

G. Any amendment to this Constitution and Bylaws of the Party shall be filed with the State Board of Elections within thirty days after adoption.

Section 2. Adoption: Within 90 days of the submission of the last qualifying signature to the State Board of Election, the State Chairman named in the party-forming petition shall convene an organizational meeting of those designated in the petition as the initial governing body. At that duly called meeting, the governing body shall vote on (1) adoption of the Party's Constitution and By-Laws; and (2) the election of officers. This Constitution shall become effective immediately following its adoption by six sevenths of the persons designated as the governing body of the Party in the petition for its formation submitted to the State Board of Elections and voting at the subsequent organizational meeting.

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## **Bylaws of the Maryland Libertarian Party**

(Approved 24 July 2004)

### Bylaw on Proxies

#### 1. Substantive Criteria

A proxy is an action by which one member of the State Central Committee, as principal, exercises his voting powers through another member of the State Central Committee, as agent. To be valid a proxy must satisfy all of the following criteria:

- (a) It must be in writing.
- (b) It must be signed by the principal and dated.
- (c) The proxy must say who is the agent.
- (d) The proxy must clearly indicate that the principal gave his power to vote in the State Central Committee to the agent. It is not enough that it expresses the principal's opinion.

#### 2. Limitations

A proxy cannot be voted if one or more of the following occurs:

- (a) It is revoked by the principal.
- (b) The principal is present.
- (c) Another agent casts the vote of the principal with a subsequent proxy.
- (d) The expiration date has passed or the vote does not conform to the limitations in the proxy.

Unless the duration is specified in the proxy, it shall expire after one year. Unless limitations are specified in the proxy, it shall be unlimited. If a proxy may be voted on a motion, then unless otherwise specified in the proxy, it may be voted on any subsidiary motion.

#### 3. Procedure

- (a) If an agent wishes to cast his principal's vote at a meeting of the State Central Committee, he must allow the secretary to examine the proxy.
- (b) The secretary will make an initial determination of whether the proxy is valid.
- (c) A simple majority of the Executive Board members present may overrule the secretary.
- (d) The State Central Committee may overrule the secretary and/or Executive Board, subject to the following conditions:
  - (i) Challenges to the determinations made must be voted on one alleged proxy at a time.
  - (ii) The proxies which may be voted on a challenge are those which are currently

allowed, except that the challenged proxy may not be voted even if otherwise allowed.

(iii) Motions to challenge a ruling on an alleged proxy and motions to cutoff consideration of further challenges are both questions of privilege which take priority over all other motions except: to fix a time to adjourn to; to adjourn; to recess; and to close debate.

(iv) The vote on them must be by roll call.

#### Bylaw on Delegates to the National Convention

Delegates to the national convention shall be selected at a state convention. Selection shall be by the semi-negotiable vote method used for electing the Executive Board (adjusted for the number of delegate slots available), except that in the event that the number of nominees is smaller than the number of delegate slots available the State Central Committee may, by a 3/5 vote of those present and voting, vote to send all nominees as delegates.

#### Bylaw on Alternates to the National Convention

Any member of the party may become an alternate with the approval of 3/5 of the State Central Committee members voting at a state convention. Any member of the State Central Committee may also become an alternate by petition signed by four other members of the Central Committee submitted to the secretary or another Executive Board member at a state convention. A delegate temporarily off the floor may select her own replacement (or none). A delegate permanently off the floor shall be replaced by a vote of the delegation.

#### Bylaw on Organizational Memory

1. A copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Executive Board and the State Central Committee will be sent to all past Chairmen.
2. The Chairman shall appoint one or more past Chairmen and/or Secretaries to serve as a *Committee of Organizational Memory* and consult with them on all matters in which a knowledge of past experience will benefit the activities of the Party.
3. The Executive Board shall arrange for the preparation and maintenance of documentation on past experiences and activities as may be of benefit to the Party.