

Proposal #P (8th Substitute)

RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS AND RULE 3: ELECTION BALLOTING PROCEDURE AND RULE 7: NOMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

- Blue (and red strikethrough) - Current state of the Revision 8 proposal
- Purple - Pending amendment to the Revision 8 proposal
- Green - Pending amendment to the amendment to the Revision 8 proposal

Problem: The Libertarian Party platform “support[s] ... election systems that are more representative of the electorate ... such as proportional representation, alternative voting systems, and explicit inclusion of ‘none of the above’ on all ballots.” However, the Party’s existing electoral methods to elect Party officers and at-large members of the National Committee are outdated, inefficient, may result over-representing some voting cohorts while under-representing some voting cohorts in at-large member elections, and are inconsistent with our platform. Although electoral methods such as proportional ranked choice voting can be conducted by a hand count, the use of electronic methods to tabulate the results can help expedite the process.

Solution: Authorize the use of electronic methods for ballot tabulation to elect Party officers and at-large members of the National Committee, provided that such methods generate paper receipts that enable a manual recount.

Benefits: Using electronic balloting helps our Party practice what we preach by implementing more competitive and representative electoral methods, familiarizes Party members with the use of such methods, and models the use of such methods to external audiences.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
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<p>RULE 3: ELECTION BALLOTING PROCEDURE</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>2. Each delegation shall conduct its vote by written ballot delivered to the delegation chair who shall tabulate the votes on a delegation tally sheet provided for this purpose. The delegation chair then submits their tally sheet with a sealed envelope containing each of the delegate ballots to the tellers. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Convention Chair shall declare the voting closed. After each delegation has tabulated its own vote totals, before submitting the totals to the Secretary, the tellers shall review the ballot tabulation for accuracy and cosign the delegation totals. After the Secretary or the tellers have recorded all delegation</p>	<p>RULE 3: ELECTION BALLOTING PROCEDURE</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>2. Each delegation shall conduct its vote <u>electronically</u> <u>or</u> by written ballot delivered to the delegation chair who shall tabulate the votes on a delegation tally sheet provided for this purpose. <u>If by written ballot</u>, the <u>delegation's</u> tally sheet with <u>in</u> a sealed envelope containing each of the delegate ballots to the tellers. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Convention Chair shall declare the voting closed. After each delegation <u>voting by written ballot</u> has tabulated its own vote totals, before submitting the</p>	<p>RULE 3: ELECTION BALLOTING PROCEDURE</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>2. Each delegation shall conduct its vote electronically or by written ballot delivered to the delegation chair who shall tabulate the votes on a delegation tally sheet provided for this purpose. If by written ballot, the delegation chair then submits the delegation's tally sheet in a sealed envelope containing each of the delegate ballots to the tellers. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Convention Chair shall declare the voting closed. After each delegation voting by written ballot has tabulated its own vote totals, before submitting the totals to the</p>

<p>submissions, the state-by-state delegation totals for each candidate or choice shall be displayed on a projection screen for each delegation to review for accuracy. During the period of time allotted for such votes, the business of the convention shall continue without interruption.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>6. In cases where computer readable ballots are used, each delegate must sign the ballot and submit it to the delegation chair. After verifying that the number of votes cast does not exceed the number the state is entitled to, the chair of each delegation shall submit the ballots to the Secretary.</p>	<p>totals to the Secretary, the tellers shall review the ballot tabulation for accuracy and cosign the delegation totals. After the Secretary or the tellers have recorded all delegation submissions, the state-by-state delegation totals for each candidate or choice shall be displayed on a projection screen for each delegation to review for accuracy. During the period of time allotted for such votes, the business of the convention shall continue without interruption.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>6. In cases where computer readable ballots are used, each delegate must sign the ballot and submit it to the delegation chair. After verifying that the number of votes cast does not exceed the number the state is entitled to, the chair of each delegation shall submit the ballots to the Secretary.</p> <p><u>6. If approved by the convention, electronic balloting may be used instead of manual tabulation by affiliate delegation provided that written notice of the electronic balloting system to be used is published on the Party website at least 90 days prior to the regular convention. A delegate must be physically present to cast an electronic ballot. The electronic balloting system must provide for the following:</u></p> <p>a. <u>Each delegate has the ability to cast an electronic ballot that produces a conforming physical ballot; or a vote by an electronic ballot accompanied by the delegate's contemporaneous completion of a</u></p>	<p>Secretary, the tellers shall review the ballot tabulation for accuracy and cosign the delegation totals. After the Secretary or the tellers have recorded all delegation submissions, the state-by-state delegation totals for each candidate or choice shall be displayed on a projection screen for each delegation to review for accuracy. During the period of time allotted for such votes, the business of the convention shall continue without interruption.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>6. If approved by the convention, electronic balloting may be used instead of manual tabulation by affiliate delegation provided that written notice of the electronic balloting system to be used is published on the Party website at least 90 days prior to the regular convention. A delegate must be physically present to cast an electronic ballot. The electronic balloting system must provide for the following:</p> <p>a. Each delegate has the ability to cast an electronic ballot that produces a conforming physical ballot; or a vote by an electronic ballot accompanied by the delegate's contemporaneous completion of a conforming physical ballot.</p> <p>b. Delegates must deliver their physical ballot to their delegation chair, who then places them into a sealed envelope and delivers that envelope to the tellers.</p> <p>c. The system generates a report of votes by affiliate delegation for display to the convention.</p> <p>d. The system allows delegates to cast write-in votes.</p>
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<p>Proviso: <i>This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.</i></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