement of Principles and the implementation of those principles in the form of planks.</del></p> <p><u>2. The Party platform shall consist of a preamble, the Statement of Principles, and planks to implement those principles.</u></p> <p>3. The current platform shall serve as the basis of all future platforms. The existing platform may be amended only at regular conventions. A platform plank may be deleted by majority vote. New planks, <del>or</del> amendments to existing planks, <u>or amendments to the preamble shall</u> require a 2/3 vote.</p>	<p>1. The Statement of Principles affirms that philosophy upon which the Libertarian Party is founded, by which it shall be sustained, and through which liberty shall prevail. The enduring importance of the Statement of Principles requires that it may be amended only by a vote of 7/8 of all registered delegates at a regular convention.</p> <p>2. The Party platform shall consist of a preamble, the Statement of Principles, and planks to implement those principles.</p> <p>3. The current platform shall serve as the basis of all future platforms. The existing platform may be amended only at regular conventions. A platform plank may be deleted by majority vote. New planks, amendments to existing planks, or amendments to the preamble shall require a 2/3 vote.</p>

**SPONSORS:** Latham

**MARK-UP LEGEND**

- In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- Deletions are in ~~**red bold italic strikethrough**~~.
- Additions are in **blue bold underline**.
- Per LPUS Bylaws, Article XVII, Section 1, the bylaws require a 2/3 vote to pass.
- 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