

# Party Reference & Formatting Cleanup

**Problem:** In Article 1 Section 1 of the Constitution it states that the Libertarian Party of Virginia will be referred to as the “Party”, but there are many sections of the Constitution which reference “Libertarian Party of Virginia” or “LPVA”. The national Libertarian Party is also frequently referred to as “National Libertarian Party” and the “constitution and bylaws” of this organization are referenced, despite there being no constitution of the national Libertarian Party.

**Solution:** Update all references throughout the document to use the “Party” when referring to the Libertarian Party of Virginia. Change the references to the national Libertarian Party so that the N of national is not capitalized (the name is “Libertarian Party” not “National Libertarian Party”). Removes references to the Constitution of the national Libertarian Party.

**Benefits:** The language of the Constitution will now be internally consistent as well as consistent with the name of the national Libertarian Party and the current state of that organization’s governing documents.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>ARTICLE I NAME OF THE PARTY AND AFFILIATION</b></p> <p>SECTION 1 The name of this organization shall be “The Libertarian Party of Virginia” (hereinafter referred to as “the Party”)</p> <p><b>ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARTY</b></p> <p>Except as provided for in ARTICLE VII, any person who is currently and has been a member of the National Libertarian Party for at least thirty (30) days, who resides and is domiciled in Virginia (as defined by Virginia law) and who has donated at least \$25 (Targeted or Project Donations excepted) (or at least \$5 for current students) to the Libertarian Party of Virginia within the preceding twelve month period, is a member of the Libertarian Party of Virginia.</p> <p>The LPVA may offer a "Unified Membership" option that shall consist of \$25 for LPVA, \$25 for national, and \$10 for local. Local affiliates that do not wish to recognize \$10 as their dues amount shall be ineligible for the</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE I NAME OF THE PARTY AND AFFILIATION</b></p> <p>SECTION 1 The name of this organization shall be <del>the</del> “<del>The</del> Libertarian Party of Virginia” (hereinafter referred to as <del>the</del> “<del>the</del> Party”).</p> <p><b>ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARTY</b></p> <p>Except as provided for in ARTICLE VII, any person who is currently and has been a member of the <del>N</del>ational Libertarian Party for at least thirty (30) days, who resides and is domiciled in Virginia (as defined by Virginia law) and who has donated at least \$25 (Targeted or Project Donations excepted) (or at least \$5 for current students) to the <del>Libertarian Party of Virginia</del> <u>Party</u> within the preceding twelve month period, is a member of the <del>Libertarian Party of Virginia</del> <u>Party</u>.</p> <p>The <del>LPVA</del> <u>Party</u> may offer a "Unified Membership" option that shall consist of \$25 for <del>LPVA</del> <u>the Party</u>, \$25 for <del>national</del> <u>the national Libertarian</u></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE I NAME OF THE PARTY AND AFFILIATION</b></p> <p>SECTION 1 The name of this organization shall be the “Libertarian Party of Virginia” (hereinafter referred to as the “Party”).</p> <p><b>ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARTY</b></p> <p>Except as provided for in ARTICLE VII, any person who is currently and has been a member of the national Libertarian Party for at least thirty (30) days, who resides and is domiciled in Virginia (as defined by Virginia law) and who has donated at least \$25 (Targeted or Project Donations excepted) (or at least \$5 for current students) to the Party within the preceding twelve month period, is a member of the Party.</p> <p>The Party may offer a "Unified Membership" option that shall consist of \$25 for the Party, \$25 for the national Libertarian Party, and \$10 for local. Local affiliates that do not wish to recognize \$10 as their dues amount shall be ineligible for the unified</p>

<p>unified membership program, and the amounts they forego will be directed towards the Local Affiliate Parties Committee.</p> <p>U.S. citizens who, due to military service, do not reside in Virginia but are registered Virginia voters, or U.S. citizens temporarily living overseas who can prove Virginia citizenship, shall also be eligible to become members of the LPVA under the same terms as above.</p> <p>Any resident of Virginia who is a Life member of the National LP shall be considered a member of the Libertarian Party of Virginia.</p>	<p><a href="#">Party</a>, and \$10 for local. Local affiliates that do not wish to recognize \$10 as their dues amount shall be ineligible for the unified membership program, and the amounts they forego will be directed towards the Local Affiliate Parties Committee.</p> <p>U.S. citizens who, due to military service, do not reside in Virginia but are registered Virginia voters, or U.S. citizens temporarily living overseas who can prove Virginia citizenship, shall also be eligible to become members of the <del>LPVA</del> <a href="#">Party</a> under the same terms as above.</p> <p>Any resident of Virginia who is a Life member of the <del>National LP</del> <a href="#">Libertarian Party</a> shall be considered a member of the <del>Libertarian Party of Virginia</del> <a href="#">Party</a>.</p>	<p>membership program, and the amounts they forego will be directed towards the Local Affiliate Parties Committee.</p> <p>U.S. citizens who, due to military service, do not reside in Virginia but are registered Virginia voters, or U.S. citizens temporarily living overseas who can prove Virginia citizenship, shall also be eligible to become members of the Party under the same terms as above.</p> <p>Any resident of Virginia who is a Life member of the national Libertarian Party shall be considered a member of the Party.</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE III OFFICERS; ELECTIONS; DUTIES; VACANCIES</b></p> <p>SECTION 2 The officers of the Party shall be elected by a majority vote of the delegates to the Regular State Convention; or, in the case of a vacancy in any office, as elsewhere provided in this Constitution. The officers shall serve from the closing of the Convention at which they are elected until the closing of the following Regular State Convention, except as elsewhere provided in this Constitution. Officers of the party shall be paid members in good standing; and no person who is currently serving as an officer of another political party may serve as an officer of the LPVA.</p> <p>SECTION 5 The Secretary shall take and distribute minutes of all State Central Committee meetings and of all Party conventions. In addition, the Secretary shall be responsible for official Party correspondence as required and for insuring the accuracy and completeness of all Party membership and mailing lists. The</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE III OFFICERS; ELECTIONS; DUTIES; VACANCIES</b></p> <p>SECTION 2 The officers of the Party shall be elected by a majority vote of the delegates to the Regular State Convention; or, in the case of a vacancy in any office, as elsewhere provided in this Constitution. The officers shall serve from the closing of the Convention at which they are elected until the closing of the following Regular State Convention, except as elsewhere provided in this Constitution. Officers of the Party shall be paid members in good standing; and no person who is currently serving as an officer of another political party may serve as an officer of the <del>LPVA</del> <a href="#">Party</a>.</p> <p>SECTION 5 The Secretary shall take and distribute minutes of all State Central Committee meetings and of all Party conventions. In addition, the Secretary shall be responsible for official Party correspondence as required and for insuring the accuracy and completeness of all Party membership and mailing lists. The</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE III OFFICERS; ELECTIONS; DUTIES; VACANCIES</b></p> <p>SECTION 2 The officers of the Party shall be elected by a majority vote of the delegates to the Regular State Convention; or, in the case of a vacancy in any office, as elsewhere provided in this Constitution. The officers shall serve from the closing of the Convention at which they are elected until the closing of the following Regular State Convention, except as elsewhere provided in this Constitution. Officers of the Party shall be paid members in good standing; and no person who is currently serving as an officer of another political party may serve as an officer of the Party.</p> <p>SECTION 5 The Secretary shall take and distribute minutes of all State Central Committee meetings and of all Party conventions. In addition, the Secretary shall be responsible for official Party correspondence as required and for insuring the accuracy and completeness of all Party membership and mailing lists. The</p>

<p>Secretary shall also carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the State Central Committee. The Secretary's nonvoting responsibilities shall continue beyond the Convention at which his replacement is elected for such duration as determined by the SCC solely in order to complete and present the Minutes of the Convention, the revised Constitution and Bylaws, and the revised Platform of the Libertarian Party of Virginia.</p>	<p>Secretary shall also carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the State Central Committee. The Secretary's nonvoting responsibilities shall continue beyond the Convention at which his replacement is elected for such duration as determined by the SCC solely in order to complete and present the Minutes of the Convention, the revised Constitution and Bylaws, and the revised Platform of the <del>Libertarian Party of Virginia</del> <u>Party</u>.</p>	<p>Secretary shall also carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the State Central Committee. The Secretary's nonvoting responsibilities shall continue beyond the Convention at which his replacement is elected for such duration as determined by the SCC solely in order to complete and present the Minutes of the Convention, the revised Constitution and Bylaws, and the revised Platform of the Party.</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY</b></p> <p><b>SECTION 1</b> The policy making and administrative authority of the Party shall be vested in a State Central Committee:</p> <p>e) Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to suggest that Members of the LPVA are prohibited from recording the proceedings of any LPVA meetings, including those of the SCC or any subcommittees, in any format they wish, without restriction, except when the SCC has convened into an Executive Session (if allowed). In an Executive Session, the SCC is permitted to ban any recording of the proceedings of that Session alone</p> <p><b>SECTION 7</b> There shall be a Party District Committee in and for each Congressional District of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The District Committee shall be responsible for the selection and support of a Candidate for the US House of Representatives.</p> <p>b) All Congressional District officers must be current members of the LPVA.</p> <p>d) Any portion of District Committee Bylaws in conflict</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY</b></p> <p><b>SECTION 1</b> The policy making and administrative authority of the Party shall be vested in a State Central Committee:</p> <p>e) Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to suggest that Members of the <del>LPVA</del> <u>Party</u> are prohibited from recording the proceedings of any <del>LPVA</del> <u>Party</u> meetings, including those of the SCC or any subcommittees, in any format they wish, without restriction, except when the SCC has convened into an Executive Session (if allowed). In an Executive Session, the SCC is permitted to ban any recording of the proceedings of that Session alone.</p> <p><b>SECTION 2</b> There shall be a Party District Committee in and for each Congressional District of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The District Committee shall be responsible for the selection and support of a Candidate for the US House of Representatives.</p> <p>b) All Congressional District officers must be current members of the <del>LPVA</del> <u>Party</u>.</p> <p>d) Any portion of District Committee Bylaws in conflict</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY</b></p> <p><b>SECTION 1</b> The policy making and administrative authority of the Party shall be vested in a State Central Committee:</p> <p>e) Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to suggest that Members of the Party are prohibited from recording the proceedings of any Party meetings, including those of the SCC or any subcommittees, in any format they wish, without restriction, except when the SCC has convened into an Executive Session (if allowed). In an Executive Session, the SCC is permitted to ban any recording of the proceedings of that Session alone.</p> <p><b>SECTION 2</b> T here shall be a Party District Committee in and for each Congressional District of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The District Committee shall be responsible for the selection and support of a Candidate for the</p>

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<p>Libertarian Party conventions, passage of resolutions, adoption of a Party platform, and nomination of, or endorsement of, candidates for statewide offices.</p> <p><b>SECTION 6 Special State Conventions</b> may be called by the State Central Committee at any time in accordance with the Laws of Virginia and the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Libertarian Party. At least twenty one days prior to the date of such Special State Convention, the Party (Secretary) shall mail to all members, a notice of such convention. Business for a Special State Convention may include the election of Party officers where vacancies have occurred, changes to the Party Constitution, or such special matter or matters as defined by the State Central Committee in its call and publication of an agenda for said Special State Convention.</p>	<p>Constitution, election of delegates to regional or national Libertarian Party conventions, passage of resolutions, adoption of a Party platform, and nomination of, or endorsement of, candidates for statewide offices.</p> <p><b>SECTION 6 Special State Conventions</b> may be called by the State Central Committee at any time in accordance with the Laws of Virginia and the <del>Constitution and</del> Bylaws of the <u>N</u>ational Libertarian Party. At least twenty one days prior to the date of such Special State Convention, the Party (Secretary) shall mail to all members, a notice of such convention. Business for a Special State Convention may include the election of Party officers where vacancies have occurred, changes to the Party Constitution, or such special matter or matters as defined by the State Central Committee in its call and publication of an agenda for said Special State Convention.</p>	<p>adoption of a Party platform, and nomination of, or endorsement of, candidates for statewide offices.</p> <p><b>SECTION 6 Special State Conventions</b> may be called by the State Central Committee at any time in accordance with the Laws of Virginia and the Bylaws of the national Libertarian Party. At least twenty one days prior to the date of such Special State Convention, the Party (Secretary) shall mail to all members, a notice of such convention. Business for a Special State Convention may include the election of Party officers where vacancies have occurred, changes to the Party Constitution, or such special matter or matters as defined by the State Central Committee in its call and publication of an agenda for said Special State Convention.</p>
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**MARK-UP LEGEND**

- In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- Deletions are in ~~red bold italic strikethrough~~.
- Additions are in blue bold underline.
- 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