

# Amendment Language Cleanup

**Problem:** The existing language in Section 1 doesn't mention the restriction on Special & General conventions stated in Section 3. The language of Section 3 reflects that it is granting an ability to amend rather than restricting it, this change clarifies that language.

**Solution:** This amendment will create more internally consistent language.

**Benefits:** Removes a possible contradiction in the language of Section 1 as compared to Section 3.

| Current Wording  | Proposed Amendment   | If Adopted, Will Read   |
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| <p><b>ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION</b></p> <p>SECTION 1 Except as provided in Section 2 of this Article, this Constitution may be amended at any State Convention of the Party by two-thirds (2/3) of all votes cast.</p> <p>SECTION 2 ARTICLE I, Section 2; ARTICLE VIII, Section 2; ARTICLE IX and ARTICLE X may be amended only at a Regular Convention of this Party by four-fifths (4/5) of all votes cast, provided that at least ninety (90) days written notice of the text of the amendment has been sent to all Party members.</p> <p>SECTION 3 This Constitution may be amended at any Special or General State Convention of the Party by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided that at least 1/15 of the state Party membership have registered at the Convention.</p> | <p><b>ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION</b></p> <p>SECTION 1 Except as provided in Section 2 <u>or 3</u> of this Article, this Constitution may be amended at any State Convention of the Party by two-thirds (2/3) of all votes cast.</p> <p>SECTION 2 ARTICLE I, Section 2; ARTICLE VIII, Section 2; ARTICLE IX and ARTICLE X may be amended only at a Regular Convention of this Party by four-fifths (4/5) of all votes cast, provided that at least ninety (90) days written notice of the text of the amendment has been sent to all Party members.</p> <p>SECTION 3 <del>This Constitution may be amended at any Special or General State Convention of the Party by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided that</del><u>In addition to the requirements in Section 1 of this Article, no amendments to this Constitution may be made at any Special or General State Convention unless</u> at least 1/15 of the state Party membership have registered at the Convention.</p> | <p><b>ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION</b></p> <p>SECTION 1 Except as provided in Section 2 or 3 of this Article, this Constitution may be amended at any State Convention of the Party by two-thirds (2/3) of all votes cast.</p> <p>SECTION 2 ARTICLE I, Section 2; ARTICLE VIII, Section 2; ARTICLE IX and ARTICLE X may be amended only at a Regular Convention of this Party by four-fifths (4/5) of all votes cast, provided that at least ninety (90) days written notice of the text of the amendment has been sent to all Party members.</p> <p>SECTION 3 In addition to the requirements in Section 1 of this Article, no amendments to this Constitution may be made at any Special or General State Convention unless at least 1/15 of the state Party membership have registered at the Convention.</p> |

**Note:** This proposal must be noticed 90 days in advance of the Regular State Convention. It will require a 4/5 vote to pass.

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**MARK-UP LEGEND**

- In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- Deletions are in ~~red bold italic strikethrough~~.
- Additions are in blue bold underline.

- Per LPVA Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, amending the constitution requires a 2/3 vote to pass.
  - 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
- 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