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[^0]B. Amendments to this Constitution shall require a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Voting Delegates at the State Party Annual Convention, or a vote of three-quarters (3/4) at State Party Special Convention, and upon passage shall take effect immediately unless otherwise specified.
C. This Constitution may also be amended by the State Party Board of County Chairs on an emergency basis; for instance, the potential loss of ballot access. Emergency Amendments shall require a vote of at least four-fifths (4/5) of the entire State Party Board of County Chairs. Any amendments made to this Constitution by the State Party Board of County Chairs between conventions shall take effect immediately, but shall be repealed unless ratified by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Voting Delegates at the next State Party Annual Convention.
i. Any such emergency amendment cannot amend Section II, Section III, or Section VIII of this Constitution.

Section 2. Standing Rules
A. A Party may adopt Standing Rules, provided such rules comply with federal and state law, this Constitution, and Roberts Rules of Order. Any Standing Rule which does not comply is repealed. Standing Rules only apply to the Party that enacts them, and are not binding on the rights of Voting Members or on Affiliate Parties.
B. Any Standing Rules adopted by a Party shall be codified in a Policy Manual for that Party, and reviewed by the Executive Committee at the first meeting after a Convention of the Paty that committe serves.

## ARTICLE IX: ETHICS, TRANSPARENCY, AND ASSETS

A. "Party Resources" are funds, time, compensated personnel, property, or any asset of value, which are owned, leased, coordinated, controlled, or operated by a Party.
B. A list of Party Resources of a Party shall be recorded and maintained by that Party. Authorization to expend Party Resources must be specifically approved by the Executive Committee of that Party.
C. Any Party Resource in the possession of, but not owned by, a Party shall be tracked. The owner's name, contact information, date obtained, and condition of use shall be maintained until a Party returns that Party Resource to its owner. Personal assets may not be advertised as Party Resources.
D. A County Party shall not transfer Party Resources to any other Party, without giving notice to the State Party Executive Committee Treasurer
E. Unless explicitly authorized by the Executive Committee, when resources are given away the value and the number of items, along with the date, location, and event title given shall be reported to the Executive Committee Treasurer and Chair. If the replacement value of an item is greater than ten dollars ( $\$ 10$ ), then contact information of the recipient shall also be reported.
F. At any Annual Convention for a Party at which Officers are elected, all Party Resources not in a paid storage facility shall be brought to the convention for transfer to new leadership. The key, combination, or other security mechanism for access to assets stored in a storage facility shall also be brought to the convention for transfer to new leadership. Bank account transfers shall be initiated within one week of the convention. If paperwork is necessary to transfer control of a storage facility, that paperwork shall be brought to the convention and completed by the appropriate parties.

Section 2. In-Kind Donations
A. All in-kind donations shall be approved in advance by the Treasurer of the Executive Committee for whom the in-kind service is rendered, or in-kind goods are accepted.
B. In-kind donations, in lieu of Annual Dues, shall only be approved by the State Party Executive Committee.
C. In-kind donations shall be valued at the reasonable market value for the goods or service in question.

Section 3. No voting member of a subcommittee or committee, shal
A. Be compensated, other than for actual costs incurred for providing goods or services pre-approved by the Executive Committee,
i. A member of a committee may provide goods or services to the party at arm's length at or below their usual and customary pricing if the committee member in question recuses themselves from any deliberation or vote on the matter, but a full accounting of the transaction(s) including the price and/or expense - shall be provided to the Executive Committee and to the Treasurer of the State Party Executive Committee within seventy-two (72) hours of any such transaction, and a comprehensive list provided to the convention body at the next Annual Convention of that Party. Such compensation shall require detailed accounting for such expenses.
B. Use his or her official position or office to obtain financial gain or other personal benefit, for himself or herself, any family member, or a business associate.
C. Use their official position in the party to endorse a candidate prior to receiving nomination or being elected, or vote to intentionally influence the outcome of such processes. This shall not prevent a committee member from acting as a Voting Member of the Party

Section 4. Party Records
A. "Open Record" means all meeting minutes, financial summaries, officer reports presented at any meeting, photographs, video, or audio of any meeting or event, and reports filed with any public agency.
B. Any person who has been a Voting Member of the State Party for the preceding ninety ( 90 ) days ("Requestor") may request to inspect any Open Record of the Party by placing the request to the Secretary, provided the person so-requesting certifies that they are not seeking the records for commercial purpose. In no event shall any record be released to anyone other than a valid Requestor.
C. If the person to whom the application is directed does not have custody or control of the Open record requested, that person shall notify the Requestor that they do not have custody, and, if they know who does, shall so inform the Requestor.
D. Whenever electronic records exist, such records shall be provided electronically over electronic mail at no cost to the Requestor. For physical copies, the secretary may charge $\$ 0.15$ per page copied, plus reasonable postage fees, and may require advance payment of the prescribed fee, including postage where appropriate.
E. The following shall be exempt from disclosure and the Open records provisions
i. Information Technology items such as software licenses, passwords, access codes, user identifications, or any other mechanism for controlling the security or restricting access to records in the Party's computer system;
ii. Personal information about members and donors other than name, address, congressional district and county;
iii. Financial information such as taxpayer identification number, banking information, and active real estate negotiations.
iv. Legal advice, memorandum, or matters protected by the attorney-client or other applicable legal privilege recognized by state or federal courts;
v. Records of the Party involved in adjudication that were compiled in the process of regulating elections, determining compliance with Party requirements, or investigatory matters if the disclosure of the information would harm the Party by premature release of information to be used in a prospective adjudication;
vi. Preliminary recommendations, and preliminary memoranda in which opinions are expressed or policies formulated or recommended
F. All Open records or information the disclosure of which is prohibited by federal or state law or regulation;
G. Any materials that relate solely to internal Party operations of a proprietary or confidential nature, the release of which to the general public has a substantial likelihood of seriously damaging the Party or its interests in the judgment of the Chair and Secretary, who shall both agree that the exception.

## ARTICLE X. PREFERENTIAL VOTING AND NONE OF THE ABOVE

Section 1. When, during the nomination for internal Party positions or the election or nomination of external political candidates, and there are more than two
2) options:
A. If the number of voters is not greater than three (3) times the number of options, cumulative voting shall be used to determine the winning choice

Each voter will be given a number of tokens equal to one and one half ( 1.5 ) the number of choices, rounded up to the nearest whole number
B. In all other cases, ranked choice voting, also known as instant-runoff voting, shall be used to determine the winning choice.

Section 2. In any case where a question involves election or nomination, None of the Above (NOTA) shall be an option.
Section 3 . Whenever preferential voting is used, the Secretary of the Party shall be responsible for tallying, announcing, and archiving the results of each round of voting. Except where otherwise explicitly outlined in this Constitution, those entitled to vote may, in good faith, challenge the results. Section 4. Except where explicitly permitted in this Constitution, proxy or absentee voting is forbidden.
Section 5. No person shall be elected to any position within any Party without receiving at least two (2) votes in the affrimative.

ARTICLE XI. ALL OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES
Section 1. All situations not covered shall be governed by the latest edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised


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