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Libertarian Party of Florida, Inc Constitution

As Revised at Convention 5/17/2014

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ARTICLE I Name & Object

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Libertarian Party of Florida, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the LPF.

Section 2. The object and purpose of the LPF is to engage in political action in the State of Florida, to serve as an affiliate organization of the Libertarian Party in national politics, and to serve as a nucleus for designated county affiliate organizations in matters of statewide political action.

Section 3. The purpose of the LPF is to implement and give voice to the principles embodied in the Statement of Principles currently adopted by the LPF by

- A. Supporting candidates for national office, recruiting and supporting candidates for state and Congressional offices, and aiding local affiliates upon request.
- B. Promoting, chartering and coordinating county affiliate parties within the State of Florida.
- C. Entering into political information activities, including the promoting and securing of party members.

ARTICLE II Membership

Section 1. LPF membership is open to whoever signs the pledge: "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals" and asks to be a member of the LPF.

Section 2. Affiliate organizations which choose to become affiliated parties of the LPF shall apply for official designation on a standard petition form for County Affiliates, as adopted by the Executive Committee and subject to the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Section 3. No change in the Bylaws or Standing Rules may have the effect of imposing a head tax on the membership.

Section 4. No change in the Bylaws or Standing Rules may have the effect of disenfranchising a member.

Section 5. No change in the Bylaws or Standing Rules shall deny the autonomy of an individual member or an affiliate party, except as provided in the Constitution.

Section 6. Certain rights and privileges of membership, including delegate status, committee appointments and observation of committee meetings, holding party office, exercise of voting rights in the conduct of any Libertarian Party of Florida business, and the right to bring business before the Annual Business Meeting, shall be unavailable to members and officers of any other political party registered in the state of Florida. Members and officers of other political parties registered in the state of Florida may participate in discussion on items of business brought before the membership, subject to the discretion of the Chair or majority vote of the body.

ARTICLE III Officers, Executive Committee & Standing Committees

Section 1. The Officers of the LPF shall be a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The duties and election of the Officers shall be specified in the By-Laws.

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Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Officers, three (3) Directors-at-Large, one (1) Regional Representative for each region elected at the Annual Business Meeting within the provision of the By-Laws. (Amended at the Annual Business Meeting, 6-6-93) The powers and duties of the Executive Committee shall be prescribed in the Bylaws and Standing Rules, to provide the control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the LPF consistent with this Constitution. Deficit spending shall be prohibited.

Section 3. Standing Committees

A. Standing Committees of the LPF shall include the following:

1. Candidate Committee
2. Communications Committee
3. Membership Committee
4. Platform Committee
5. Rules Committee
6. Selection Committee

B. Committees and Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the Chair of the LPF with the approval of the Executive Committee unless otherwise provided in the Constitution. Removal of persons on a committee shall need the approval of the Executive Committee. Actions of all Committees shall be reported to the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Rules Committee

- A. The Rules Committee will, be composed of the LPF Chair, LPF Secretary and three (3) other members of the party not on the Executive Committee, appointed annually by the Chair to serve a one-year term. The Rules Committee shall be responsible for interpreting the Constitution based on current Florida Statutes and upon order of the Executive Committee shall prepare and submit amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws for a vote by the membership at the Annual Business Meeting.
- B. The Rules Committee may propose to the Executive Committee at a regular business meeting, to edit the Constitution and By-laws for grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors. Any edits done at a regular business meeting shall not change the current intention of the rule being edited.

Section 5. Selection Committee

- A. The Selection Committee shall consist of five (5) members, elected at the Annual Business Meeting from diverse regions of the state. Vacancies on this committee occurring after the Annual Business Meeting may be filled by the Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- B. The Selection Committee shall be responsible for establishing guidelines the committee will follow when contacted by, or presented with, information in regards to any Florida candidate who seeks certification by the LPF.
1. The Selection Committee shall establish minimum criteria which a prospective candidate must meet before obtaining approval from the Selection Committee and shall specify this criteria in the Standing Rules.
 2. The Selection Committee shall recommend candidates to the Executive Committee for certification who have been approved for recommendation by majority vote.
 3. The Selection Committee shall make regular reports to the LPF Executive Committee
- C. The Selection Committee shall perform its duties according to Article IV, Section 5C of the Bylaws.

Section 6. Platform Committee

The Platform Committee shall be nominated by the Chair of the LPF with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee and contain at least three members whose task will be to present a combined document of proposed changes and additions to the Party Platform at the Annual Business Meeting. It shall perform its duties to present a document as outlined in Article V.

Section 7. Membership Committee

The Membership Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and shall consist of at least five (5) members of the LPF with the majority NOT being members of the Executive Committee. The Committee shall include the Membership Secretary for the party, and shall oversee the activities of the Membership Secretary, giving assistance where needed. The principal duties of the Membership Committee shall be responsibility for increasing the membership in the LPF and for increasing the LP voter registration. The Membership Committee is also responsible for recruiting members both for the Affiliate and for the LPF. The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining party membership records and/or sending out dues notices on a timely basis to those members whose dues are about to lapse.

Section 8. Communications Committee

The Communications Committee shall be appointed for a two-year term by a majority of the Executive Committee. The Communications Committee is tasked with developing and implementing a plan or plans to facilitate two-way communications between the LPF and county affiliates, and the LPF and other interested parties. Plan(s) should be particularly focused on effective implementation of social media technology, in addition to using conventional channels of communication. The Communications Committee shall also function as the distribution channel for LPF press releases, and perform other communications tasks as the

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Executive Committee may delegate from time to time.

Section 9. The Candidate Committee

The Candidate Committee shall be appointed by the LPF Chair and approved by the Executive Committee and shall consist of at least five (5) members of the LPF. The principal duties of the Candidate Committee shall include but not be limited to identifying potential Libertarian Party candidates, directing and preparing potential candidates for review by the Selection Committee, to train vetted and approved Libertarian Party candidates for their respective races, and to identify and train campaign staff members to serve on the campaign staff for vetted and approved Libertarian Party Candidates. Should other duties of the committee arise which are not already specifically listed in this section, the Chair may make a motion as such to the Executive Committee or the LPF Chair for their approval before taking action as a committee. The Chair of the Candidate Committee shall present regular reports on the committee's work to the Executive Committee..

ARTICLE IV Conventions & Meetings

Section 1. The LPF shall hold an annual convention in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Section 2. The conduct of the business and meetings of the Executive Committee shall be prescribed in the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

ARTICLE V Statement of Principles, Platform & Nominations

The Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party is hereby ratified. The LPF may develop a Statement of Principles consistent with the Libertarian Party's as a preamble to the Platform developed by the Convention, and as prescribed by this Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules.

ARTICLE VI Adoption & Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution shall be adopted when approved by two-thirds of the delegates of the 1974 Convention.

Section 2. Amendments to the Constitution may be made in the following manner:

- A. Amendments must be published among the Executive Committee the County Affiliates and all members in good standing, thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Business Meeting and passed by two-thirds of the members present at that meeting.
- B. Upon establishment of affiliates in each county in Florida, a proposed Amendment can be accepted by a three-fourths vote of the Executive Committee and ratified by three-fourths of the county affiliates.

Footnotes

¹ (amended at Annual Meeting 2009)

² and asks to be a member of the LPF; added May 25, 2013 at convention

³ Section 2. Matters pertaining to membership classification shall be prescribed in the Standing Rules. deleted May 25, 2013 at Convention

⁴ (Moved to Article 4 from the Standing Rules at the Annual Business Meeting, 6-2-91; moved to this section at the Annual Business Meeting, 6-6-93)

⁵ (Revised at the Annual Business Meeting, 3301)

⁶ The LPF should be notified within seven (7) days of the resignation of an Officer or member of the Executive Committee. (Amended at the Annual Business Meeting, 6693) Deleted and replaced at the annual meeting May 25, 013

⁷ No member of the Executive Committee or Standing Committees shall serve unless and until proof and maintenance of registration to vote as members of the Libertarian Party of Florida has been demonstrated to the Executive Committee.. deleted and replaced at the 2013 annual meeting

⁸ C. The Secretary shall serve as recorder for all meetings of the party, conventions, and Executive Committee. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the minutes of all meetings, correspondence, committee reports, and the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules, and shall make provision for legal service to the LPF. (Amended at the Annual Business Meeting, 6693) Deleted and rewritten at the 2013 annual meeting

⁹ (Amended Annual Meeting 2011)

¹⁰ entire section added at the annual meeting 2014

¹¹ (Entire subsection E added 329 08, Orlando)

¹² (Quorum replaced by this number from seven (7) at the Annual Business Meeting 6693)

¹³ (Section inserted and other sections renumbered at the Annual Business Meeting, 10800, Section amended 2605 and 32908).

¹⁴ Added at the Annual Meeting 2013

¹⁵ A. Delegates shall be members as prescribed in ARTICLE II of the Constitution. Each delegate must have been a member of the LPF and a registered Libertarian voter in Florida for the immediate 60 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting; the 60 day rule may be suspended by twothirds vote of the delegate assembly seated at the opening of the Annual Business Meeting who have met the 60 day requirement (Semicolon and section after the semicolon added at the Annual Business Meeting 2-1-03). The officers of the Party shall be the officers of the Annual Business Meeting. (Second sentence passed at the Annual Business Meeting, 6-4-94 and revised at the Annual Business Meeting, 5-24-97) (Revised at the Annual Business Meeting, 21-03) deleted and replaced at the annual meeting 2013

¹⁶ (Rev. at Convention 120211), Deleted as redundancy at the annual meeting May 2014

¹⁷ . (Amended at the Annual Business Meeting 3301 reworded at the Annual Business Meeting 2-1-03)

¹⁸ Sections B and C passed at the Annual Business Meeting, 6-5-94; revised at the Annual Business Meeting, 5-24-97)

¹⁹ (added Annual Meeting 2012)

²⁰ Name changed from Nominating Committee at Annual Meeting 2014

²¹ Deleted at Annual Meeting 2014 All expenditures exceeding \$25.00 shall be made by check.

²² (Amended at the Annual Business Meeting (3-3-01)

²³ Added at the annual meeting 2013

²⁴ A. When a proposed amendment is accepted by the Rules Committee and ratified by more than 50% of the affiliated Parties, or. Deleted at the annual meeting 2013

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