

Proposal P

ARTICLE 10. CONVENTIONS

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the Party’s existing electoral methods to elect Party officers and at-large members of the National Committee are outdated, inefficient, may result over-representing some voting cohorts while under-representing some voting cohorts in at-large member elections, and are inconsistent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 balloting expedites the process. The Party’s parliamentary authority does not permit the use of electronic balloting without express authorization in its bylaws.

Solution: Authorize electronic balloting to elect Party officers and at-large members of the National Committee.

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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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