

Proposed Combining of LPID Governing Documents



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Proposed Bylaws

ARTICLE I Name

The name of this Society shall be the Libertarian Party of Idaho (hereinafter “the Party”).

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~~ARTICLE II: Period of Duration~~

~~The duration of the Party shall be perpetual.~~

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ARTICLE II Object Purpose

The Party is organized to implement and give voice to the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party by:

1. Nominating candidates for political offices;
2. Promoting Libertarian Party activities and party membership; and
3. Entering into political information activities.

Toward these ends, the Party shall be affiliated with the national Libertarian Party.

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ARTICLE III Members

Section 1.

All dues-paying members of the Party shall enjoy full rights as stated in these Bylaws.

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Section 2.

Classes of membership. The classes of membership and dues shall be initially determined by the Executive Board. Subsequent changes in classes and dues are subject to a majority vote of all delegates present and voting at Regular Conventions.

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ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1. Officers and Duties.

The officers of the Party shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Party. Only Party members in good standing shall be eligible to fill these offices. All of these officers shall be elected at a Regular Convention of the Party by attending Party delegates and shall take office immediately upon the close of such convention and serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention. If, for any reason, a Regular Convention is not held during an appropriate year, all officers of the party shall be elected at the next available Convention, including, but not limited to, a Delegate Selection Convention.

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~~Section 2.~~

~~No offices shall be combined.~~

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~~Section 3.~~

~~The current officers pro tem shall perform all prescribed duties until the elected officers take office.~~

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~~Section 4.~~

~~The officers shall be full voting members of the Executive Committee, unless under notification of suspension.~~

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Duties of the officers:

Section 2.

The Chair shall preside at all conventions and at all meetings of the Executive Board. The Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the Party.

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Bylaws: Article I Section 1

Section 3

The Vice-Chair shall act as assistant to the Chair, and shall perform the duties of the Chair in the event the Chair is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of that office.

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Bylaws: Article I Section 2

Section 4

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Bylaws: Article I Section 3

The Secretary shall be the recording and corresponding officer of the Party, and shall provide or make provision for all legal services to the Party, under the direction of the Executive Board. The Secretary shall also have the power to appoint any other qualified member as an assistant in carrying out the functions of this office.

Section 5

The Treasurer shall receive, expend, and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision and direction of the Chair and the Executive Board. The records for such funds shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and the Treasurer shall make available to the Executive Board quarterly financial reports, such reports to include a Statement of Operations and a Balance Sheet.

Section 6.

In the absence of a functioning State Central Committee, the Executive Board shall fill any vacancy on the Executive Board.

~~Section 9.~~

~~Except as otherwise provided herein, the officers of the Party shall have such power and perform such duties as shall be prescribed in the By-Laws of the Party.~~

Section 7

Upon being suspended or vacating an office, an officer must render to the Executive Board within three days all materials concerning the Party he has in his possession.

ARTICLE VI ~~Conventions~~ Meetings

Section 1.

Regular Conventions shall be held in each even-numbered year, in the final two weeks of the month of June, or in accordance with the Election Laws of the State of Idaho. All Party business and affairs required herein shall be transacted. Such conventions shall be held at the time and place selected by the Executive Board.

Section 2.

In the event that a National Convention shall be held within 45 days following the state party Regular Convention, the Executive Board shall solicit the membership for nominees for delegates to the National Convention, and shall submit a preliminary

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delegate list to the national party no less than 45 days prior to the national convention. Final delegates shall then be selected at the Party Regular Convention.

Section 3.

Special meetings may be called by the Chair, or by the Executive Board, or upon the written request of twenty (20) percent of the number of eligible members at the most recent Regular Convention of the Party. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, which shall be sent to all members at least seven days before the meeting.

~~SECTION 3:~~

~~All Party Conventions may be attended by all members of the Party.~~

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Section 4:

Convention attendees may not vote unless they were members in good standing of the Party as of the end of January prior to the convention.

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~~Section 5:~~

~~A member must be present in committee, or in live communication with the committee at the time of the vote, to vote.~~

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~~SECTION 6:~~

~~More than one-half of the membership of each committee shall constitute a quorum.~~

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ARTICLE VI The Executive Board

Section 1. The four elected officers of the Party and three Regional Chairs elected at the Regular Convention.

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Bylaws: Article II Section 1

Each Regional Chair shall represent a specific region of the state, and shall be responsible for organizing a Regional Committee to organize and carry forward the goals of the state party within that region. Regional Chairs must reside in the region they represent, and must be elected by the delegates residing in that region.

Section 2. Regions shall consist of the following counties:

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- a) Region 1: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce, and Shoshone (10).

b) Region 2: Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, and Washington (10).

c) Region 3: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Blaine, Bonneville, Butte, Camas, Caribou, Cassia, Clark, Custer, Franklin, Fremont, Gooding, Jefferson, Jerome, Lemhi, Lincoln, Madison, Minidoka, Oneida, Power, Teton, and Twin Falls (24).

~~If for any reason a Regional Chair is not elected at a Regular Convention, a Regional Chair may be appointed by the Executive Committee, to serve until the next Regular Convention. Such a person must be a Party Member in good standing and a resident of the region.~~

Section 3. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Party between its business meetings, shall fix the hour and place of meetings, shall make recommendations to the Party, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws.

~~**Section 3.** The current Executive Committee pro tem shall perform all prescribed duties until the elected officers take office.~~

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Section 4. The Executive Board shall meet at such times and places as may be determined by action of the Board, by call of the Chair, or by written request of one-third or more of the members of the Board.

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Bylaws: Article II Section 4

~~**Section 4.** More than one-half of the membership thereof shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Executive Committee for the transaction of all business, except where a larger vote is required by the Constitution.~~

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Section 5. The Executive Board may without meeting together, transact business by mail and/or e-mail, voting a question submitted to them by or with the approval of the Chair. Ten days shall be allowed for the return of votes thereon by mail to the Party Secretary during the period between a Regular Convention and the next general election, and twenty days at all other times. If at the expiration of the applicable period, the majority of the Executive Board have not returned their votes, the measure being voted on shall be deemed to have failed; in all other cases, a vote is required. The Secretary must preserve all such votes until the next meeting of the Executive Board, at which meeting the Executive Board shall order the disposition of the votes.

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Section 6. To afford all Board members the ability to participate in meetings, meetings shall be conducted at a location with technological services available. A "speakerphone" and a telephone connection capable of conference calling shall be the minimum facility requirement. Alternative methods, such as those using the Internet, must receive unanimous approval of those committee members that are responsible for providing

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equipment at the primary and remote locations. The Board and general members attending an Executive Board meeting shall be individually and severally responsible for any facilities, equipment, transportation, Internet, telephone company, and/or other charges required for their participation at or from a particular meeting location.

~~**Section 7.** *The Chairman, or his designate, shall specify the primary meeting location and shall accommodate the committee members desiring to participate in the meeting from a remote location via technological methods.*~~

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Section 7. Provisions shall be made for observation of Board meetings by the general membership at the primary and at any, and all, remote locations.

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ARTICLE VII Central Committees

Section 1. There shall be a suite of Central Committees as defined in this Article only when the membership of the Party can support them. In the absence of this structure, the Executive Board shall carry out any and all functions that would be implemented by this structure.

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Section 2. The Bylaws of the Party are also the governing documents of the State Central Committee. The four officers of the Party (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) are the officers of the State Central Committee.

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Section 3. The State Central Committee shall in addition consist of all legislative district chairmen, all county central committee chairmen, and all state committee persons selected by the county central committees. Each of the above members of the state central committee shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of the state central committee and the State Conventions as delegates.

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Section 4. The County Central Committee in each county shall consist of the precinct committeemen representing the precincts within the county and the county chairman elected by the precinct committeemen. The precinct committeemen within each county shall meet at the county seat within ten (10) days after the primary election and at the time and date designated by the incumbent county chairman, and shall organize by electing a chairman, vice chairman, a secretary, a state committeeman, a state committeewoman, and such other officers as they may desire who shall hold office at the pleasure of the county central committee or until their successors are elected.

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When a vacancy exists in the office of county central committee chairman, it shall be the duty of the state central committee chairman to call a meeting of the precinct

committeemen of the county, and the precinct committeemen shall proceed to elect a chairman of the county central committee for the balance of the unexpired term.

The county central committee shall fill by appointment all vacancies that occur or exist in the office of precinct committeeman who shall be a qualified elector of the precinct.

If a county central committee does not exist, the precinct committeemen within that county shall form one based on state law to the maximum extent practical.

In the event there are no duly elected precinct committeemen within that county, the dues paying members of the Party residing within that county shall select precinct committeemen for the purpose of this and the following section. The selection process of precinct committeemen shall mimic the election process provided for in state law to the maximum extent practical.

Section 5. The Legislative District Central Committee in each legislative district shall consist of the precinct committeemen representing the precincts within the legislative district, and the legislative district chairman elected by the precinct committeemen. The precinct committeemen within each legislative district shall meet within the legislative district within eleven (11) days after the primary election, the meeting time and place to be designated by the incumbent legislative district chairman. At this meeting the precinct committeemen shall organize by electing a chairman, vice chairman, a secretary and such other officers as they may desire, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the legislative district central committee or until their successors are elected.

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When a vacancy exists in the office of legislative district central committee chairman, it shall be the duty of the state central committee chairman to call a meeting of the precinct committeemen of the legislative district, and the precinct committeemen shall proceed to elect a chairman of the legislative district central committee for the balance of the unexpired term.

If a legislative district central committee does not exist, the precinct committeemen within that legislative district shall form one based on state law to the maximum extent practical.

Section 6. The filling of vacancies in the slate of candidates shall be by the County Central Committees, Legislative District Central Committees, and State Central Committee as provided by Idaho law.

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ARTICLE VIII Other Committees

Section 1. The Finance Committee shall be composed of the Treasurer and four other Party members appointed by the Chair promptly after each Regular Convention. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a budget for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, and to submit it to the Party at its regular meeting in June. The Finance Committee may from time to time submit amendments to the budget for the current fiscal year, which may be adopted by a majority vote.

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Section 2: The Membership Committee shall have the responsibility for increasing the membership of the Party, and for such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Board. With the help and cooperation of the Executive Board, the Membership Chair shall select a working committee.

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Section 5. The Platform Committee shall formulate a state platform dealing with issues of importance and relevance in the State of Idaho. This committee shall consist of 7 Party members selected as follows: 4 appointed by the Executive Board and one from each region to be selected in caucus by the County Central Committee Chairmen of that region. If the Central Committee structure is not in place, the Executive Board shall select all member of this Committee.

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Section 6. There shall be a Bylaws and Rules Committee consisting of seven Party members appointed by the Executive Board. This Committee shall consider amendments to the governing documents of the Party, and shall recommend such amendments to a Regular or Special Convention.

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Section 8: A Judicial Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board for the same term as the Executive Board, and shall be composed of nine members, none of whom may be members of the Executive Board; any five will constitute a quorum. This Committee may fill vacancies in this Committee itself. No matter may be taken up by the Judicial Committee until it has adopted rules for their own procedures, which must be approved by the Central Committee.

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The Judicial Committee shall not take up any question on their own initiative, but shall consider only those matters brought to their attention at the written request of 5 members of the Party, and only those matters that fall under their jurisdiction as defined in the following sub-sections:

- a) Take disciplinary action against any party member in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, except as otherwise provided herein by the Party Bylaws. b) Suspension of an officer.
- c) A decision of the Executive Board, except that no payment made to a third party shall be recalled once an agreement has been reached with the third party.
- d) Conflict between an Party plank and the Statement of Principles.
- e) A Judicial Committee decision can be overturned by a three-fourths vote of delegates to a Regular or Special Convention.

Section 9 Such other committees, standing or special, may be established by the Party as it shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on its work. Their members shall be appointed by the Chair unless this rule is suspended by a two-thirds vote before their appointment. The Chair shall be ex officio a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee, the Judicial Committee, and any disciplinary committee.

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Bylaws: Article III Section 5

~~**Section 1** The Chairperson of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, and the Platform Committee shall be the presiding officers.~~

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~~**Section 2** A majority vote of those of the committee members present, or in live communication with the committee at the time of the vote, is necessary for a “do-pass” recommendation, and in the case of the Platform Committee, a majority must approve each specific plank separately.~~

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~~**Section 3** The Committees shall report their recommendations to the floor of the Convention in accordance with the Party Rules.~~

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~~**Section 4** Two or more members of the Platform Committee may join together to insure a minority report regarding any plank to the floor of the Convention. Two or more members of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding the Constitution, by-laws, or Rules.~~

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ARTICLE VIII Finances and Accounting

Section 1. The fiscal term of the Party shall begin the first day of July and end the 30th day of June.

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Section 2. The Executive Board shall cause an efficient double entry system of accounts to be installed and maintained.

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Section 3. All disbursements exceeding \$25.00 shall be made solely by check.

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Section 4. The Executive Board shall have the power to designate the depository of all funds of the Party, and shall appoint such officers and employees as its judgment may deem advisable to deposit and withdraw funds from said depository.

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Bylaws: Article V Section 4

ARTICLE IX Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) shall govern the Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any standing rules and special rules of order the Party may adopt.

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ARTICLE X Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Party by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting or in the Call to the next meeting.

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Bylaws: Article VII

Rules of the Libertarian Party of Idaho

Convention Special Rules

RULE 1: Order of Business

The standing order of business for a Regular Convention shall be as follows (those items designated “contingent” will only be taken up if the appropriate subject matter is available for consideration):

1. Call to Order
2. Credentials Report
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Audit Committee Report (contingent)
6. Bylaws and Rules Committee Report (contingent)
7. Election of Officers
8. Election of Region Representatives
9. General Election Candidate comments
10. Platform Committee Report (contingent)
11. Candidate endorsement
12. Resolutions
13. Other business

RULE 2: Election of Executive Board

Section 1. Nominations shall be made from the Convention floor by delegates at a convention. All balloting shall be done by county roll-call vote of delegates.

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Section 2. In addition to the list of candidates nominated, there shall be an automatic nomination for NONE OF THE ABOVE (NOTA). When any candidate, including NOTA, receives less than 10% of the total vote, that candidate shall be stricken from subsequent ballots.

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Section 3. When NOTA receives a majority vote, all candidates on that ballot shall become ineligible for re-nomination for the same office at the same convention. The next order of business shall be the re-opening of nominations from the floor for the office, and election shall proceed as above until such time as the vacancy has been filled or the conventions elects by a two-thirds vote not to select a candidate.

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RULE 3: Endorsement of Candidates

Section 1. Endorsements of candidates for political offices may be made at a Convention of the Party.

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Section 2. No candidate may be endorsed who is ineligible by law to serve in the office which he is seeking.

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Section 3. Endorsements or nominations shall be made from the Convention floor by delegates at a convention. All balloting shall be done by county roll-call vote of delegates.

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Section 4. The Party shall not support the candidacy of any candidate for office opposing a Libertarian candidate endorsed by a convention; nor shall it endorse any candidate for President or Vice-President other than the candidate selected by the delegates at the national party convention.

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RULE 4: Selection of Delegates to the National Convention

Section 1. The number of delegates shall be those allowed by the national Party and at least an equal number of delegate alternates.

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Section 2. Delegates and alternates to the National Party Regular Convention shall be nominated from the floor of the state Delegate Selection Convention. The delegate nominees receiving the highest vote shall go to the national Party convention as delegates. Any Party member in good standing shall be eligible to be an alternate to the National Party Regular Convention.

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Section 3. Any Party member may attend any Regular National Convention as an observer.

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Section 4. Prior to each duly called national Regular Convention, the Secretary shall certify the delegates and alternates to the National Convention at least twenty days prior to the Convention to the national Party Secretary, and offer such proof as the National Party shall require that the selection of said delegates and alternate delegates was made in compliance with the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Idaho.

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Section 5: The Chair of the delegation of the Party shall be the highest-ranking Party Officer present as a Delegate. If there is no Party officer present, a majority of the Executive Board shall select an Interim Chair from among their number.