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Proposal: LNC made up of member from each state affiliate, Executive Committee hired by LNC

Description: National Party structural change. LNC to be made up of one member selected from each state party. Executive Committee to be employees of LNC and may be compensated. Executive Committee runs the party day-to-day and National Committee can overturn Executive Committee. National Committee must approve annual budget. Modify notice and quorum requirements given sizes of boards. Resignations do not require acceptance by the committee. Missing 2 meetings with 30+ days' notice is de facto resignation. Eliminate Judicial Committee and use National Committee as appellate board. Disallow mass-expulsion of parties. Clarify that access to Party resources are suspended during appeal period for disaffiliation. Suspension of POTUS/VPOTUS by Executive Committee is appealable to National Committee. Because appeal is to LNC, shorten period for appeals and require faster decision, and make default judgment in favor of appellant. Move several articles into section with general provisions for all committees. Fix APRC/EPCC open-meetings issue. Elect convention committees in convention. Automatically place LNC Secretary on Credentials Committee as Chair.

Rationale: This puts the affiliates in control of the LNC, and changes the focus of the LNC to become an organization focused on what is best for the majority of affiliates rather than an election amongst 1000 members at national conventions. The Bylaws and Platform committees are given to the convention body to decide, since that body votes on Bylaws and Platform proposals in convention.

Proviso: This would take effect upon the opening of the 2026 Annual Convention, and the LNC Chair and LNC Secretary at the opening of the 2026 convention would serve as Convention Chair and Convention Secretary for the 2026 convention.

Bylaws of the Libertarian Party

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ARTICLE 9: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

2. The National Committee shall cause an efficient double-entry system of accounts to be installed and maintained. Financial statements of the Party shall be prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Audits shall be performed annually by an independent auditor. The non-officer members of the National Committee shall appoint a standing Audit Committee of three members with power to select the independent auditor. One member shall be a non-officer member or alternate of the National Committee and the other two shall not be members or alternates of the National Committee. The Assistant Treasurer is not eligible to serve on the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall present its findings to each regular convention and clarify for the National Committee any recommendations made by the auditor.

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Convention Special Rules of Order of the Libertarian Party

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3. No person shall be nominated unless at least 15 registered delegates join in the nomination submitted to the Secretary, and the nominee has submitted to the Secretary evidence of the required level of membership and a statement of willingness to accept the nomination. No delegate may join in nominating more than one candidate per seat. Nominating speeches shall be limited in duration as follows:

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~~3.~~ 2. No person shall be nominated unless at least 15 registered delegates join in the nomination submitted to the Secretary, and the nominee has submitted to the Secretary evidence of the required level of membership and a statement of willingness to accept the nomination. No delegate may join in nominating more than one candidate per seat. Nominating speeches shall be limited in duration ~~as follows:~~ to

- ~~a. Chair: Total of 10 minutes;~~
- ~~b. All others: Total of 5 minutes.~~

the-above or one or more candidates is counted as one ballot cast. A vote for none-of-the-above shall be ignored if the ballot also includes a vote for any other candidate.

b. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary, along with the ballots cast.

c. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Chair shall declare the voting closed. The top candidates, equal to the number of members of that committee to be elected and receiving a majority vote of the ballots cast, shall be elected. Tie votes affecting the outcome shall be decided by lot.

2. No person shall be nominated unless at least 15 registered delegates join in the nomination submitted to the Secretary, and the nominee has submitted to the Secretary evidence of the required level of membership and a statement of willingness to accept the nomination. No delegate may join in nominating more than one candidate per seat. Nominating speeches shall be limited in duration to 5 minutes.

<p>4. In the event a region has not otherwise provided for the election of its National Committee representation then the delegates from the region shall elect its regional representative and alternate, provided there are at least five delegates present. Each Region's delegates may elect their representative and alternate in whatever manner they choose, provided all delegates present from that region are given equal voice in the selection.</p>	<p>4. In the event a region has not otherwise provided for the election of its National Committee representation then the delegates from the region shall elect its regional representative and alternate, provided there are at least five delegates present. Each Region's delegates may elect their representative and alternate in whatever manner they choose, provided all delegates present from that region are given equal voice in the selection.</p>	
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