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

Problem: The LPVA Constitution provides authorization to adopt a platform (Article V Section 5) but no vote threshold for adopting it. Without a threshold, this vote defaults to a majority vote *insert RONR reference*.

Solution: This amendment will create a vote threshold of 2/3 for adopting, amending, or rescinding a platform.

Benefits: Aligns the threshold for adopting, amending, or rescinding a platform to the same threshold for amending the constitution.

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Proposed Amendment

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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

MARK-UP LEGEND

- o In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- 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.
 - 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