

This document contains notice of the proposed amendments to be considered by the delegates to the Libertarian Party of Connecticut's Special Party Meeting, 23rd May 2021, in Meriden, CT.

In addition to stating the amendments in a formal manner, the proposed amendments are presented in three-column format: **Current Wording; Proposed Amendment; and If Adopted, Will Read.** Below each is the rationale furnished by the Bylaws Committee and may contain a proviso or recommendation from the Bylaws Committee.

The following proposed amendments to the LPCT Bylaws are presented in the order it is anticipated they will be considered by the Special Party Meeting. When an amendment is adopted with a two-thirds vote, that amendment becomes part of the bylaws immediately. Any subsequent amendment that is dealing with the same Section will be amending the newly amended Section. All of the amendments are written as if none of the others have been adopted. The Secretary of the Special Party Meeting shall alert the delegates of any changes to the wording of an Amendment due to a previous Amendment being adopted. An example of this is Amendment 3 and its conforming amendments. If Amendment 3 is adopted at the Special Party Meeting, all subsequent amendments that deal with the Sections that were Amended in Amendment 3 shall have "Regular" replacing "Biennial" in their Amendments. This concept is especially noteworthy with Amendments 4 and 5 and should be carefully considered. In Amendment 4, the terms of the Judicial Committee are changed to four years and the number of selections per Convention increased to three. Amendment 5 would keep the terms at three years and number of selections per Convention at two but establish an electronic method of electing the Judicial Committee when there is no Convention or Special Party Meeting scheduled. Naturally, only one of them can be in effect at once. If Amendment 4 is adopted, Amendment 5 would necessarily have to amend what was just adopted in Amendment 4. This should be considered as the amendments are deliberated.

Formatting used in printing the proposed bylaw amendments:

Underlined print = insert or add

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Proposed Amendments

AMENDMENT 1: REMOTE CONVENTIONS AND SPECIAL PARTY MEETINGS

Amend Article VI, Meetings, Section 1, Conventions by inserting the following to the end of the section:

If circumstances arise that make a physical Convention impractical, the SCC is authorized to call for a remote Convention or Special Party Meeting or a combination physical and remote Convention or Special Party Meeting by means and methods that the SCC may devise provided the requirements established in these bylaws are met. Such circumstances rendering an in person meeting impractical include and are specifically limited to war, riot, public health emergency, civil unrest, natural disaster, or inclement weather cancellations due to road closures.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>Biennial Conventions shall be called by the State Central Committee. Special Party Meetings may be called by the Chairman, the State Central Committee or by 10% of the Members. Such Special Party Meetings may undertake any function authorized for conventions under the provisions of these bylaws.</p>	<p>Biennial Conventions shall be called by the State Central Committee. Special Party Meetings may be called by the Chairman, the State Central Committee or by 10% of the Members. Such Special Party Meetings may undertake any function authorized for conventions under the provisions of these bylaws. <u>If circumstances arise that make a physical Convention impractical, the SCC is authorized to call for a remote Convention or Special Party Meeting or a combination physical and remote Convention or Special Party Meeting by means and methods that the SCC may devise provided the requirements established in these bylaws are met. Such circumstances rendering an in person meeting impractical include and are specifically limited to war, riot, public health emergency, civil unrest, natural disaster, or inclement weather cancellations due to road closures.</u></p>	<p>Biennial Conventions shall be called by the State Central Committee. Special Party Meetings may be called by the Chairman, the State Central Committee or by 10% of the Members. Such Special Party Meetings may undertake any function authorized for conventions under the provisions of these bylaws. If circumstances arise that make a physical Convention impractical, the SCC is authorized to call for a remote Convention or Special Party Meeting or a combination physical and remote Convention or Special Party Meeting by means and methods that the SCC may devise provided the requirements established in these bylaws are met. Such circumstances rendering an in person meeting impractical include and are specifically limited to war, riot, public health emergency, civil unrest, natural disaster, or inclement weather cancellations due to road closures.</p>

Bylaws Committee Rationale: Robert's Rules of Order prohibit remote meetings unless specified in the bylaws. Circumstances in 2020 rendered this provision a necessity for the future.

AMENDMENT 2: STRIKING “BIENNIAL”, DUES

Amend Article III, Membership, Section 2, Dues by striking “biennial” and inserting “annual.”

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Each Member shall be subject to biennial dues as established by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Central Committee.	Each Member shall be subject to biennial annual dues as established by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Central Committee.	Each Member shall be subject to annual dues as established by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Central Committee.

Bylaws Committee Rationale: The party finances are set up to receive annual dues, not biennial.

CONFORMING AMENDMENT 2A

Amend Article VIII, Finances, Section 1, Dues by striking “Biennial” and inserting “Annual.”

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Biennial dues will be applied to the operation of general Party administration expenses at the discretion of the State Central Committee.	Biennial Annual dues will be applied to the operation of general Party administration expenses at the discretion of the State Central Committee.	Annual dues will be applied to the operation of general Party administration expenses at the discretion of the State Central Committee.

AMENDMENT 3: STRIKING “BIENNIAL”, CONVENTIONS

Amend Article VI, Meetings, Section 1, Conventions, by striking “Biennial Conventions shall be called by the State Central Committee” and inserting the following:

The Party shall hold a Regular Convention every two years, at a time and place selected by the State Central Committee. Regular Conventions shall be held sometime during the period of June of an odd-numbered year through August of an even-numbered year and must be held prior to the Libertarian National Committee Convention.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Biennial Conventions shall be called by the State Central Committee. Special Party Meetings may be called by the	Biennial Conventions shall be called by the State Central Committee The Party shall hold a Regular Convention every two	The Party shall hold a Regular Convention every two years, at a time and place selected by the State Central Committee.

<p>Chairman, the State Central Committee or by 10% of the Members. Such Special Party Meetings may undertake any function authorized for conventions under the provisions of these Bylaws.</p>	<p><u>years, at a time and place selected by the State Central Committee. Regular Conventions shall be held sometime during the period of June of an odd-numbered year through August of an even-numbered year and must be held prior to the Libertarian National Committee Convention.</u> Special Party Meetings may be called by the Chairman, the State Central Committee, or by 10% of the Members. Such Special Party Meetings may undertake any function authorized for conventions under the provisions of these Bylaws.</p>	<p>Regular Conventions shall be held sometime during the period of June of an odd-numbered year through August of an even-numbered year and must be held prior to the Libertarian National Committee Convention. Special Party Meetings may be called by the Chairman, the State Central Committee, or by 10% of the Members. Such Special Party Meetings may undertake any function authorized for conventions under the provisions of these Bylaws.</p>
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Bylaws Committee Rationale: The current bylaws stipulate biennial conventions, which limit the timing the SCC may call a convention to even numbered years. To give more flexibility to call a convention when the SCC deems it more beneficial for the Party, this provision should be adopted.

CONFORMING AMENDMENT 3A

Amend Article IV, Organization, Section 2, Officers, Sentence 3 by striking “Biennial” each place it appears and inserting “Regular” in each location.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>The term of office shall begin at the close of the Biennial Convention and run until the close of the next Biennial Convention, or until their successors are elected.</p>	<p>The term of office shall begin at the close of the Biennial Regular Convention and run until the close of the next Biennial Regular Convention, or until their successors are elected.</p>	<p>The term of office shall begin at the close of the Regular Convention and run until the close of the next Regular Convention, or until their successors are elected.</p>

CONFORMING AMENDMENT 3B

Amend Article IV, Organization, Section 4, Committees, Sentences 1 and 2 by striking “Biennial” each place it appears and inserting “Regular” in each location.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
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Committees may be established for particular functions by either the State Central Committee or the Party at an Biennial Convention or Special Meeting. Such committees shall be answerable to the body which established it. All ad hoc committees, except those established by the Bylaws, shall be automatically dissolved upon adjournment of the Biennial Convention unless specifically renewed.	Committees may be established for particular functions by either the State Central Committee or the Party at a Biennial <u>Regular</u> Convention or Special Meeting. Such committees shall be answerable to the body which established it. All ad hoc committees, except those established by the bylaws, shall be automatically dissolved upon adjournment of the Biennial <u>Regular</u> Convention unless specifically renewed.	Committees may be established for particular functions by either the State Central Committee or the Party at a Regular Convention or Special Meeting. Such committees shall be answerable to the body which established it. All ad hoc committees, except those established by the bylaws, shall be automatically dissolved upon adjournment of the Regular Convention unless specifically renewed.
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CONFORMING AMENDMENT 3C

Amend Article V, Selections, Section 1, State Central Committee, Subparagraph 1 Sentence 1 by striking “Biennial” and inserting “Regular”.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
1. The State Central Committee, except for Affiliate seats, shall be selected at the Biennial Convention.	1. The State Central Committee, except for Affiliate seats, shall be selected at the Biennial <u>Regular</u> Convention.	1. The State Central Committee, except for Affiliate seats, shall be selected at the Regular Convention.

CONFORMING AMENDMENT 3D

Amend Article V, Selections, Section 1, State Central Committee, Sentence 1 by striking “Biennial” each place it appears and inserting “Regular” in each location.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Officers shall be selected by the State Central Committee from amongst its membership, during each Biennial Convention, and shall take office at the close of the Biennial Convention.	Officers shall be selected by the State Central Committee from amongst its membership, during each Biennial <u>Regular</u> Convention, and shall take office at the close of the Biennial <u>Regular</u> Convention.	Officers shall be selected by the State Central Committee from amongst its membership, during each Regular Convention, and shall take office at the close of the Regular Convention.

CONFORMING AMENDMENT 3E

Amend Article IV, Organization, Section 1, State Central Committee by striking “biennially” in subparagraph 3.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
3. Select officers biennially and be empowered to terminate any officer for cause.	3. Select officers biennially and be empowered to terminate any officer for cause.	3. Select officers and be empowered to terminate any officer for cause.

CONFORMING AMENDMENT 3F

Amend Article IV, Organization, Section 2, Officers by striking “Biennial” each place it appears and inserting “Regular” in each location, and by inserting the word “Regular” prior to the word “Conventions”.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>The Officers of the Party shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, except that the State Central Committee may divide the responsibilities of any office and adjust the titles accordingly. Officers shall be selected by the newly formed SCC at each convention. The term of office shall begin at the close of the Biennial Convention and run until the close of the next Biennial Convention, or until their successors are elected. Any vacancies between conventions may be filled by the SCC, except that in the case of termination of the Chair, the Vice-Chairman shall be immediately vested in this office, to be reviewed by the SCC at the next regular SCC meeting. Should the Chairman be terminated, and no Vice Chairman is currently serving, this office will devolve next to the Secretary, then Treasurer, then other SCC members by seniority, until reviewed at the next SCC meeting. Unless the SCC acts to</p>	<p>The Officers of the Party shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, except that the State Central Committee may divide the responsibilities of any office and adjust the titles accordingly. Officers shall be selected by the newly formed SCC at each convention. The term of office shall begin at the close of the Biennial Regular Convention and run until the close of the next Biennial Regular Convention, or until their successors are elected. Any vacancies between Regular Conventions may be filled by the SCC, except that in the case of termination of the Chair, the Vice-Chairman shall be immediately vested in this office to be reviewed by the SCC at the next regular SCC meeting. Should the Chairman be terminated, and no Vice-Chairman is currently serving, this office will devolve next to the Secretary, then Treasurer, then other SCC members by seniority, until reviewed at the next SCC</p>	<p>The Officers of the Party shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, except that the State Central Committee may divide the responsibilities of any office and adjust the titles accordingly. Officers shall be selected by the newly formed SCC at each convention. The term of office shall begin at the close of the Regular Convention and run until the close of the next Regular Convention, or until their successors are elected. Any vacancies between Regular Conventions may be filled by the SCC, except that in the case of termination of the Chair, the Vice-Chairman shall be immediately vested in this office to be reviewed by the SCC at the next regular SCC meeting. Should the Chairman be terminated, and no Vice-Chairman is currently serving, this office will devolve next to the Secretary, then Treasurer, then other SCC members by seniority, until reviewed at the next SCC meeting. Unless the SCC acts to</p>

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CONFORMING AMENDMENT 3G

Amend Article V, Selections, Section 2, Officers by striking “Biennial” each place it appears and inserting “Regular” in each location.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Officers shall be selected by the State Central Committee from amongst its membership, during each Biennial Convention, and shall take office at the close of the Biennial Convention. If there is more than one nominee for each office, the selection shall be made on a graded system in which each Committeeman rates each nominee for his ability in that office on a scale of 0 to 10. The nominee receiving the highest total tally shall be declared selected, subject to any further requirements established by the Committee in its Rules.	Officers shall be selected by the State Central Committee from amongst its membership during each Biennial Regular Convention, and shall take office at the close of the Biennial Regular Convention. If there is more than one nominee for each office, the selection shall be made on a graded system in which each Committeeman rates each nominee for his ability in that office on a scale of 0 to 10. The nominee receiving the highest total tally shall be declared selected, subject to any further requirements established by the Committee in its Rules.	Officers shall be selected by the delegates from the floor during each Regular Convention, and shall take office at the close of the Regular Convention. If there is more than one nominee for each office, the selection shall be made on a graded system in which each Committeeman rates each nominee for his ability in that office on a scale of 0 to 10. The nominee receiving the highest total tally shall be declared selected, subject to any further requirements established by the Committee in its Rules.

CONFORMING AMENDMENT 3H

Amend Article IV, Organization, Section 3, Judicial Committee, Sentence 1 by striking “Biennial” and inserting “Regular”.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
The Judicial Committee shall consist of six Members, with two chosen at each Biennial convention for a three year term. Members shall not also be members of the State Central Committee or its committees but	The Judicial Committee shall consist of six Members, with two chosen at each Biennial Regular Convention for a three-year term.	The Judicial Committee shall consist of six Members, with two chosen at each Regular Convention for a three-year term.

may serve on a Platform Committee or a Bylaws Committee.		
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CONFORMING AMENDMENT 3I

Amend Article V, Selections, Section 3, Judicial Committee by striking “Biennial” and inserting “Regular”.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
The Judicial Committee members shall be selected at the Biennial Convention to fill any vacancies.	The Judicial Committee members shall be selected at the Biennial <u>Regular</u> Convention.	The Judicial Committee members shall be selected at the Regular Convention.

AMENDMENT 4: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE TERMS AND VACANCIES

Amend Article IV, Organization, Section 3, Judicial Committee, Sentence 1 by striking “two” and inserting “three” and by striking “three-year” and inserting “four-year” and by inserting the following after “term.”

Vacancies in the Judicial Committee that arise more than six months prior to a Regular Convention shall be filled by means of a special electronic election as described in Article V Section 8, unless a Special Party Meeting is called.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
The Judicial Committee shall consist of six Members, with two chosen at each Biennial Convention for a three-year term.	The Judicial Committee shall consist of six Members, with two <u>three</u> chosen at each Biennial Convention for a three-year <u>four-year</u> term. <u>Vacancies in the Judicial Committee that arise more than six months prior to a Regular Convention shall be filled by means of a special electronic election as described in Article V Section 8, unless a Special Party Meeting is called.</u>	The Judicial Committee shall consist of six Members, with three chosen at each Biennial Convention for a four-year term. Vacancies in the Judicial Committee that arise more than six months prior to a Regular Convention shall be filled by means of a special electronic election as described in Article V Section 8, unless a Special Party Meeting is called.

Bylaws Committee Recommendation: The Bylaws Committee recommends that the delegates adopt Amendment 4.

Bylaws Committee Rationale: This is the simplest way to fix the Judicial Committee terms issue with having Regular Conventions every two years instead of annually. Vacancies can be handled remotely as they arise.

CONFORMING AMENDMENT 4A

Add Section 8, Electronic Elections to Article V, Selections by creating a new section as follows.

Section 8 Electronic Elections

Upon the event of Judicial Committee vacancies, electronic elections shall be held to fill the vacancies, unless a Special Party Meeting is called. The electronic elections shall be held as follows

1. An electronic election shall be held within three months of the SCC's being notified of the vacancy. No special election shall be held within three months of a scheduled Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting. Notification of any vacancies shall be made to the Regular Membership at least 30 days prior to the electronic election and nominations shall be received until two weeks prior to the electronic election. If there is only one seat being filled, an Instant Runoff Voting ballot shall be sent via email to all Regular Members. If multiple Judicial Committee vacancies are being filled, a Single Transferable Voting ballot shall be sent via email to all Regular Members. Voting shall be open for seven days. The candidate or candidates who reach the winning threshold shall be declared winners. Only Regular Members who have been Regular Members continuously for 30 days prior to the Special Election shall be eligible to vote.

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AMENDMENT 5: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE TERMS, ALTERNATIVE

Amend Article IV, Organization, Section 3, Judicial Committee, Sentence 1 by striking “at each Biennial Convention” and replacing it with “each year.” Add a sentence immediately following Sentence 1 to read:

If the three-year term ends in a year in which a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting is being held, the terms shall end at the adjournment of the Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting. If the three-year term ends in a year in which a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting will not be held, the term shall end on the third anniversary date of the adjournment of the Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting at which the term began.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
The Judicial Committee shall consist of six Members, with two	The Judicial Committee shall consist of six Members, with two	The Judicial Committee shall consist of six Members, with two

<p>chosen at each Biennial Convention for a three-year term. Members shall not also be members of the State Central Committee or its committees but may serve on a Platform Committee or a Bylaws Committee.</p>	<p>chosen at each Biennial Convention <u>each year</u> for a three-year term. <u>If the three-year term ends in a year in which a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting is being held, the terms shall end at the adjournment of the Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting.</u> <u>If the three-year term ends in a year in which a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting will not be held, the term shall end on the third anniversary date of the adjournment of the Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting at which the term began.</u> Members shall not also be members of the State Central Committee or its committees but may serve on a Platform Committee or a Bylaws Committee.</p>	<p>chosen each year for a three-year term. If the three-year term ends in a year in which a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting is being held, the terms shall end at the adjournment of the Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting. If the three-year term ends in a year in which a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting will not be held, the term shall end on the third anniversary date of the adjournment of the Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting at which the term began. Members shall not also be members of the State Central Committee or its committees but may serve on a Platform Committee or a Bylaws Committee.</p>
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Bylaws Committee Recommendation: The bylaws committee recommends that Amendment 5 only be adopted if Amendment 4 is not adopted.

Bylaws Committee Rationale: A second way to fix the Judicial Committee term issue is to utilize electronic election capabilities to elect our Judicial Committee remotely on off-convention years.

CONFORMING AMENDMENT 5A

Add Section 8, Electronic Elections of Article V, Selections, by inserting a new Section 8, Electronic Elections as follows:

Section 8 Electronic Elections

In years in which neither a Regular Convention nor a Special Party Meeting will be held, email selections shall be held to elect the Judicial Committee as established in these bylaws. The selections shall be held in the following manner.

1. Notification of the election shall be sent to the Regular Membership no less than one month prior to the end of the Judicial Committee Members' terms. Nominations shall be made by the Regular Membership following the notification for two weeks. Email elections shall be sent to the Regular Membership one week prior to the ending of the terms. Voting shall be open for seven days. Counting of ballots shall be by Single Transferable Vote. The candidates who reach the winning threshold shall be declared winners. The selected candidates shall begin a three-year term on the

day the previous term ends. Only Regular Members who have been Regular Members continuously for 30 days prior to the Special Election shall be eligible to vote.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
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	<u>Special Election shall be eligible to vote.</u>	Special Election shall be eligible to vote.
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Proviso: If Amendment 4 is ratified, the above amendment would be a full substitution of the Article V Section 8 that was ratified in Amendment 4.

CONFORMING AMENDMENT 5B

Amend Article V, Selections, Section 3, Judicial Committee by striking “at the Biennial Convention” and inserting the following

each year to fill any vacancies. In years that a Convention is held, the Judicial Committee members shall be selected at the Convention as described in the Convention Rules. In years that a Convention is not held, the Judicial Committee shall be selected by electronic ballot as described in Article V Section 8.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
The Judicial Committee members shall be selected at the Biennial Convention to fill any vacancies.	The Judicial Committee members shall be selected at the Biennial Convention. <u>each year to fill any vacancies. In years that a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting is held, the Judicial Committee members shall be selected at the Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting as described in the Convention Rules. In years that a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting is not held, the Judicial Committee shall be selected by electronic ballot as described in Article V Section 8.</u>	The Judicial Committee members shall be selected each year to fill any vacancies. In years that a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting is held, the Judicial Committee members shall be selected at the Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting as described in the Convention Rules. In years that a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting is not held, the Judicial Committee shall be selected by electronic ballot as described in Article V Section 8.

AMENDMENT 6: STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AUTHORITY

Amend Article IV, Organization, Section 1, State Central Committee by striking “Select officers and” and , and by striking “terminate” and inserting “suspend” and inserting the following at the end of subparagraph 3,

by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire SCC, excepting the officer that is the subject of the vote who may not participate in that vote. The suspended officer may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At

the hearing, the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the State Central Committee’s suspension of the officer or order the officer’s reinstatement within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the State Central Committee’s suspension of the officer. At such time as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.

And by striking “and the State Central Committee”, and inserting “excepting the State Central Committee and Judicial Committee.” in subparagraph 7.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>The State Central Committee shall be vested with the management of the affairs of the Party. It shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish rules for its own operation. 2. Meet at least quarterly (every 3 months). 3. Select officers and be empowered to terminate any officer for cause. 4. Administer the affairs of the Party. 5. Establish committees or recognize an existing group as a committee for particular purposes. 6. Recognize and cooperate with Libertarian ad hoc organizations. 7. Accept resignations, select successors and fill any vacancies in offices or committees, and the State Central Committee. 8. Select delegates to any convention or meeting unless a Party Convention or Special Party Meeting makes such selection. 	<p>The State Central Committee shall be vested with the management of the affairs of the Party. It shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish rules for its own operation. 2. Meet at least quarterly (every 3 months). 3. Select officers and be empowered to terminate <u>suspend</u> any officer for cause <u>by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire SCC, excepting the officer that is the subject of the vote who may not participate in that vote.</u> <u>The suspended officer may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons,</u> 	<p>The State Central Committee shall be vested with the management of the affairs of the Party. It shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish rules for its own operation. 2. Meet at least quarterly (every 3 months). 3. Be empowered to suspend any officer for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire SCC, excepting the officer that is the subject of the vote who may not participate in that vote. The suspended officer may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall

	<p><u>which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing, the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the State Central Committee's suspension of the officer or order the officer's reinstatement within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the State Central Committee's suspension of the officer. At such time as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Administer the affairs of the Party. 5. Establish committees or recognize an existing group as a committee for particular purposes. 6. Recognize and cooperate with Libertarian ad hoc organizations. 7. Accept resignations, select successors, and fill any vacancies in offices or committees, <u>excepting the State Central Committee and the Judicial Committee.</u> and the State Central Committee. 8. Select delegates to any convention or meeting unless a Party Convention or Special 	<p>have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing, the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the State Central Committee's suspension of the officer or order the officer's reinstatement within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the State Central Committee's suspension of the officer. At such time as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Administer the affairs of the Party. 5. Establish committees or recognize an existing group as a committee for particular purposes. 6. Recognize and cooperate with Libertarian ad hoc organizations. 7. Accept resignations, select successors, and fill any vacancies in offices or committees, excepting the State Central Committee and the Judicial Committee 8. Select delegates to any convention or meeting unless a Party Convention or Special Party Meeting makes such selection.
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Bylaws Committee Rationale: Because ultimate authority in the Party rests in its members, it is time the State Central Committee officers be elected directly by the members in convention. This includes vacancies that may arise in between conventions both in the officers and at-large membership of the SCC. With electronic election capabilities, the filling of vacancies in between conventions can rest with the Party Membership where it belongs. The authority to remove any officer should be clarified and limited.

CONFORMING AMENDMENT 6A

Amend Article IV, Organization, Section 2, Officers by striking “except that the State Central Committee may divide the responsibilities of any office and adjust the titles accordingly. Officers shall be selected by the newly formed SCC at each convention.”,
 by striking “may be filled by the SCC” and inserting “shall be filled by a special electronic election as described in Article V Section 8, unless a Special Party Meeting is called,”,
 by striking “to be reviewed by the SCC at the next regular SCC meeting”, and inserting “on an interim basis until a special election as described in Article V Section 8 can be held, or a Special Party Meeting is called.”,
 by striking “reviewed at the next SCC meeting.” and inserting “a special election as described in Article V Section 8 can be held, or a Special Party Meeting is called.”,
 by striking “Unless the SCC acts to change them,”
 by inserting “Regular” to precede “Conventions”

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
The Officers of the Party shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, except that the State Central Committee may divide the responsibilities of any office and adjust the titles accordingly. Officers shall be selected by the newly formed SCC at each convention. The term of office shall begin at the close of the Biennial Convention and run until the close of the next Biennial Convention, or until their successors are elected. Any vacancies between conventions may be filled by the SCC, except that in the case of termination of the Chair, the Vice	The Officers of the Party shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, except that the State Central Committee may divide the responsibilities of any office and adjust the titles accordingly. Officers shall be selected by the newly formed SCC at each convention. The term of office shall begin at the close of the Biennial Convention and run until the close of the next Biennial Convention, or until their successors are elected. Any vacancies between Biennial Conventions may be filled by the SCC, <u>shall be filled by a special electronic election as described</u>	The Officers of the Party shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The term of office shall begin at the close of the Biennial Convention and run until the close of the next Biennial Convention, or until their successors are elected. Any vacancies between Biennial Conventions shall be filled by a special electronic election as described in Article V Section 8, unless a Special Party Meeting is called, except that in the case of termination of the Chair, the Vice-Chairman shall be immediately vested in this office on an interim basis until a special electronic election

<p>-Chairman shall be immediately vested in this office, to be reviewed by the SCC at the next regular SCC meeting. Should the Chairman be terminated, and no Vice Chairman is currently serving, this office will devolve next to the Secretary, then Treasurer, then other SCC members by seniority, until reviewed at the next SCC meeting. Unless the SCC acts to change them, the basic responsibilities of office shall be:</p>	<p>in Article V Section 8, unless a Special Party Meeting is called, except that in the case of termination of the Chair, the Vice-Chairman shall be immediately vested in this office to be reviewed by the SCC at the next regular SCC meeting: <u>on an interim basis until a special electronic election as described in Article V Section 8 can be held, or a Special Party Meeting is called.</u> Should the Chairman be terminated, and no Vice-Chairman is currently serving, this office will devolve next to the Secretary, then Treasurer, then other SCC members by seniority, until reviewed at the next SCC meeting: <u>a special election as described in Article V Section 8 can be held, or a Special Party Meeting is called.</u> Unless the SCC acts to change them, the basic responsibilities of office shall be:</p>	<p>as described in Article V Section 8 can be held, or a Special Party Meeting is called. Should the Chairman be terminated, and no Vice-Chairman is currently serving, this office will devolve next to the Secretary, then Treasurer, then other SCC members by seniority, until a special election as described in Article V Section 8 can be held, or a Special Party Meeting is called.</p> <p>The basic responsibilities of office shall be:</p>
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CONFORMING AMENDMENT 6B

Amend Article V, Selections, Section 2, Officers by striking the words “State Central Committee from amongst its membership” and inserting “delegates” and by striking the entire final two sentences and substituting the following:

“If there is only one nominee for any office, the nominee shall be selected unless a majority of the delegates object. If there is more than one nominee for any office, an election shall be held to determine the winner as described in the Convention Rules.”

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>Officers shall be selected by the State Central Committee from amongst its membership, during each Biennial Convention, and shall take office at the close of the Biennial Convention. If there is more than one nominee for</p>	<p>Officers shall be selected by the State Central Committee from amongst its membership <u>delegates</u> during each Biennial Convention, and shall take office at the close of the Biennial Convention. If there is more</p>	<p>Officers shall be selected by the delegates from the floor during each Biennial Convention, and shall take office at the close of the Biennial Convention. If there is only one nominee for any office, the nominee shall be</p>

<p>each office, the selection shall be made on a graded system in which each Committeeman rates each nominee for his ability in that office on a scale of 0 to 10. The nominee receiving the highest total tally shall be declared selected, subject to any further requirements established by the Committee in its Rules.</p>	<p>than one nominee for each office, the selection shall be made on a graded system in which each Committeeman rates each nominee for his ability in that office on a scale of 0 to 10. The nominee receiving the highest total tally shall be declared selected, subject to any further requirements established by the Committee in its Rules. <u>If there is only one nominee for any office, the nominee shall be selected unless a majority of the delegates object. If there is more than one nominee for any office, an election shall be held to determine the winner as described in the Convention Rules.</u></p>	<p>selected unless a majority of the delegates object. If there is more than one nominee for any office, an election shall be held to determine the winner as described in the Convention Rules.</p>
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CONFORMING AMENDMENT 6C

Amend Article V, Selections, Section 1, State Central Committee by moving the final sentence of subparagraph 1 to a new subparagraph 2 and inserting the following to the end of the new subparagraph 2

but may be reinstated by a majority vote of the SCC at the next scheduled SCC meeting following the removal. If the member fails to attend a fourth consecutive meeting, the vacancy shall be declared to the Regular Membership and filled as described in Article V Section 8 or at a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting unless the member was an Affiliate representative, in which case the Affiliate shall be notified of the vacancy and shall notify the Secretary of the SCC upon a new selection. Any member of the State Central Committee who allows their Regular Membership to lapse is automatically removed until which time the membership is renewed or one month has passed, at which time the vacancy shall be declared to the Regular Membership and filled as described by Article V Section 8 or at a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting unless the member was an Affiliate representative, in which case the Affiliate shall be notified of the vacancy and shall notify the Secretary of the SCC upon a new selection.

And inserting a subparagraph 3 to say, “vacancies of At-Large SCC shall be filled as described in Article V Section 8”, and renumbering the previous subparagraph 2 to subparagraph 4.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>1. The State Central Committee, except for</p>	<p>1. The State Central Committee, except for</p>	<p>1. The State Central Committee, except for</p>

<p>Affiliate seats, shall be selected at the Biennial Convention. The State Central Committee members must be current Regular Members of the Libertarian Party, and have been such for a minimum of one year continuously prior to the date of the Convention. The Convention shall vote to establish the number of seats to be filled on the Committee, up to nine At Large Seats, except for the Affiliate Seats established pursuant to these Bylaws. The Convention Rules may authorize specified forms of preferential voting, and a mechanism through which, if no candidate receives a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is removed from consideration. Any member of the State Central Committee who is absent for three consecutive meetings is automatically removed as a member of the State Central Committee.</p> <p>2. If the total number of seats on the State Central Committee shall reach fifty (50) by reason of the number of Affiliate Seats growing in addition to the number of At Large Seats set at a Convention, then the</p>	<p>Affiliate seats, shall be selected at the Biennial Convention. The State Central Committee members must be current Regular Members of the Libertarian Party and have been such for a minimum of one year continuously prior to the date of the Convention. The Convention shall vote to establish the number of seats to be filled on the Committee, up to nine At-Large Seats, except for the Affiliate Seats <u>and Officers</u> established pursuant to these Bylaws. The Convention Rules may authorize specified forms of preferential voting, and a mechanism through which, if no candidate receives a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is removed from consideration.</p> <p>2. Any member of the State Central Committee who is absent for three consecutive meetings is automatically removed as a member of the State Central Committee <u>but may be reinstated by a majority vote of the SCC at the next scheduled SCC meeting following the removal. If the member fails to attend a fourth consecutive meeting, the vacancy shall be declared to the Regular</u></p>	<p>Affiliate seats, shall be selected at the Biennial Convention. The State Central Committee members must be current Regular Members of the Libertarian Party and have been such for a minimum of one year continuously prior to the date of the Convention. The Convention shall vote to establish the number of seats to be filled on the Committee, up to nine At-Large Seats, except for the Affiliate Seats and Officers established pursuant to these Bylaws. The Convention Rules may authorize specified forms of preferential voting, and a mechanism through which, if no candidate receives a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is removed from consideration.</p> <p>2. Any member of the State Central Committee who is absent for three consecutive meetings is automatically removed as a member of the State Central Committee but may be reinstated by a majority vote of the SCC at the next scheduled SCC meeting following the removal. If the member fails to attend a fourth consecutive meeting, the vacancy shall be declared to the Regular</p>
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<p>State Central Committee shall be selected, at the following Convention, by party members who are registered Libertarians by State Senate District, with each Senate District being entitled to two (2) seats on the State Central Committee. In the event that there is a County or Congressional Affiliate in a State Senate District that has no State Senate District organization, that Affiliate will be entitled to its proportional share of State Central Committee seats from that District.</p>	<p><u>Membership and filled as described in Article V Section 8 or at a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting unless the member was an Affiliate representative, in which case the Affiliate shall be notified of the vacancy and shall notify the Secretary of the SCC upon a new selection. Any member of the State Central Committee who allows their Regular Membership to lapse is automatically removed until which time the membership is renewed or one month has passed, at which time the vacancy shall be declared to the Regular Membership and filled as described by Article V Section 8 or at a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting unless the member was an Affiliate representative, in which case the Affiliate shall be notified of the vacancy and shall notify the Secretary of the SCC upon a new selection.</u></p> <p>3. <u>Vacancies of At-Large members shall be filled as described in Article V Section 8.</u></p> <p>4. If the total number of seats on the State Central Committee shall reach fifty (50) by reason of the number of</p>	<p>Membership and filled as described in Article V Section 8 or at a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting unless the member was an Affiliate representative, in which case the Affiliate shall be notified of the vacancy and shall notify the Secretary of the SCC upon a new selection. Any member of the State Central Committee who allows their Regular Membership to lapse is automatically removed until which time the membership is renewed or one month has passed, at which time the vacancy shall be declared to the Regular Membership and filled as described by Article V Section 8 or at a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting unless the member was an Affiliate representative, in which case the Affiliate shall be notified of the vacancy and shall notify the Secretary of the SCC upon a new selection.</p> <p>3. Vacancies of At-Large members shall be filled as described in Article V Section 8.</p> <p>4. If the total number of seats on the State Central Committee shall reach fifty (50) by reason of the number of</p>
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	<p>Affiliate Seats growing in addition to the number of At Large Seats set at a Convention, then the State Central Committee shall be selected, at the following Convention, by party members who are registered Libertarians by State Senate District, with each Senate District being entitled to two (2) seats on the State Central Committee. In the event that there is a County or Congressional Affiliate in a State Senate District that has no State Senate District organization, that Affiliate will be entitled to its proportional share of State Central Committee seats from that District</p>	<p>Affiliate Seats growing in addition to the number of At Large Seats set at a Convention, then the State Central Committee shall be selected, at the following Convention, by party members who are registered Libertarians by State Senate District, with each Senate District being entitled to two (2) seats on the State Central Committee. In the event that there is a County or Congressional Affiliate in a State Senate District that has no State Senate District organization, that Affiliate will be entitled to its proportional share of State Central Committee seats from that District</p>
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CONFORMING AMENDMENT 6D

Amend Convention Rules Section 4, Voting by inserting “Officers and At-Large members, Delegates to the National Convention,” to the first sentence

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>Nominations for the State Central Committee and the Judicial Committee shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted in the following manner:</p>	<p>Nominations for State Central Committee <u>Officers and At-Large members, Delegates to the National Convention,</u> and the Judicial Committee shall be from the floor. The elections shall be conducted in the following manner:</p>	<p>Nominations for State Central Committee Officers and At-Large members, Delegates to the National Convention, and the Judicial Committee shall be from the floor. The elections shall be conducted in the following manner:</p>

CONFORMING AMENDMENT 6E

Add Section 8, Electronic Elections to Article V, Selections by creating a new section as follows.

Section 8 Electronic Elections

Upon the event of SCC Officer vacancies or At-Large SCC vacancies, electronic elections shall be held to fill the vacancies, unless a Special Party Meeting is called. The electronic elections shall be held as follows

1. Upon the event of Officer vacancies, the Regular Membership shall be notified within one week of the vacancy and a call for nominations to fill the vacancy shall be made for two weeks. At the close of the nomination period, an electronic election shall be sent via email to the Regular Membership with the nominated candidate(s) and None of the Above. If None of the Above receives more votes than any nominated candidate, the process of nomination and subsequent election shall be repeated until all vacancies are filled.
2. If vacancies arise in At-Large SCC seats, an electronic election shall be held within three months of the SCC's being notified of the vacancy. No special election shall be held within three months of a scheduled Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting. Notification of any vacancies shall be made to the Regular Membership at least 30 days prior to the electronic election and nominations shall be received until two weeks prior to the electronic election. If there is only one seat being filled, an Instant Runoff Voting ballot shall be sent via email to all Regular Members. If multiple At-Large SCC vacancies are being filled, a Single Transferable Voting ballot shall be sent via email to all Regular Members. Voting shall be open for seven days. The candidate or candidates who reach the winning threshold shall be declared winners.
3. Only Regular Members who have been Regular Members continuously for 30 days prior to the Special Election shall be eligible to vote.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
	<p><u>Section 8 Electronic Elections</u> <u>Upon the event of SCC Officer vacancies or At-Large SCC vacancies, electronic elections shall be held to fill the vacancies, unless a Special Party Meeting is called. The electronic elections shall be held as follows</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Upon the event of Officer vacancies, the Regular Membership shall be notified within one week of the vacancy and a call for nominations to fill the vacancy shall be made for two weeks. At the close of the nomination period, an electronic election shall be sent via email to the Regular Membership with the</u> 	<p><u>Section 8 Electronic Elections</u> Upon the event of SCC Officer vacancies or At-Large SCC vacancies, electronic elections shall be held to fill the vacancies, unless a Special Party Meeting is called. The electronic elections shall be held as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upon the event of Officer vacancies, the Regular Membership shall be notified within one week of the vacancy and a call for nominations to fill the vacancy shall be made for two weeks. At the close of the nomination period, an electronic election shall be sent via email to the Regular Membership with the

	<p><u>nominated candidate(s) and None of the Above. If None of the Above receives more votes than all nominated candidates, the process of nomination and subsequent election shall be repeated until all vacancies are filled.</u></p> <p>2. <u>If vacancies arise in At-Large SCC seats, an electronic election shall be held within three months of the SCC's being notified of the vacancy. No special election shall be held within three months of a scheduled Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting. Notification of any vacancies shall be made to the Regular Membership at least 30 days prior to the electronic election and nominations shall be received until two weeks prior to the electronic election. If there is only one seat being filled, an Instant Runoff Voting ballot shall be sent via email to all Regular Members. If multiple At-Large SCC vacancies are being filled, a Single Transferable Voting ballot shall be sent via email to all Regular Members. Voting shall be open for seven days. The candidate or candidates who reach the winning threshold</u></p>	<p>nominated candidate(s) and None of the Above. If None of the Above receives more votes than all nominated candidates, the process of nomination and subsequent election shall be repeated until all vacancies are filled.</p> <p>2. If vacancies arise in At-Large SCC seats, an electronic election shall be held within three months of the SCC's being notified of the vacancy. No special election shall be held within three months of a scheduled Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting. Notification of any vacancies shall be made to the Regular Membership at least 30 days prior to the electronic election and nominations shall be received until two weeks prior to the electronic election. If there is only one seat being filled, an Instant Runoff Voting ballot shall be sent via email to all Regular Members. If multiple At-Large SCC vacancies are being filled, a Single Transferable Voting ballot shall be sent via email to all Regular Members. Voting shall be open for seven days. The candidate or candidates who reach the winning threshold</p>
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	<p><u>shall be declared winners.</u></p> <p>3. <u>Only Regular Members who have been Regular Members continuously for 30 days prior to the Special Election shall be eligible to vote.</u></p>	<p>shall be declared winners.</p> <p>3. Only Regular Members who have been Regular Members continuously for 30 days prior to the Special Election shall be eligible to vote.</p>
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Proviso: If Amendment 4 is ratified, see Alternate Conforming Amendment 6E at the end of this document. If Amendment 5 is ratified, insert the above amendment prior to Article V Section 8 as ratified in Amendment 5.

AMENDMENT 7: SCC MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Amend Article V, Selections, Section 1, State Central Committee by striking “members”, “of”, “been”, “such”, “one year”, and “the Convention” and inserting “including Affiliate seats,” “maintain their”, “Membership”, “of Connecticut throughout their tenure”, “done”, “so”, “three months”, and “their selection.”.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
The State Central Committee, except for Affiliate seats, shall be selected at the Biennial Convention. The State Central Committee members must be current Regular Members of the Libertarian Party, and have been such for a minimum of one year continuously prior to the date of the Convention.	The State Central Committee, except for Affiliate seats, shall be selected at the Biennial Convention. The State Central Committee members, <u>including Affiliate seats,</u> must <u>be maintain their</u> Regular Members <u>Membership</u> of in the Libertarian Party of Connecticut throughout their tenure, and have been done such so for a minimum of <u>one year three months</u> continuously prior to the date of the Convention <u>their selection.</u>	The State Central Committee, except for Affiliate seats, shall be selected at the Biennial Convention. The State Central Committee members, including Affiliate seats, must maintain their Regular Membership in the Libertarian Party of Connecticut throughout their tenure, and have done so for a minimum of three months continuously prior to the date of their selection.

Bylaws Committee Rationale: The amendment provides clarity on who may seek selection and serve on the State Central Committee. It reduces the time required to be a member of the State Party in order to serve. Many new members are our most active, especially in our affiliates.

AMENDMENT 8: CONVENTION RULES, RANKED CHOICE VOTING

Amend Convention Rules Section 4, Voting by substituting subparagraph 1 with the following new subparagraph 1:

1. Each delegate may cast one ballot ranking any number of candidates in order of preference. For any election with only one seat, the counting of ballots shall be Instant Runoff Voting. For any election with multiple seats, the counting of ballots shall be by Proportional Single Transferable Vote. A ballot with no ranked candidates shall be considered a vote for None of the Above. A ballot with all ranked candidates eliminated shall also be considered a vote for None of the Above.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>Nominations for the State Central Committee and the Judicial Committee shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted in the following manner:</p> <p>1. Each delegate may cast a ballot with a vote for either none-of-the-above or one vote per candidate for any number of candidates. Every ballot with a vote for none-of-the-above or one or more candidates is counted as one ballot cast. A vote for none-of-the-above shall be ignored if the ballot also includes a vote for any other candidate. The top candidates receiving a majority vote of the ballots cast, up to the number of seats designated to be filled, shall be elected. Tie votes affecting the outcome shall be decided by lot. In the event that this procedure does not elect sufficient members to fill the number of seats designated to be filled, the candidate receiving the fewest votes, and all elected</p>	<p>Nominations for State Central Committee and the Judicial Committee shall be from the floor. The elections shall be conducted in the following manner:</p> <p>1. Each delegate may cast a ballot with a vote for either none-of-the-above or one vote per candidate for any number of candidates. Every ballot with a vote for none-of-the-above or one or more candidates is counted as one ballot cast. A vote for none-of-the-above shall be ignored if the ballot also includes a vote for any other candidate. The top candidates receiving a majority vote of the ballots cast, up to the number of seats designated to be filled, shall be elected. Tie votes affecting the outcome shall be decided by lot. In the event that this procedure does not elect sufficient members to fill the number of seats designated to be filled, the candidate receiving the fewest votes, and all elected</p>	<p>Nominations for State Central Committee members and the Judicial Committee shall be from the floor. The elections shall be conducted in the following manner:</p> <p>1. Each delegate may cast one ballot ranking any number of candidates in order of preference. For any election with only one seat, the counting of ballots shall be Instant Runoff Voting. For any election with multiple seats, the counting of ballots shall be by Proportional Single Transferable Vote.</p>

<p>candidates, shall be removed from consideration and another round of balloting held to fill the remaining seats, until all seats designated to be filled have been elected.</p>	<p>candidates, shall be removed from consideration and another round of balloting held to fill the remaining seats, until all seats designated to be filled have been elected. <u>Each delegate may cast one ballot ranking any number of candidates in order of preference. For any election with only one seat, the counting of ballots shall be Instant Runoff Voting. For any election with multiple seats, the counting of ballots shall be by Proportional Single Transferable Vote.</u></p>	
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Bylaws Committee Rationale: The election reform with the most legs behind it is Ranked Choice Voting. The SCC has already endorsed its adoption for Connecticut elections and it makes sense to make it the default election system for Party elections. As a Convention Rule, it may be suspended and modified with a 2/3 vote at a Convention or Special Party Meeting for any election in question.

AMENDMENT 9: CLARIFICATION OF AFFILIATE REQUIREMENTS

Amend Article IV, Organization, Section 9, Local, County, and Congressional Affiliates by inserting “with no more than three months in between any two meetings” in subparagraph 2 clause c, and by adding a new clause f to subparagraph 2 as follows,

f. Must provide meeting minutes to the Secretary of the SCC after each meeting.

And substituting subparagraph 4 as follows,

4. Each Town, County, or Congressional District Affiliate that meets the requirements in this section for three consecutive months shall be entitled to one representative on the SCC to be chosen by the members of the Affiliate. The first such selection may be presented to the Secretary of the SCC following the third meeting that meets the requirements. Such subsequent selections must be provided to the Secretary of the State Party prior to or at the start of the Regular Convention. If an Affiliate fails to maintain the requirements in this section, the SCC representative from that Affiliate shall remain on the SCC for three months, after which time, if the Affiliate still fails to maintain the requirements, the SCC representative from that Affiliate shall be removed from the SCC until which time the Affiliate shall prove the requirements are met.

And by striking the first sentence of subparagraph 6, and inserting “town” before “county”.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>1. The State Central Committee shall approve Town, County, and Congressional District affiliates of the Libertarian Party of Connecticut.</p> <p>2. Each County or Congressional District affiliate shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Geographically, County or Congressional District b. Must have a Chair and a Secretary c. Must meet at least six times per year d. Must have at least five members who are registered to vote as a Libertarian (plus any requirements it may impose per rules it adopts consistent with these Bylaws) e. Adopt its own rules and bylaws (including those governing its own sub-organizations), to be transmitted to 	<p>1. The State Central Committee shall approve Town, County, and Congressional District affiliates of the Libertarian Party of Connecticut.</p> <p>2. Each County or Congressional District affiliate shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Shall be</u> geographically: County or Congressional District b. Must have a Chair and a Secretary c. Must meet at least six times per year, <u>with no more than two months in between any two meetings.</u> d. Must have at least five members who are registered to vote as a Libertarian (plus any requirements it may impose per rules it adopts consistent with these Bylaws) e. <u>Must</u> adopt its own rules and bylaws (including those governing its 	<p>1. The State Central Committee shall approve Town, County, and Congressional District affiliates of the Libertarian Party of Connecticut.</p> <p>2. Each County or Congressional District affiliate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Shall be geographically: County or Congressional District b. Must have a Chair and a Secretary c. Must meet at least six times per year, with no more than two months in between any two meetings. d. Must have at least five members who are registered to vote as a Libertarian (plus any requirements it may impose per rules it adopts consistent with these Bylaws) e. Must adopt its own rules and bylaws (including those governing its

<p>the SCC's Secretary.</p> <p>Nothing in these bylaws shall prevent the SCC from approving multiple County Committees or geographical portions of a given County or overlapping Counties.</p> <p>3. Each Town Affiliate shall have the same requirements of a County or Congressional District Affiliate, except that it shall be geographically restricted to the Town in which it operates.</p> <p>4. A county or Congressional District Affiliate shall be entitled to one-fifth of new affiliate seats on the State Central Committee per Town Affiliate in operation for six months or longer, rounded down or up to the nearest whole number.</p> <p>5. Mergers of County Affiliates into Congressional Affiliates or larger County Affiliates and divisions of Congressional Affiliates into County Affiliates must be approved by the State Central Committee.</p> <p>6. For the first selections under these Bylaws the qualifying affiliates must select one representative to sit on the State Central Committee by September 1, 2020 and submit their selection to</p>	<p>own sub-organizations), to be transmitted to the SCC's Secretary.</p> <p>f. <u>Must provide meeting minutes to the Secretary of the SCC after each meeting.</u></p> <p>Nothing in these bylaws shall prevent the SCC from approving multiple County Committees or geographical portions of a given County or overlapping Counties.</p> <p>3. Each Town Affiliate shall have the same requirements of a County or Congressional District Affiliate, except that it shall be geographically restricted to the Town in which it operates.</p> <p>4. A County or Congressional District Affiliate shall be entitled to one-fifth of new affiliate seats on the State Central Committee per Town Affiliate in operation for six months or longer, rounded down or up to the nearest whole number. Each Town, County, or Congressional District Affiliate that meets the requirements in this section for three consecutive months shall be entitled to one representative on the SCC to be chosen by the members of the Affiliate. The first such selection may be presented to the Secretary of the State Party following the third meeting that meets the requirements. Such subsequent selections must be provided to the Secretary of the State Party prior to or at the start of the Regular Convention. If an</p>	<p>own sub-organizations), to be transmitted to the SCC's Secretary.</p> <p>f. Must provide meeting minutes to the Secretary of the SCC after each meeting.</p> <p>Nothing in these bylaws shall prevent the SCC from approving multiple County Committees or geographical portions of a given County or overlapping Counties.</p> <p>3. Each Town Affiliate shall have the same requirements of a County or Congressional District Affiliate, except that it shall be geographically restricted to the Town in which it operates.</p> <p>4. Each Town, County, or Congressional District Affiliate that meets the requirements in this section for three consecutive months shall be entitled to one representative on the SCC to be chosen by the members of the Affiliate. The first such selection may be presented to the Secretary of the SCC following the third meeting that meets the requirements. Such subsequent selections must be provided to the Secretary of the State Party prior to or at the</p>
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<p>the sitting State Central Committee by that date. If a member of the State Central Committee who was selected as a representative by a County of Congressional Affiliate committee vacates his or her seat between Conventions, the vacancy shall be filled by the County or Congressional District affiliate from which that member came.</p> <p>7. No member of any Town Committee Affiliate may be a member of any other Town Affiliate. No member of any County or Congressional District Affiliate shall be a member of any other County/Regional or Congressional District Affiliate. This section shall also mean that no member of a County/Regional Affiliate shall be a member of a Congressional District Affiliate.</p>	<p><u>Affiliate fails to maintain the requirements in this section, the SCC representative from that Affiliate shall remain on the SCC for three months, after which time, if the Affiliate still fails to maintain the requirements, the SCC representative from that Affiliate shall be removed from the SCC until which time the Affiliate shall prove the requirements are met.</u></p> <p>5. Mergers of County Affiliates into Congressional Affiliates or larger County Affiliates and divisions of Congressional Affiliates into County Affiliates must be approved by the State Central Committee.</p> <p>6. For the first selections under these Bylaws the qualifying affiliates must select one representative to sit on the State Central Committee by September 1, 2020 and submit their selection to the sitting State Central Committee by that date.</p> <p>If a member of the State Central Committee who was selected as a representative by a <u>Town</u>, County, or Congressional Affiliate committee vacates his or her seat between Conventions, the vacancy shall be filled by the <u>Town</u>, County, or Congressional District affiliate from which that member came.</p> <p>7. No member of any Town Committee Affiliate may be a member of any other Town Affiliate. No member of any County or Congressional District Affiliate shall be a member of any other County or Congressional District Affiliate. This section shall also mean that no member of a County Affiliate</p>	<p>start of the Regular Convention. If an Affiliate fails to maintain the requirements in this section, the SCC representative from that Affiliate shall remain on the SCC for three months, after which time, if the Affiliate still fails to maintain the requirements, the SCC representative from that Affiliate shall be removed from the SCC until which time the Affiliate shall prove the requirements are met.</p> <p>5. Mergers of County Affiliates into Congressional Affiliates or larger County Affiliates and divisions of Congressional Affiliates into County Affiliates must be approved by the State Central Committee.</p> <p>6. If a member of the State Central Committee who was selected as a representative by a Town, County, or Congressional Affiliate committee vacates his or her seat between Conventions, the vacancy shall be filled by the Town, County, or Congressional District affiliate from which that member came.</p> <p>7. No member of any Town Committee Affiliate may be a member of any other Town Affiliate. No member of any County or Congressional District</p>
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Bylaws Committee Rationale: These modifications to the section describing the affiliate parties is necessary to clarify how SCC representation works.

AMENDMENT 10: CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS

Amend Article IV Section 8, Campaigns by inserting “Candidate Nominations and” in the heading and by inserting the following at the beginning of the section:

The nominations of candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, and State Attorney General shall be made from the floor at the Regular Convention. If only one person is nominated per office, the nominees will be selected as candidates unless greater than 50% of the delegates present at the Regular Convention object. If more than one person is nominated per office, an election shall be held as described in the Convention Rules. In the event a nomination is not filled at the Regular Convention, and a candidate comes forth at any time after the Convention, the nomination for that office shall be approved or disapproved by the SCC or the Elections Committee.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>Section 8 Campaigns</p> <p>Political campaigns may be operated under section 4 or 5 above, at the discretion of the candidates and the State Central Committee. It is intended that each candidate will organize, finance, and operate his own campaign.</p>	<p>Section 8 Candidate Nominations and Campaigns</p> <p><u>The nominations of candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, and State Attorney General shall be made from the floor at the Regular Convention. Candidates must be registered to vote as Libertarian in the State of Connecticut. If only one person is nominated</u></p>	<p>Section 8 Candidate Nominations and Campaigns</p> <p>The nominations of candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, and State Attorney General shall be made from the floor at the Regular Convention. Candidates must be registered to vote as Libertarian in the State of Connecticut. If only one person is nominated</p>

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Bylaws Committee Rationale: This addition clarifies how Federal and Statewide candidates are nominated. Currently we do this by default, but it should be codified in the bylaws.

CONFORMING AMENDMENT 10A

Amend Convention Rules Section 4, Voting by inserting “Federal and Statewide candidates” to the first sentence.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Nominations for the State Central Committee and the Judicial Committee shall be from the floor.	Nominations for the State Central Committee, <u>Federal and Statewide candidates</u> , and the Judicial Committee shall be from the floor.	Nominations for the State Central Committee, Federal and Statewide candidates, and the Judicial Committee shall be from the floor.

Proviso: If amendment 6 is ratified, the above insertion will be placed immediately following the insertion in Amendment 6 and before the Judicial Committee is mentioned.

AMENDMENT 11: CONVENTION AGENDA ADDITIONS

Amend Convention Rules Section 2, Agenda by inserting a new subparagraph 3 as follows, and renumbering the subsequent subparagraphs,

“Selection of SCC Officers”

And inserting “At-Large” in front of “seats” in subparagraphs 3 and 4 (4 and 5 with the renumbering), and by striking “two” and “three-year” in subparagraph 6 and inserting “three” and “four-year” respectively, and by inserting a new subparagraph 7 as follows:

Selection of delegates to National Convention

And by inserting a new subparagraph 8 as follows:

Nominations of candidates for Federal and Statewide offices.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>The proposed agenda shall be established by the State Central Committee and included in the notification of the convention. It shall consist of at least the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reading or Distribution of Approved Minutes of Previous Convention 2. Treasurer’s Report 3. Determination of the number of seats on the State Central Committee to be filled. 4. Selection of State Central Committee members. 5. Selection of Judicial Committee members (2 for a 3 year term plus any vacancies to be filled). 	<p>The proposed agenda shall be established by the State Central Committee and included in the notification of the convention. It shall consist of at least the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reading or Distribution of Approved Minutes of the Previous Convention 2. Treasurer’s Report 3. <u>Selection of SCC Officers</u> 4. Determination of the number of <u>At-Large</u> seats on the State Central Committee to be filled. 5. Selection of <u>At-Large</u> State Central Committee members. 6. Selection of Judicial Committee members (two <u>three</u> for a three-year <u>four-year</u> term plus any vacancies to be filled). 7. <u>Selection of delegates to the National Convention.</u> 8. <u>Nominations of candidates for Federal and Statewide offices.</u> 	<p>The proposed agenda shall be established by the State Central Committee and included in the notification of the convention. It shall consist of at least the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reading or Distribution of Approved Minutes of the Previous Convention 2. Treasurer’s Report 3. Selection of SCC Officers 4. Determination of the number of At-Large seats on the State Central Committee to be filled. 5. Selection of At-Large State Central Committee members. 6. Selection of Judicial Committee members (three for a four-year term plus any vacancies to be filled). 7. Selection of delegates to the National Convention. 8. Nominations of candidates for Federal and Statewide offices.

Bylaws Committee Recommendation: The Bylaws Committee recommends that in the event of Amendment 6 and the subsequent conforming amendments failing to be adopted, that subparagraph 3 in the above amendment be struck and the rest of the subparagraphs be renumbered before consideration. In the event that Amendment 4 fails to be adopted, no change to subparagraph 6 should be considered.

Bylaws Committee Rationale: This will require that every convention handles the nominations of candidates and selection of delegates and officers.

AMENDMENT 12: ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Amend Article IV, Organization, Section 4, Committees by inserting a new subparagraph 6 as follows,

Elections Committee,

And by inserting a new subparagraph 6 at the end of the section as follows,

Elections Committee shall oversee the nominations of Libertarian Party Candidates for General Assembly and Municipal elections, as well as providing support for the campaigns.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>Committees may be established for particular functions by either the State Central Committee or the Party at a Biennial Convention or Special Meeting. Such committees shall be answerable to the body which established it. All ad hoc committees, except those established by the bylaws, shall be automatically dissolved upon adjournment of the Biennial Convention unless specifically renewed. Standing Committees, including the</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategy and Goals Committee, 2. IT Committee, 3. Finance Committee, 4. Legislative Research Committee, 5. Media Committee, <p>and any other committee created at Convention or Special Party Meeting by incorporation into these Bylaws shall not expire by way of Party Convention.</p>	<p>Committees may be established for particular functions by either the State Central Committee or the Party at a Biennial Convention or Special Meeting. Such committees shall be answerable to the body which established it. All ad hoc committees, except those established by the bylaws, shall be automatically dissolved upon adjournment of the Biennial Convention unless specifically renewed. Standing Committees, including the</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategy and Goals Committee, 2. IT Committee, 3. Finance Committee, 4. Legislative Research Committee, 5. Media Committee, 6. <u>Elections Committee.</u> <p>and any other committee created at Convention or Special Party Meeting by incorporation into these Bylaws shall not expire by way of Party Convention.</p>	<p>Committees may be established for particular functions by either the State Central Committee or the Party at a Biennial Convention or Special Meeting. Such committees shall be answerable to the body which established it. All ad hoc committees, except those established by the bylaws, shall be automatically dissolved upon adjournment of the Biennial Convention unless specifically renewed. Standing Committees, including the</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategy and Goals Committee, 2. IT Committee, 3. Finance Committee, 4. Legislative Research Committee, 5. Media Committee, 6. Elections Committee, <p>and any other committee created at Convention or Special Party Meeting by incorporation into these Bylaws shall not expire by way of Party Convention.</p>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Strategy and Goals Committee shall be tasked with formulating the political strategy of the Party 2. The IT Committee shall be tasked with running and maintaining Party information technology resources 3. The Legislative Research Committee shall be tasked with researching and developing legislative proposals to be advocated by the Party. 4. The Finance Committee shall be tasked with fundraising and cost controls necessary to Party Operation pursuant to these Bylaws 5. The Media Committee shall be the public relations arm of the Party. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Strategy and Goals Committee shall be tasked with formulating the political strategy of the Party 2. The IT Committee shall be tasked with running and maintaining Party information technology resources 3. The Legislative Research Committee shall be tasked with researching and developing legislative proposals to be advocated by the Party. 4. The Finance Committee shall be tasked with fundraising and cost controls necessary to Party Operation pursuant to these Bylaws 5. The Media Committee shall be the public relations arm of the Party. 6. <u>The Elections Committee shall oversee the nominations of Libertarian Party Candidates for General Assembly and Municipal elections, as well as providing advisory support for campaigns.</u> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Strategy and Goals Committee shall be tasked with formulating the political strategy of the Party 2. The IT Committee shall be tasked with running and maintaining Party information technology resources 3. The Legislative Research Committee shall be tasked with researching and developing legislative proposals to be advocated by the Party. 4. The Finance Committee shall be tasked with fundraising and cost controls necessary to Party Operation pursuant to these Bylaws 5. The Media Committee shall be the public relations arm of the Party. 6. The Elections Committee shall oversee the nominations of Libertarian Party Candidates for General Assembly and Municipal elections, as well as providing advisory support for campaigns.
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Bylaws Committee Rationale: We believe it is time to establish a permanent Elections Committee to help standardize the nomination and campaign filing process for our candidates.

AMENDMENT 13: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE JURISDICTION OVER AFFILIATES

Amend Article IV, Organization, Section 3, Judicial Committee, Sentence 1 by striking “local town committees” and inserting “County, Congressional District, and Town Affiliates” and by striking “unless a Town Committee has specific provisions otherwise in its Bylaws.”

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>The Judicial Committee shall consist of six Members, with two chosen at each Biennial Convention for a three-year term. Members shall not also be members of the State Central Committee or its committees but may serve on a Platform Committee or a Bylaws Committee. It shall establish rules for its own operation. It shall hold hearings and render decisions on any official action of the Party, officers, or a committee, whenever requested by three or more Members. The Judicial Committee formed under these Bylaws shall also act as the official Judicial Committee of local Town Committees unless a Town Committee has specific provisions otherwise in its Bylaws. If such action is found to be in conflict with any part of the Bylaws, such action shall be declared null and void. To stand for election to the Judicial Committee, a person must have been a Member of the LPCT for at least six years, and be a current member, or have been a member for at least two years and have been a member of the National LP or an LP affiliate in a different State or Country for at least four years, not counting any period of overlap.</p>	<p>The Judicial Committee shall consist of six Members, with two chosen at each Biennial Convention for a three-year term. Members shall not also be members of the State Central Committee or its committees but may serve on a Platform Committee or a Bylaws Committee. It shall establish rules for its own operation. It shall hold hearings and render decisions on any official action of the Party, officers, or a committee, whenever requested by three or more Members. The Judicial Committee formed under these Bylaws shall also act as the official Judicial Committee of local Town Committees <u>County, Congressional District, or Town Affiliates</u> unless a Town Committee has specific provisions otherwise in its Bylaws. If such action is found to be in conflict with any part of the Bylaws, such action shall be declared null and void. To stand for election to the Judicial Committee, a person must have been a Member of the LPCT for at least six years, and be a current member, or have been a member for at least two years and have been a member of the National LP or an LP affiliate in a different State or Country for at least four years, not counting any period of overlap.</p>	<p>The Judicial Committee shall consist of six Members, with two chosen at each Biennial Convention for a three-year term. Members shall not also be members of the State Central Committee or its committees but may serve on a Platform Committee or a Bylaws Committee. It shall establish rules for its own operation. It shall hold hearings and render decisions on any official action of the Party, officers, or a committee, whenever requested by three or more Members. The Judicial Committee formed under these Bylaws shall also act as the official Judicial Committee of County, Congressional District, or Town Affiliates. If such action is found to be in conflict with any part of the Bylaws, such action shall be declared null and void. To stand for election to the Judicial Committee, a person must have been a Member of the LPCT for at least six years, and be a current member, or have been a member for at least two years and have been a member of the National LP or an LP affiliate in a different State or Country for at least four years, not counting any period of overlap.</p>

Bylaws Committee Rationale: This clarifies that the Judicial Committee shall have jurisdiction over not only town, but County and Congressional District Affiliates.

AMENDMENT 14: SUSPENSIONS BY DELEGATES

Amend Article III, Membership, Section 4, Suspensions by inserting a new subparagraph 3 as follows and renumbering the subsequent subparagraphs:

A Member may be suspended for failure to maintain all of the qualifications of membership by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates at the State Convention.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
	3. <u>A Member may be suspended for failure to maintain all of the qualifications of membership by a vote of three-fourths (¾) of the delegates at a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting.</u>	3. A Member may be suspended for failure to maintain all of the qualifications of membership by a vote of three-fourths (¾) of the delegates at a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting.

Bylaws Committee Rationale: Currently only the SCC has authority to remove a member for failure to comply with the requirements. If the SCC fails to do so, the membership shall have the authority to do so with a three-fourths vote at a Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting.

AMENDMENT 15: CLARIFICATION OF CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Amend Article III, Membership, Section 3, Categories of Membership by inserting the following clauses:

vote in the selections of State Central Committee (SCC), Judicial Committee (JC), National Delegates, and on bylaws amendments,

And

provided they also meet further requirements established in these bylaws,

And

vote in the selections of candidates for Federal and Statewide nominations,

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Each Regular Member shall be eligible to serve as a State Central Committee Member or as a Judicial Committee	Each Regular Member shall be eligible to <u>vote in the selections of State Central Committee (SCC), Judicial Committee (JC).</u>	Each Regular Member shall be eligible to vote in the selections of State Central Committee (SCC), Judicial Committee (JC),

<p>Member, and have all rights of Associate Membership. Categories of Members for dues purposes shall be established or modified by a two-thirds vote of the State Central Committee. Each Associate Member shall be eligible to be appointed to committees or to join and represent ad hoc committees or organizations, and to be appointed as a Delegate to the LP National Convention.</p>	<p><u>National Delegates, and on bylaws amendments</u>, serve as a State Central Committee Member or as a Judicial Committee Member <u>provided they also meet further requirements established in these bylaws</u>, and have all rights of Associate Membership. Categories of Members for dues purposes shall be established or modified by a two-thirds vote of the State Central Committee. Each Associate Member shall be eligible to <u>vote in the selections of candidates for Federal and Statewide nominations</u>, be appointed to committees or to join and represent ad hoc committees or organizations and to be appointed as a Delegate to the LP National Convention.</p>	<p>National Delegates, and on bylaws amendments, serve as a State Central Committee Member or as a Judicial Committee Member provided they also meet further requirements established in these bylaws, and have all rights of Associate Membership. Categories of Members for dues purposes shall be established or modified by a two-thirds vote of the State Central Committee. Each Associate Member shall be eligible to vote in the selections of candidates for Federal and Statewide nominations, be appointed to committees or to join and represent ad hoc committees or organizations and to be appointed as a Delegate to the LP National Convention.</p>
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Bylaws Committee Rationale: To avoid confusion between Regular Membership and Associate Membership, this amendment would clarify the categories and the privileges each conveys.

AMENDMENT 16: QUORUMS

Amend Article VI, Meetings, Section 7, Quorums by striking “one half the delegates, including those represented by proxy, or” and “whichever is greater.”

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>A quorum for the State Central Committee shall be one half of its membership, not counting vacancies. A quorum for a Party Convention or Special Party Meeting shall be one half the delegates, including those represented by proxy, or 2/3 the delegates present at the opening of the Convention, whichever is greater. A quorum</p>	<p>A quorum for the State Central Committee shall be one half of its membership, not counting vacancies. A quorum for a Party Convention or Special Party Meeting shall be one half the delegates, including those represented by proxy, or two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present at the opening of the Convention, whichever is</p>	<p>A quorum for the State Central Committee shall be one half of its membership, not counting vacancies. A quorum for a Party Convention or Special Party Meeting shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present at the opening of the Convention. A quorum for the Judicial Committee shall be two thirds of its membership.</p>

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Bylaws Committee Rationale: Quorums as written in the bylaws is confusing and unnecessary. This would clarify the definition of a quorum for conventions and special party meetings.

AMENDMENT 17: SCC TRANSITION TO SENATE DISTRICT REPRESENTATION

Amend Article V, Selections, Section 1, State Central Committee, subparagraph 2 by striking “fifty by reason of the number of Affiliate Seats growing in addition to the number of At-Large seats set at a convention” and inserting “seventy-two”, and striking “at” and inserting “prior to”, and by striking the final sentence of the subparagraph, and inserting “Regular” in front of “Convention”, and inserting the following sentence to the end of the subparagraph:

Officer selections at Regular Conventions shall be held as established in these bylaws.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
2. If the total number of seats on the State Central Committee shall reach fifty (50) by reason of the number of Affiliate Seats growing in addition to the number of At Large Seats set at a Convention, then the State Central Committee shall be selected, at the following Convention, by party members who are registered Libertarians by State Senate District, with each Senate District being entitled to two seats on the State Central Committee. In the event that there is a County or Congressional Affiliate in a State Senate District that has no State Senate District organization, that Affiliate will be entitled to its proportional share of State Central Committee seats from that District	2. If the total number of seats on the State Central Committee shall reach seventy-two (72) fifty (50) by reason of the number of Affiliate Seats growing in addition to the number of At Large Seats set at a Convention, then the State Central Committee shall be selected, <u>at prior to</u> the following <u>Regular</u> Convention, by party members who are registered Libertarians by State Senate District, with each Senate District being entitled to two seats on the State Central Committee. <u>Officer selections at Regular Conventions shall be held as established in these bylaws.</u> In the event that there is a County or Congressional Affiliate in a State Senate District that has no State Senate District organization, that Affiliate will be entitled to its proportional share	2. If the total number of seats on the State Central Committee shall reach seventy-two (72) then the State Central Committee shall be selected, prior to the following Regular Convention, by party members who are registered Libertarians by State Senate District, with each Senate District being entitled to two seats on the State Central Committee. Officer selections at Regular Conventions shall be held as established in these bylaws.

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Proviso: If Amendment 6c is ratified, the above subparagraph will be numbered 4.

Bylaws Committee Rationale: Though still a long way in the future, the growth of the party will eventually render this amendment necessary. This would place the LPCT on par with the Democratic and Republican Parties' SCC formation.

ALTERNATE CONFORMING AMENDMENT 6E

Amend Article V Selections, Section 8 Electronic Elections by inserting “SCC Officer, At-Large SCC, or” into the introductory paragraph, by inserting a new subparagraph 1 as follows and renumbering the subsequent subparagraph,

1. Upon the event of Officer vacancies the Regular Membership shall be notified within one week of the vacancy and a call for nominations to fill the vacancy shall be made for two weeks. At the close of the nomination period, an electronic election shall be sent via email to the Regular Membership with the nominated candidate(s) and None of the Above. If None of the Above receives more votes than any nominated candidate, the process of nomination and subsequent election shall be repeated until all vacancies are filled.

And by inserting a new subparagraph 3 as follows,

3. Only Regular Members who have been Regular Members continuously for 30 days prior to the Special Election shall be eligible to vote.

And by inserting “At-Large SCC or” in two places to precede “Judicial Committee” in subparagraph 2.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>Upon the event of Judicial Committee vacancies, electronic elections shall be held to fill the vacancies, unless a Special Party Meeting is called. The electronic elections shall be held as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If vacancies arise in Judicial Committee seats, an electronic election shall be held within three months of the SCC being notified of the vacancy. No special election shall be held within three months of a scheduled Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting. Notification of any vacancies shall be made to the Regular Membership at least 30 days prior to the electronic election and nominations shall be received until two weeks 	<p>Upon the event of <u>SCC Officer, At-Large SCC, or</u> Judicial Committee vacancies, electronic elections shall be held to fill the vacancies, unless a Special Party Meeting is called. The electronic elections shall be held as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Upon the event of Officer vacancies the Regular Membership shall be notified within one week of the vacancy and a call for nominations to fill the vacancy shall be made for two weeks. At the close of the nomination period, an electronic election shall be sent via email to the Regular Membership with the nominated candidate(s) and None of the Above. If None of the Above receives more votes than all nominated</u> 	<p>Upon the event of SCC Officer, At-Large SCC, or Judicial Committee vacancies, electronic elections shall be held to fill the vacancies, unless a Special Party Meeting is called. The electronic elections shall be held as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upon the event of Officer vacancies the Regular Membership shall be notified within one week of the vacancy and a call for nominations to fill the vacancy shall be made for two weeks. At the close of the nomination period, an electronic election shall be sent via email to the Regular Membership with the nominated candidate(s) and None of the Above. If None of the Above receives more votes than all nominated

<p>prior to the electronic election. If there is only one seat being filled, an Instant Runoff Voting ballot shall be sent via email to all Regular Members. If multiple Judicial Committee vacancies are being filled, a Single Transferable Voting ballot shall be sent via email to all Regular Members. Voting shall be open for seven days. Any ballot that is returned with no votes shall be considered a vote for None of the Above. Any ballot that has all ranked candidates eliminated shall also be considered None of the Above. The candidate or candidates who reach the winning threshold shall be declared winners.</p>	<p><u>candidates, the process of nomination and subsequent election shall be repeated until all vacancies are filled.</u></p> <p>2. If vacancies arise in <u>At-Large SCC or</u> Judicial Committee seats, an electronic election shall be held within three months of the SCC being notified of the vacancy. No special election shall be held within three months of a scheduled Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting. Notification of any vacancies shall be made to the Regular Membership at least 30 days prior to the electronic election and nominations shall be received until two weeks prior to the electronic election. If there is only one seat being filled, an Instant Runoff Voting ballot shall be sent via email to all Regular Members. If multiple <u>At-Large SCC or</u> Judicial Committee vacancies are being filled, a Single Transferable Voting ballot shall be sent via email to all Regular Members. Voting shall be open for seven days. The candidate or candidates who reach the winning threshold shall be declared winners.</p>	<p>candidates, the process of nomination and subsequent election shall be repeated until all vacancies are filled.</p> <p>2. If vacancies arise in At-Large SCC or Judicial Committee seats, an electronic election shall be held within three months of the SCC being notified of the vacancy. No special election shall be held within three months of a scheduled Regular Convention or Special Party Meeting. Notification of any vacancies shall be made to the Regular Membership at least 30 days prior to the electronic election and nominations shall be received until two weeks prior to the electronic election. If there is only one seat being filled, an Instant Runoff Voting ballot shall be sent via email to all Regular Members. If multiple At-Large SCC or Judicial Committee vacancies are being filled, a Single Transferable Voting ballot shall be sent via email to all Regular Members. Voting shall be open for seven days. The candidate or candidates who reach the winning threshold shall be declared winners.</p>
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Proviso: If Amendment 4 is ratified, Conforming Amendment 6E shall appear as above.