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Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Ohio

Bylaw 100 - Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Party shall consist of registered voters who participate in the Libertarian Primary or otherwise cause their voter affiliation in the state voter database to be “Libertarian”.

Section 2. In the event the Secretary of State denies ballot access as a recognized party, membership in the Party shall consist of registered Ohio voters not affiliated with another political party who demonstrate an interest in the state or national party, and have affirmed the pledge as “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 also registered voters who have participated in a Libertarian Primary within the past two calendar years or otherwise caused their voter affiliation in the state voter database to be “Libertarian”.

Bylaw 120 - Internal Election of Candidates

Section 1. For all internal elections, the winning candidate shall be selected from among the several candidates and “None of the Above”, using instant runoff voting methods.

Section 2. Each member eligible to vote is permitted one and only one vote per open seat per election. No voting may be done by proxy, unit rule, or slate selection.

Bylaw 130 - Removal of Internal Officer

Section 1. Members of the Executive Committee or an officer of the Central Committee or an appointee of either committee may be removed from their position by a two-thirds vote of the filled Central Committee positions.

A. The member shall be notified in writing or electronic form with at least two weeks’ notice that the action by the Central Committee is being contemplated, of the reasons for it, and be given a reasonable opportunity to appear and produce evidence and witness in his own favor before any vote on removal may be taken.

B. Three members of the Central Committee must state their reasons and recommend in writing or in electronic form to begin removal proceedings. These recommendations must be received within a reasonable time frame from one another; no complaint older than thirty days shall count towards this number.

C. A special meeting of the Central Committee may be called to deal with a removal issue, provided that all members of the Central Committee are made aware of the meeting no less than two weeks in advance by normal written or electronic means.

D. Once removed, a member may not hold office (including appointments) within the Party for a period of not less than two years, or for a duration set by the Central Committee at the time of the removal.

E The majority of delegates at a Convention may reduce the time period an officer has been prohibited from serving, provided that the removal period be shortened to no less than three months.

F. Nothing in this bylaw shall prevent a member of the Central Committee from being removed pursuant to Bylaw 200, Section 6 or any other bylaw.

Bylaw 200 - Central Committee

Section 1. Two representatives shall be elected from each U.S. Congressional district in the state to serve on the Central Committee for a term of two years.

A. All committee members must be members of the Party.

B. All committee members must reside in the district from which they are elected.

C. The top two vote-earners in each race shall be elected. The top vote earner shall be assigned to seat A.

Section 2. In the event the Secretary of State denies ballot access as a recognized party, Central Committee elections shall take place in each U.S. Congressional District, at a time and place agreed upon by the outgoing representatives of the district and certified to the Central Committee.

A. Elections shall be held in even-numbered years in the same month as the official state primary election.

B. The date of the election shall be set no later than 75 days prior to the official primary election of the State of Ohio. Announcement of each District election date, time, and location shall be communicated to the members of the Party by reasonable and common methods no later than 60 days prior to the election.

C. Nominations or declarations of intent to run for office shall be received by the Central Committee Secretary no later than 45 days prior to election, the candidates' names and addresses shall be communicated to the members of the Party by reasonable and common methods no later than 30 days prior to the election.

D. Only members who live in the District shall be eligible to vote for Central

Committee members for that District.

E. Elections for Central Committee shall be conducted by secret ballot. The use of mail-in or absentee ballots shall not be denied, provided any such ballots are postmarked no later than the day of the election.

F. Election results shall be communicated and forwarded to the Executive Committee Secretary no later than five business days after the last day of the month of the official primary election. Included with the results shall be a list of members who voted at each election. The Executive Committee Secretary shall certify and communicate the results to the members of the Party by reasonable and common methods by the 10th day of the month following the election.

Section 3. Each newly elected Central Committee shall, within fifteen days of certification of the elections, meet and organize itself by the election of a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary in accordance with section 3517.04 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A. The Treasurer of the Central Committee may not have served as Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, or Assistant Treasurer of the Executive Committee for at least 4 years prior to being elected.

Section 4. Each newly elected Central Committee shall, at their organizational meeting, elect from the Party membership such officers to the Executive Committee as are provided for in Article V, Section 1. Then it shall elect from its own number three at-large members to the Executive Committee

A. The Central Committee shall confer upon the Executive Committee all its duties and responsibilities as permitted in the Party Constitution. The Executive Committee shall have responsibility for and shall be authorized to act for the Central Committee in all things pertaining to the operation, organization, business, and well-being of the Party.

Section 5. In the event of a vacancy on the Central Committee caused by death, resignation, failure to elect, abdication, or removal from the district from which a committee member was chosen, the vacancy may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Central Committee without regard to gender. (3517.05 of the Ohio Revised Code)

Section 6. Central Committee members may be removed from their position if they fail to uphold the duties of their office.

A. Any Central Committee member who does not participate in two (2) out of three (3) consecutive meetings shall be considered to have abdicated their seat. The member affected by this rule must be notified by the Chair of the Central Committee of their impending removal after their nonparticipation in one (1) meeting. If the member does not participate in one (1) of the next two (2) meetings, their seat shall be considered vacant and will not count towards quorum. Their seat may be filled in the regular manner after the conclusion of the second meeting. A Central Committee member who notifies the Chair of the Central Committee of their inability to participate in the meeting prior to the meeting will be considered excused and their absence shall not count towards abdication.

B. The Chair of the Central Committee shall not be held responsible for members of Central Committee not receiving reasonable communications attempts. Members of Central Committee are responsible for updating their contact information, including, but not limited to, mailing address, phone and email address, with the Chair and Secretary of the Central Committee.

C. Any member of the Central Committee who is removed through the abdication clause shall be ineligible to sit on the Central Committee through the remainder of the session in

which they are removed and the next two full sessions of the Central Committee. At no point shall any individual thus affected be prohibited from serving for a period longer than six (6) years. Removal by abdication shall be valid grounds for the Party to have an individual removed from

the ballot for Central Committee by filing an appropriate protest as provided in the Ohio Revised Code.

D. Any member subject to the above prohibition may appeal their ineligibility status at the next Regular or Special Convention provided they contact the Convention Chair no less than 30 days prior to the Convention to have their case added to the agenda. The Party membership may vote to waive the remainder of the member's ineligibility, but may not reinstate the member to their position on the Central Committee.

Section 7. Quorum shall consist of a majority of the filled positions of the Central Committee. Special quorums may conduct business not requiring a vote.

Section 8. The Central Committee shall meet at least twice each year.

A. Special meetings or votes between meetings may be called by the Committee Chair or upon petition of one-third of Central Committee members. Petition by Central Committee members must be made within a rolling 14-day period and communicated to both the Committee Chair and Secretary by writing or email.

B. Save in an emergency, all members of the Central Committee must be given not less than two weeks' notice of each meeting and its agenda of business. An emergency situation will be defined by the Chair and the emergency status subject to a vote of the Committee as the first order of business at the emergency meeting. No bylaw change may be considered an emergency unless that change is needed to comply with a court order or render moot a filed legal challenge

C. The Central Committee may conduct business between meetings provided that established notice and secret ballot requirements are still met.

1. The details of the voting process will be relatively consistent through his term and be laid out by the Chair within 30 days of his election or within 30 days of amendment of this bylaw section.

a. Details of the voting process must be made available to members of the Party, the public, or the media upon request.

b. Changes to the process will be announced to members of the Committee through reasonable and common methods. Such changes will be subject to challenge and amendment for a period of 240 hours following the announcement of such changes. Any change not challenged within 240 hours will be considered accepted and in effect thereafter.

c. Any voting related to a change in the voting process required during the course of the amendment period will not be subject to notification requirements and will be conducted under the voting process previously in effect.

d. The Chair may establish a different process for different types of voting held between meetings including, but not limited to, mail voting, email voting, teleconference voting, and

web conference voting.

2. All business conducted between meetings will be included on the minutes of the following meeting, unless such business is noted to be considered “executive session” at the time it is presented.

a. For votes cast between meetings that do not require a secret ballot, the minutes will reflect a roll call vote listing to allow for full review of actions taken. Votes requiring a secret ballot appear in the minutes with a logically ordered list of those voting, a separate list of those not voting ordered using the same logical arrangement, and the total of all votes cast.

b. For “executive session” business, the minutes of the following meeting will note that such a vote was held and any details as would normally appear in the minutes related to an executive session held during a physical meeting.

3. A mail or electronic vote held between meetings must not be open for less than 96 hours nor more than 336 hours. The cutoff date and time must be stated with the announcement of the vote. The announced cutoff date and time for voting is not subject to challenge and may not be changed after the first vote has been cast.

4. Votes held in teleconference, web conference, or through other similar technologies may only be held open as long as continued and real-time communication exists between the assembled members.

5. Amendments, both friendly and unfriendly, will be in order, and members may change their vote until the sooner of either the end of the defined voting period or 24 hours after the last committee member has cast their vote, as judged by the Committee Secretary.

6. Votes cast by mail must be postmarked by a date specified when the vote is announced. Votes cast by email must be time stamped at or sooner than the specified time by the Chair at the time such a vote is called.

a. Emails sent to incorrect email addresses will not count as legal votes regardless of the time stamp.

7. Quorum for votes cast between meetings will be 60% of the Central Committee seats filled on the final day of voting. Votes that fail to meet quorum will automatically be added to the next meeting agenda, regardless of any other notification requirements.

D. Save in an emergency, meetings of the Central Committee must be held within the State of Ohio, at a location determined and distributed to members not less than two weeks prior to the date and time of the meeting.

1. Failure or inability to attend a meeting held outside the State of Ohio, regardless of available alternate methods of attendance, will not be counted against a member with regards to abdication (Bylaw 200, Section 6).

2. The reason for calling any emergency meeting will be included within the minutes of that meeting

Section 9. A member of any Committee may, at the discretion of the chair, fully participate in the proceedings of a meeting via telephone conference call, video conference, or other means of remote participation. A member so participating shall be counted as part of quorum and shall have all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities as if present, with the exception of elections for officers and replacement of statewide candidates after a primary election as required by section 3513.31 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 10. The Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Central Committee must have the authority to issue directives clarifying the operations or policies of areas under their direct supervision.

A. Such directives may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Central Committee.

B. Any directive amended by the Central Committee may not be altered by the issuing officer alone for the duration of their current term of office.

Bylaw 300 - Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee may hire paid staff, subject to approval of the Central Committee.

A. The Executive Committee shall set job descriptions and oversee any staff.

B. Officers shall retain their vote on the Executive Committee and be counted towards quorum, regardless of compensation.

C. Paid LPO staff shall not run for public political office or hold public political office while employed by the LPO.

1. If a paid staff member or candidate for staff membership is a member of the Party Central Committee, he or she must recuse him or herself from any vote relating to his or her employment.

Section 2. Quorum shall consist of 60% of the Executive Committee. Special quorum shall not be allowed.

Bylaw 310 - Executive Committee Officers

Section 1. The Chair of the Executive Committee will have the following duties, responsibilities, and restrictions:

A. Maintain and direct the operation of a party headquarters within 50 miles of the state capitol building.

B. At the discretion of the Chair, business may be conducted between meetings using the same process and guidelines currently in place for the Central Committee.

C. Create committees and appoint individuals as may be necessary.

1. The Executive Committee Chair must appoint, nominate for hiring, or direct that a volunteer/ employee/contractor search be conducted for individuals to be Directors of the Divisions:

a. Communication Division

b. Field Development Division

c. Finance Division

d. IT Division

e. Political Division

2. The Executive Committee Chair may create a new Division or position upon presenting a vision and demonstrating that the function of the new Division or position cannot be effectively accomplished in the structure of the existing Divisions

D. Establishing the date, time, location, and agenda of all Executive Committee meetings. The agenda must be distributed at least seven days prior to the meeting date.

E. Issue directives clarifying the operations or policies affecting general party operations or procedures, including guidelines for divisions and committees under the supervision of the Executive Committee.

1. Such directives may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Executive or Central Committee.

2. Any directive amended by the Executive or Central Committees may not be altered by the issuing officer alone for the duration of their current term of office

F. Perform all other duties prescribed by statute or usually exercised by the Chair and not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Party.

G. The Chair of the LPO State Executive Committee will not be an officer of the LPO State Central Committee.

H. The Chair of the LPO State Executive Committee, shall provide an annual report, with the assistance of the Division Directors and other members of the Executive Committee. It is preferred that it be done at the LPO State Convention or annual meeting. The Central Committee will determine what form must be followed in making this report.

Section 2. The Vice Chair of the Executive Committee shall have the following duties, responsibilities, and restrictions:

A. Perform the duties of the Chair in the event of Chair's absence, death, removal from office, resignation, removal from the State of Ohio, or inability to act, until a new Chair is elected and qualified.

B. Learn the duties of and assist the Chair as designated by the Chair.

Section 3. The Secretary of the Executive Committee shall have the following duties, responsibilities, and restrictions:

A. Be in charge of maintaining all official documents of the Executive Committee.

B. Prepare all necessary notes, minutes, and other documents.

C. Make available to all members the minutes of all meetings within ten days of the meeting.

D. Keep and be the custodian of the permanent books and records of the Party, except financial records.

E. Keep and maintain the standing rules of the Party, as adopted by a majority of the Executive Committee.

F. File with the Ohio Secretary of State a copy of the Party Constitution and Bylaws within thirty days of adoption or amendment as required by section 3517.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.

G. File with the Ohio Secretary of State a list of members of the Central Committee and Executive Committee within thirty days of their election or appointment as required by section 3517.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.

H. Perform all other duties prescribed by statute or usually exercised by the Secretary and not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Party.

I. The Secretary may appoint a deputy Secretary and assistant Secretaries who shall assist with such duties as assigned by the Secretary.

J. The deputy Secretary shall perform the duties of the Secretary, except voting on the Executive Committee, in the event of Secretary's absence, death, removal from office, resignation, removal from the State of Ohio, or inability to act, until a new Secretary is elected and qualified.

K. Issue directives clarifying the operations or policies affecting operations or procedures directly pertaining to the duties of the Secretary.

1. Such directives may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Executive or Central Committee.

2. Any directive amended by the Executive or Central Committees may not be altered by the issuing officer alone for the duration of their current term of office

Section 4. The Treasurer of the Executive Committee shall have the following duties, responsibilities, and restrictions:

A. Receive all funds belonging to the Party and keep proper books of account on all monies.

B. Expend such funds belonging to the Party as have been approved in accordance with

Party Bylaws.

C. Establish such funds as may be necessary to ensure proper accounting and treatment of all monies, based upon the laws of the United States of America and the State of Ohio.

D. Maintain proper financial reporting status and frequency as determined by applicable regulatory agencies at the federal and state level.

E. File the proper forms to all applicable regulatory agencies at the federal and state level within two weeks of succeeding a previous Treasurer to be identified as the new Treasurer.

F. File the proper forms to all applicable regulatory agencies at the federal and state level within two weeks of appointing a Deputy Treasurer to allow the Deputy Treasurer to be identified as an authorized person of account.

G. Expend funds only through check, electronic transfer, or other common methods which allow for a detailed audit trail. Cash is not an acceptable method of expenditure.

H. Provide all financial records to the Audit Committee following each filing period with the Ohio Secretary of State.

I. Perform all other duties prescribed by statute or usually exercised by the Treasurer and not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Party.

J. The Treasurer may appoint a deputy Treasurer and assistant Treasurers to assist with such duties as assigned by the Treasurer.

K. The deputy Treasurer shall perform the duties of the Treasurer, except voting on the Executive Committee, in the event of Treasurer's absence, death, removal from office, resignation, removal from the State of Ohio, or inability to act, until a new Treasurer is elected and qualified.

L. The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer shall not be permitted to serve on the Audit Committee.

M. Issue directives clarifying the operations or policies affecting operations or procedures directly pertaining to the duties of the Treasurer.

1. Such directives may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Executive or Central Committee.

2. Any directive amended by the Executive or Central Committees may not be altered by the issuing officer alone for the duration of their current term of office

Bylaw 320 - Budgets and Expenses

Section 1. The Party shall have an annual budget, fixed to the calendar year, which shall be approved by the Executive Committee and available to any member who requests.

Section 2. All expenses must be approved by the Executive Committee.

A. Expenses outlined in an annual budget and approved by the Executive Committee shall be considered approved expenses, provided that actual costs are at or lower than the budgeted amount.

B. All expenses not outlined in the budget or expenses in excess of the budgeted amount shall require a majority vote of the Executive Committee for approval.

Section 3. The Executive Committee may incur debt with term of no more than 4 years pursuant to Article V, Section 5A of the Party Constitution.

A. Exception can be made for debt incurred for the purchase of real property.

B. Any debt incurred must have a pre-defined rate of interest and terms of payment.

C. The total non-mortgage debt for the Party may not exceed \$5,000 at any one time, including interest and past salary obligations.

Section 4. Funds from the Treasury of the Libertarian Party of Ohio shall not be used to take action in the name of any person or entity, to donate in the name of any person or entity, nor to purchase memberships for the benefit of any person without their prior knowledge thereof and expressed written consent therefor.

A. Written consents to purchased memberships obtained under this section shall be filed with the Secretary of the Executive Committee and kept for a period of no less than two years. No other action may be taken under this consent.

Bylaw 330 - Party Logo and Brand

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Party shall approve the use of a Party logo and brand. The official logo and its' variations will be kept by the state Secretary as pursuant to Bylaw 310, Section 3D of these Bylaws.

A. The Libertarian National Committee shall be consulted and given opportunity to review the Party logo before final approval by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The approved Party logo and brand shall be used on all Party, Party subdivision, and Party affiliated organization communications and other materials where deemed appropriate.

This includes, but is not limited to websites, advertising, letterhead, outreach materials, communication, and by individuals acting on behalf of the Party.

A. Previously approved Party logos may continue to be used, until supplies are exhausted.

B. Electronic logos and branding must be updated within thirty days of the approval of a new logo and brand.

Section 3. Affiliated County Central Committees may freely adopt the Party logo and brand.

A. Variations of the Party logo must be approved by the state Executive Committee.

B. Use of a county logo, similar in design and content to the Party's logo, must be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

Section 4. Non-affiliated counties attempting to organize must use the approved Party logo and brand.

Section 5. Outside organizations, groups, candidates, and individuals must receive written permission from the Executive Committee prior to using the Party logo or any variation thereof.

Section 6. County logos approved after August 2007 and prior to the adoption of these Bylaws may continue to be used in unaffiliated counties.

Bylaw 340 Standard Operating Procedure

Section 1.

The Executive Committee must create and maintain the Standard Operating Procedure Manual for the Party. The Standard Operating Procedure Manual may be organized and maintained in any format deemed reasonable by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee must transmit to the Executive Committee Secretary a complete and current copy, to be maintained in the State Office. The Standard Operating Procedure Manual shall define the operating parameters and responsibilities of the various units of the Party's operations.

A. The Standard Operating Procedure Manual shall include a section for each standing committee as appointed by the Central Committee Chair, and a section for any other operations of the Central Committee as deemed appropriate by the Central Committee Chair.

1. The Central Committee Chair is authorized to update these sections of the Standard Operating Procedure Manual as needed.

2. The Central Committee may update these sections of the Standard Operating Procedure Manual with a majority vote. Such votes may be done in executive session.

B. The Standard Operating Procedure Manual shall include a section for each permanent Division appointed by the Executive Committee Chair.

1. The Executive Committee Chair is responsible for setting the scope of each division, the responsibilities of the Director(s) of each division, and is responsible for updating the Standard Operating Procedure Manual and notifying the Director of each division of any changes thereto in a timely and reasonable manner.

2. The Director of each Division is authorized to update the section of the Standard Operating Procedure Manual pertaining to their Division as needed, except the scope of their division and the responsibilities of the Director and Deputy Director of that Division. Directors may delegate their responsibilities, but remain ultimately accountable for these responsibilities

C. The Standard Operating Procedure Manual shall include a section for each standing committee outside of any division as appointed by the Executive Committee Chair.

1. The Executive Committee Chair is authorized to update the section of the Standard Operating Procedure Manual pertaining to each such standing committee.

2. The Executive Committee Chair is authorized to add or remove the section of the Standard Operating Procedure Manual pertaining to a standing committee upon the creation or elimination of such a committee.

D. The Standard Operating Procedure Manual must include a section listing the directives of the various Central and Executive Committee officers, as issued in the legal pursuance of their duties.

1. Such officers may add, remove, and amend the directives specifically related to their specific office.

E. The Executive Committee retains the privilege to add, remove, and amend the Standard Operating Procedure Manual.

1. The Executive Committee may amend any section of the Standard Operating Procedure Manual that is not controlled by the Central Committee Officers or the Central Committee with a majority vote. Such votes may be done in executive session.

F. The Executive Committee Secretary shall provide the most current copy of the Standard Operating Procedure Manual upon the request of any member of the Executive or Central Committees either in the requested manner or in the manner specified in the Standard Operating Procedure Manual.

Bylaw 500 - National Conventions

Section 1. The Party will be represented by delegates and alternates at the National Libertarian Convention by members of the state party per LPO Bylaw 100 or by certified candidates for partisan office under the Libertarian label. Delegates and alternates must have signed the LP pledge. Preference will be given in the following order:

- A. Members of the State Central Committee
- B. Members of the State Executive Committee
- C. LP Incumbents, in order as found in sections G-L
- D. Appointed Directors, Deputy Directors, and Deputy positions of the State Executive Committee
- E. Chairs of the affiliated County Central Committees
- F. Chairs of the affiliated County Executive Committees
- G. LP candidates for statewide office, including Ohio Supreme Court
- H. LP candidates for Federal office
- I. LP candidates for Ohio House, Senate, and Appeals Court
- J. LP candidates for state level non-partisan office
- K. LP candidates for any local partisan and judicial office
- L. LP candidates for any local non-partisan office
- M. Members of the management or committees of the Party or affiliated counties
- N. Other LP members in Ohio, as approved by the State Executive Committee
- O. Any delegate request received after the cutoff date established in Section 2 of this bylaw.

Section 2. Delegate priority for the State of Ohio will be finalized 40 days prior to the start of the National Convention. Any requests received after the cutoff will receive the lowest priority, and will be further prioritized by the order received.

Section 3. The Party will consider LP Pledge-signing citizens from other states to join their delegation, if at the National Libertarian Convention, Ohio delegate positions become open. The Ohio Party delegation will approve each addition with a 2/3 majority vote of the present delegates with an Ohio residence.

Section 4. If the Party has an excess of delegates at the Libertarian National Convention, those delegates are permitted to join other state delegations, once approved by the state in question. First preference is other states in the same LNC Region with Ohio.

Bylaw 510 - State Conventions

Section 1. The Party may hold a regular Convention in even-numbered years, the date and site selected by the Central Committee.

- A. A regular Convention shall be held after the primary election and before July 1st.
- B. At a regular Convention, the Platform of the Party shall be formulated and adopted. The Convention may also consider such other business as the delegates may deem appropriate.
- C. The Central Committee shall appoint the Convention Chair from the party membership.
- D. If a regular Convention is not held in an even numbered year, then a special Convention shall be held more that ninety (90) days before the General Election. Sections B and C of this Bylaw shall apply to such a required special Convention.
- 1. The Convention Chair shall appoint the various Convention committees as necessary from the national or state party membership; provided they are not affiliated with any other political party, including but not limited to Credentials, Platform, and National Convention Committees. These Committees shall have such functions and duties as prescribed by the Standing Rules of the Party and by the Convention Chair.

Section 2. Delegates to the regular Convention will be as follows pursuant to Revised Code section 3513.11:

- A. Candidates for election to state offices, except judicial offices
- B. Candidate for election to the United States Senate
- C. Candidates for election to the United States House of Representatives
- D. Candidates to the Ohio General Assembly
- E. Incumbent Libertarians for any of the above offices in years when there is no election for a successor to be held
- E. Members of the State Central Committee
- F. Members of the State Executive Committee
- G. Chairs of affiliated County Central Committees
- H. Chairs of affiliated County Executive Committees
- I. Up to 500 additional delegates, apportioned among the several counties in proportion to the most recent vote for the Party's governor candidate.

Section 3. - The Executive Committee shall inform the Central Committee and the several

County Central Committees of the number of delegates apportioned to each county pursuant to section 3513.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and Article VII, Section 3 of the Constitution no later than 3 months prior to a regular Convention.

A. County committees may certify their apportioned delegates to the Central Committee Secretary no later than 20 days prior to Convention.

Section 4. A notice of no less than thirty days shall be given for all conventions by reasonable and common methods.

Section 5. The Central Committee Chair and the Convention Chair may establish, with guidance from the Executive Committee, such registration and attendance fees as may be required. These fees shall be established no later than 120 days prior to a Regular Convention and no later than 30 days prior to a Special Convention.

Bylaw 600 - Endorsements

Section 1. No committee, officer, or appointee of the Party shall endorse any candidate running in opposition to a candidate endorsed or nominated by the Party or the Libertarian Party of the United States of America.

Section 2. The Party shall not endorse a nominee for the Libertarian Party presidential race prior to the Regular Convention held in presidential years.

A. The delegates to such a Convention may endorse a nominee for the Libertarian Party presidential primary race before the National Convention.

Section 3. The Party shall not endorse any candidate for State Central Committee.

Section 4. The Party shall not endorse or oppose any candidate for any affiliate Central Committee.

Bylaw 610 - Campaign Funding

Section 1. Funding and other assistance provided by the Party to a candidate for office shall not be used to attack any Libertarian candidate in a primary election.

Section 2. The Party may provide funding to a presidential nominee endorsed at a State Convention or to the candidate who has won the nomination at a National Convention.

Section 3. The Party shall not provide funding to any candidate for State Central Committee

Section 4. The Party shall not provide funding to any candidate for any affiliate Central Committee.

Bylaw 620 – Presidential Primary Election

Section 1. Candidates who meet the Constitutional and other legal requirements to seek the office of President of the United States and choose to seek the nomination of the Libertarian Party of the United States for that office may participate in the Ohio

Presidential primary election.

A. Each such candidate will collect at least 100 valid signatures.

1. The signatures will be collected on a form prescribed by the Ohio Secretary of State.
2. Completed petitions will be submitted to the Ohio Secretary of State, along with any filing fee required by the state of Ohio, and signatures verified in accordance with Ohio laws.
 - a. The Party shall not impose a fee on candidates to participate in the presidential primary election.
3. Signatures may be collected from Libertarian-affiliated voters or unaffiliated voters.

Section 2. If the Libertarian Party of the United States is holding its Presidential Nominating Convention on a date after the Ohio primary election:

A. Each candidate qualifying for the ballot under Section 1 will submit to the Executive Committee a list of delegates totaling not more than one-third of Ohio's allocation.

1. The delegates of the candidate who wins Ohio's primary election will be seated as part of Ohio's delegation at the national convention, provided that they meet the other requirements of LPO Bylaw 510.
2. No delegate priority listing found in Bylaw 510 may be used to deny the seating of any delegate under this section of the Bylaws.
3. In the event that allocation levels for the national Convention are not available or in force, each campaign will be permitted to submit a list of delegates equal in number to Ohio's Congressional allocation from the most recent decennial United States Census.
4. Delegate lists from each candidate must be received by the Party by the earlier of:
 - a. Thirty days before the Ohio Primary Election
 - b. Ten days before the end of LP Delegate Registration

Section 3. If the Libertarian Party of the United States is holding its Presidential Nominating Convention on a date before or coinciding with the Ohio Primary Election:

A. Section 2 of this Bylaw shall be of no effect.

Bylaw 700 - County Development

Section 1. In each nonaffiliated county, the Executive Committee may charter a County Development Group.

A. The Chair of the Executive Committee of the Party shall nominate an individual or group of individuals to serve as the members of a County Development Group in each nonaffiliated county. Each individual must be a registered voter of the county who is a pledge-signing member of the National Party, is a member of the State Party, and is not affiliated with any other political party in Ohio. These individuals shall be approved by the State Executive Committee.

1. Sitting members of a County Development Group must become members of the Party at their earliest opportunity and remain so. Failure to do so will automatically void their appointment.

B. The Executive Committee must appoint one member of the County Development Group to serve as the County Coordinator and primary contact within the county. If the County Development Group consists of a single individual, that individual is the County Coordinator by default.

C. The County Coordinator must work with direction from the Executive Committee and must, from time to time, provide an update to that body as requested.

D. The members of each County Development Group must work to connect with other Libertarians within their county through outreach events, membership development, and election activities. Each County Development Group must work towards developing into an affiliated county.

Section 2. Each CDG must be evaluated annually by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee must hold a vote to renew the CDG for another year after each evaluation.

A. The evaluation must be based on a series of objective criteria developed by the Field Development Division with input from the Executive Committee.

1. Such evaluation criteria must be approved by the Executive Committee and included in the LPO Standard Operating Procedure Manual.

B. Any CDG that does not receive an evaluation for 18 consecutive months may be disbanded upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

1. Any CDG so disbanded may be reinstated through the regular process in Section 1 of this Bylaw.

C. CDGs that exist when this Bylaw takes effect must be reviewed within 6 months

Section 3. Upon filing bylaws and a list of Central and Executive Committee members with a county Board of Elections, all County Development Group and County Coordinator appointments in a county are automatically ended.

Bylaw 710 - Affiliates

Section 1. Each affiliate of the Party shall meet the following criteria:

- A. Membership-elected Central Committee.
- B. Executive Committee elected by the Central Committee.
- C. Regularly filing appropriate campaign finance reports.
- D. Provide the Party with a copy of updated Bylaws within 30 days of adoption or amendment.
- E. Provide the Party with a copy of the Central or Executive Committee membership rosters within 30 days of any change.
- F. Provide the Party with a copy of each campaign finance report cover pages within 30 days of filing each report.
- G. Share all federal campaign finance activity with the Party by the 20th date of the month following the activity.
- H. File a report with the Party Executive Committee Secretary at least twice a year on the affiliate's activities.
- I. Have a candidate endorsement and vetting process, the details of which shall be filed with and kept current to the Party.
- J. Communicate to the Party a list of all candidates on the ballot in the affiliate's county within 7 days of the filing date, and maintain the currency of that list through the General Election.
- K. Communicate to the Party the withdrawal of any filed candidate in the affiliate's county for any reason.
- L. Communicate to the Party endorsements of candidates within 7 days.

Section 2. Standards for reporting will be kept by the Party and accessible to the affiliates.

Section 3. The state Party shall not recognize a county affiliate if either the County Central Committee Chair or the County Executive Committee Chair is NOT a pledge-signing member of the National Party and a member of the State Party.