Regular Convention Agenda and Delegate & Alternate Selection Process

Problem: The existing document specifies items to be included in the business of a regular state convention, but does not include the order in which the business items are to be heard. Per RONR 2:20-21, 25:2 footnote 5, and 25:7, the business of the regular state convention is in the nature of a rule of order and it would be in order to suspend it. Additionally, the delegate selection process is currently housed within the Party bylaws, where it can be amended by the SCC without member consent.

Solution: Create a convention rules section which specifies both the order of the agenda of a regular state convention in a section separate from the constitution (as suggested by RONR 2:20) and contains the process by which delegates to the national LP convention are selected.

Benefits: Provides more structure to regular state conventions in a similar way that this structure is set up within the national LP bylaws. Gives the members at convention the final say over what procedure they will use to elect their delegates to the national LP convention.

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- 5. Consideration of any changes to the Party Platform, should one exist
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The Party shall elect delegates to the national Libertarian Party convention using the following procedure:

- 1) Delegates shall be selected using approval voting with the following constraints:
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 - ii. Members may not allocate more than one (1) of their votes to a single individual.

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<u>procedure:</u>	be a delegate shall be rank
1) <u>Delegates shall be selected</u>	ordered by most votes to least
using approval voting with	votes. The Party member with
the following constraints:	the most votes shall be named
i. <u>Members may cast no</u>	a delegate, followed by the
more votes than is equal	members in rank order until
to one-fourth (1/4) of the	all delegate positions allocated
delegate positions	to the Party have been filled.
allocated to the Party,	3) Party members seeking to be a
<u>rounding up any</u>	delegate who are not named a
decimals; and	delegate shall be named an
ii. <u>Members may not</u>	alternate, until the number of
allocate more than one	alternates allocated to the
(1) of their votes to a	Party has been filled or there
<u>single individual.</u>	are no members remaining
2) <u>The Party members seeking</u>	who wish to be alternates.
to be a delegate shall be	iii. Alternates shall be
<u>rank ordered by most votes</u>	assigned in rank order
<u>to least votes. The Party</u>	according to their position
member with the most votes	in the rank order set
shall be named a delegate,	previously, beginning with
followed by the members in	the highest ranked
<u>rank order until all delegate</u>	member not named a
positions allocated to the	delegate.
Party have been filled.	iv. In the event any delegate is
3) <u>Party members seeking to</u>	unable to take part in any
be a delegate who are not	vote of the delegates of the
named a delegate shall be	Party, the alternate of the
named an alternate, until the	highest rank who is
number of alternates	present for the vote and
allocated to the Party has	not already participating in
been filled or there are no	the vote may cast a vote in
members remaining who	place of the absent
wish to be alternates.	delegate.
i. <u>Alternates shall be</u>	4) If there exists a tie in the
assigned in rank order	number of votes received and
according to their	either the number of tied
position in the rank	members seeking to be
order set previously.	delegates exceeds the
beginning with the	remaining delegate allocation
highest ranked member	or the tied members are being
not named a delegate.	assigned alternate positions,
ii. <u>In the event any delegate</u>	the convention chair shall
is unable to take part in	draw the names of the tied
any vote of the delegates	members at random. The first
of the Party, the	member drawn shall be
alternate of the highest	assigned the highest
rank who is present for	unoccupied seat, either
the vote and not already	delegate or next ranked

participating in the vote	alternate, in the delegation
<u>may cast a vote in place</u>	until either all tied members
<u>of the absent delegate.</u>	have been assigned seats in the
4) <u>If there exists a tie in the</u>	delegation or the entire
number of votes received	delegation has been filled.
and either the number of	5) After the close of the regular
tied members seeking to be	state convention at which
delegates exceeds the	delegates are elected, and if
remaining delegate	any alternate positions remain
allocation or the tied	
members are being assigned	unfilled, then further
alternate positions, the	alternates, along with their
convention chair shall draw	respective alternate rank, may
the names of the tied	be assigned with a two-thirds
members at random. The	(2/3) vote of the elected
first member drawn shall be	delegates. Any alternate
assigned the highest	0
unoccupied seat, either	selected in this manner must
delegate or next ranked	be assigned a rank below all
alternate, in the delegation	alternates selected at a regular
until either all tied members	state convention.
have been assigned seats in	6) The voting results, as well as
the delegation or the entire	the results of any breaking of
delegation has been filled.	ties, shall be recorded in the
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MARK-UP LEGEND

- In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- Deletions are in *red bold italic strikethrough*.
- Additions are in <u>blue bold underline</u>.
 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