

# Libertarian Party of Colorado

## Constitution - Adopted in Convention - April 26, 1998

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### Article I - NAME

The name of the association shall be the Libertarian Party of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as "the Party."

### Article II - PURPOSES

The purpose of the Party is to implement and give voice to libertarian principles, such as those in the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party, by:

(a) nominating and running candidates for office in the state of Colorado, (b) entering into political information and educational activities, and (c) promoting, chartering and coordinating Party affiliates throughout the state of Colorado.

### Article III - PRINCIPLES

The Party shall take no positions inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party.

### Article IV - OFFICERS

**Section 1** There shall be nine Party Officers, as follows: State Chair, Campaigns Director, Outreach Director, Publications Director, Public Information Director, Information Director, Legislative Director, Treasurer, and Fundraising Director. The powers and duties of these Officers shall be as specified herein and in the Party By-laws.

**Section 2** The Officers shall be elected by a majority of the Party members present and registered at the Party Convention each year. Officers shall be elected individually, on separate ballots, in the order designated in Section 1 of this Article and shall serve terms commencing immediately upon adjournment of the Party Convention and ending at the close of the next Convention.

**Section 3** No person not a member of the party shall be eligible to serve as an Officer. Any individual seeking a position as an Officer must sign a statement to the effect that he or she does not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

**Section 2** Any member of the Board of Directors may be suspended by vote of two-thirds of the current Board of Directors. Any member of the Board of Directors absent from two consecutive meetings of the Board shall be automatically suspended at adjournment of the second meeting. The Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds vote of the current members, appoint or reinstate officers if vacancies or suspensions occur, such members to serve until the next Convention.

**Section 3** The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with this Constitution and shall meet in the manner specified in the Party By-laws. The Board shall serve as the Party's vacancy committee.

## Article VI - CONVENTIONS

**Section 1** The Party shall hold a Convention during the second quarter of each calendar year, at which time the Board of Directors shall be elected, the Party Platform may be revised, and the Constitution and By-laws may be amended. At least forty five days prior to Convention, the Board shall call the Convention by notifying members of the date and location of the Convention. Additionally, the time and place of any Convention shall be published fifteen days prior to such Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the members of the Party reside.

**Section 2** In appropriate even-numbered years, the Convention shall nominate candidates for state-wide elective positions. Presidential and vice-presidential candidates and their electors may be nominated either in the year of the general election at which the presidential electors for president of the United States are elected or in the preceding year.

**Section 3** In years when a national Libertarian Party Convention is to be held, the State Convention shall elect delegates and alternates to the national Convention in accordance with procedures set forth in the Party By-laws.

When the Party is notified by the national Libertarian Party of entitlement to national Libertarian committee and subcommittee delegates, the Chair shall cause their election according to procedures set forth in the By-laws.

**Section 4** No fee may be required of any Party member to participate in the business sessions of any Party Convention; however, fees may be required for participation in other convention events.

**Section 5** The rules for each Convention shall be adopted by the Convention as its first order of business. The Board of Directors, or a committee appointed thereby, shall submit proposed rules for initial consideration. A simple majority of those members present shall be sufficient for adoption.

## Article VII - NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

**Section 1** Nomination of candidates for offices requiring the vote of all the electors of the state shall be made by a majority vote of Party members present and voting at the Party Convention, or by a committee designated thereby. Nomination of candidates for all other offices may be made in the same way.

**Section 2** Nomination of all other candidates may be made by the Party affiliates or district caucus of Party members and affiliates representing the area or district in which the candidate must run in accordance with such procedures as the affiliate or district caucus may provide, subject to the requirements of Section 3 herein, and further subject to ratification by a Party Convention or the Convention's designated committee, as provided in Article VII, Section 1.

**Section 3** Each candidate shall be a member of the Party and shall sign a statement to the effect that he or she supports the Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party.

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complainants not less than 7 days before the hearing is held. At the hearing the Board may, by a two-thirds vote, revoke the candidate's Certificate of Designation. No Party member may participate in more than one complaint during any calendar year, nor shall any complaint making the same or similar charges against the same candidate be heard more than once.

**Section 4** In order to qualify for campaign assistance from the Party, any candidate for public office shall be endorsed by a majority of Party members at the State Convention, by a committee designated thereby, or by the Board of Directors.

**Section 5** Any candidate representing the Party in a partisan contest where party identification on the ballot is permitted shall use the designation "Libertarian". Only candidates approved by the process set forth in this article may use this designation.

### **Article VIII - RECOGNITION OF PARTY AFFILIATES**

**Section 1** The Board of Directors of the Party may charter as affiliates those organizations requesting such status to represent counties, or other geographical entities, if requested by affected members and approved by the Board of Directors.

Affiliates shall be chartered for, but shall not be limited to, the following purposes:

(a) nominating candidates for public office; (b) working to elect Libertarian candidates and promote Libertarian principles through political information and educational activities; (c) selecting representatives to appropriate Party activities.

Each affiliate so chartered shall declare, for the purposes of liaison between the Party and the chartered affiliate, an Affiliate Representative.

**Section 2** Every organization so chartered shall ratify the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party.

**Section 3** The Board of Directors shall have the power to revoke the affiliate status of any organization by a three-fourths vote of the current Board if said affiliate supports candidates, policies, or positions inconsistent with the national Party Statement of Principles or the State Party Platform. Thirty days notice by certified mail shall be given to the Affiliate Representative of the affected affiliate.

### **Article IX - MEMBERSHIP**

The requirements and standards for membership shall be set forth in the Party By-laws.

### **Article X - BY-LAWS**

The By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members in attendance at any subsequent Party Convention.

### **Article XI - PLATFORM**

**Section 1** The Party may adopt, by a two-thirds vote of members in attendance, a Platform stating its position on all significant political issues at each Party Convention. Any platform plank, or the entire Platform, may be repealed by a simple majority of members in attendance at the Convention.

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**Section 1** The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members in attendance at any Party Convention.

**Section 2** The Board of Directors shall appoint the members of the State Constitution and By-laws Committee and each affiliate shall elect delegates to the State Constitution and By-laws Committee as set forth in the Party By-laws.

**\* ----- End of Constitution ----- \***