

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND PURPOSE

This organization shall be known as the Arkansas Libertarian Party.

The purpose of the Arkansas Libertarian Party shall be to:

Promote and support libertarian ideas in the State of Arkansas.

Promote and support candidates for political office.

Promote, support, and certify affiliate organizations in the State of Arkansas.

Support the activities of the Libertarian Party and maintain affiliation with the national organization.

ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Arkansas Libertarian Party shall consist of those persons who are currently members of the Libertarian Party and are legal residents of the State of Arkansas.

Only members of the Arkansas Libertarian Party can act in the name of the party. Only qualified candidates who have the written endorsement of the Executive Committee may run for office as representatives of the Arkansas Libertarian Party.

Persons who do not support the Arkansas Libertarian Party and the Libertarian Party Statement of Principle may be removed from membership and/or candidacy by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee. Such expulsions may be appealed to the State Convention.

ARTICLE 3: ELECTED OFFICERS

The elected officers of the Arkansas Libertarian Party shall be:

Chair:

The Chair shall function as the leader of the State Party. The duties of Chair shall include presiding at the State Convention, presiding at Executive Committee meetings, appointing committees and individuals to perform various duties for the Party, and functioning as the chief executive officer of the party.

Vice-Chair:

The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair and replace the Chair in any of the functions listed for the Chair at the request of, or in the absence of the Chair. The Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair in the event the Chair is unable to complete a term of office.

Secretary:

The Secretary shall record and preserve the records of the Party. The Secretary shall keep records of all meetings of the Party, including the State Convention and all meetings of the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall see that all members of the Executive Committee have the minutes of the previous Executive Committee meeting no later than one week prior to all regularly scheduled Executive Committee meetings. The Secretary shall see that all members of the Executive Committee have the minutes of the previous State Convention no later than one month prior to the up-coming State Convention. The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the current members of the Party. The Secretary shall also correspond with Arkansas government officials for the Arkansas Libertarian Party.

Treasurer:

The treasurer shall collect and disburse funds for the Party. The Treasurer shall also prepare quarterly fiscal reports for the Party and shall see that the quarterly fiscal report is disbursed to the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual financial report and present the annual financial report to the membership at the State Convention.

Parliamentarian:

It shall be the responsibility of the Parliamentarian to ensure that the Executive Committee meetings and the State Convention are conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order and this Constitution.

District Representatives:

A District Representative from each Congressional District shall be elected. These Representatives must live in the Congressional District they represent. These Representatives shall represent the State Party to members of Congress and help the Chair coordinate the activities of the Arkansas Libertarian Party in their respective districts.

ARTICLE 4: TERM OF OFFICE

Persons elected to offices outlined in this Constitution shall serve in the position to which elected for a period of two years.

ARTICLE 5: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All elected officers, except the District Representatives, shall be elected by a majority of the members present at the State Convention.

The Congressional District Representatives shall be elected by party members within their district.

ARTICLE 6: QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE

Persons desiring to seek offices outlined in this Constitution shall be members in good standing of the Arkansas Liberation Party for a period of not less than one year preceding nomination for office.

ARTICLE 7: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the current Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and the District Representatives. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote on any proposal. The Previous Past Chair shall serve as an ex officio member of the Executive Committee and may vote in the case of a tie vote on any proposal before the Executive Committee. The Parliamentarian shall attend the meetings of the Executive Committee to ensure adherence to Robert's Rules of Order and this Constitution, but shall not have a vote on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in each quarter which does not have a state convention to conduct the business of the State Party. The Executive Committee may act in the name of the Arkansas Libertarian Party to allocate funds, work with candidates for offices representing the Party, coordinate ballot access, and perform other duties appropriate for the Party.

The Executive Committee may ask other persons to meet with the Committee, but only the persons named above may vote on any matters. No proxy votes shall be permitted.

The actions of the Executive Committee shall be regularly reported to the membership through a newsletter or other correspondence.

It shall take the presence of five voting members to constitute a quorum. The Previous Past Chair shall not count as a voting member for the purpose of establishing a quorum of the Executive Committee. Any action taken by the Executive Committee shall require a majority of the Executive Committee as a whole.

The Executive Committee shall have the authority to fill vacancies in itself.

The actions of the Executive Committee shall be reviewed and supported or overturned by a vote of the membership at the State Convention. It shall require a simple majority of the members present to support the actions of the Executive Committee or it shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present to overturn.

ARTICLE 8: STATE CONVENTION

A State Convention of the Arkansas Libertarian Party shall be held every spring. The membership of the Party shall be sent information about the convention a minimum of thirty days prior to the convention.

The Chair is responsible for making Arrangements, creating an agenda, and presiding over the convention.

The Chair shall report to the convention concerning the condition of the State Party. The Chair shall also report to the convention the actions of the Executive Committee in the previous year. The Secretary shall have the minutes of the previous year's Executive Committee meetings and the previous year's State Convention for any member desiring a copy.

The Treasurer shall report to the convention the financial activities of the State Party.

Other persons may report the different activities of the party at the request of the Chair.

The State Convention shall follow Roberts' Rules of Order and this Constitution in the conduct of the convention.

Only members in good standing a minimum of thirty days preceding the State Convention will be allowed to cast ballots at the State Convention.

Newly elected officers shall assume their duties for the up coming term of office at the end of the State Convention to which elected.

ARTICLE 9: CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Persons desiring to represent the Arkansas Libertarian Party as candidates for public office shall be members in good standing of the Arkansas Libertarian Party.

Persons authorized to represent the Arkansas Libertarian Party as candidates for public office shall receive written certification from the Executive Committee. Only those persons with written certification from the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Libertarian Party shall be allowed to represent themselves as Libertarian Party candidates for office in the State of Arkansas.

The Libertarian Party Presidential Ticket shall be exempt from this certification.

ARTICLE 10: OTHER POSITIONS

It shall be the responsibility of the Chair to appoint and the Executive Committee to confirm those appointments the Chair deems necessary to promote the Arkansas Libertarian Party. Persons appointed to any position or committee shall be members in good standing of the Arkansas Libertarian Party.

ARTICLE 11: LOCAL AFFILIATES

It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to confirm, in writing, local affiliate organizations within the State of Arkansas. Only those local affiliate organizations who have received written confirmation from the Executive Committee shall be allowed to claim affiliation

with the Arkansas Libertarian Party and the Libertarian Party. Local affiliate organizations shall adhere to the membership provisions of this Constitution.

The Executive Committee may, by two-thirds vote, withdraw certification from any local affiliate. A decision by the Executive Committee to withdraw certification of a local affiliate organization may be appealed to the State Convention and may be overturned by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at the State Convention.

ARTICLE 12: AMENDMENT OF THIS CONSTITUTION

Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be in the possession of the Chair at least sixty days prior to the State Convention. Proposed amendments must be signed by at least ten percent of the membership of the Arkansas Libertarian Party or by ten members (whichever is smaller). Proposed amendments of the By-Laws Committee shall be exempt from this signature requirement, but shall not be exempt from the sixty day requirement and shall carry certification from the Chair of the By-Laws Committee that the proposed amendment is recommended by two-thirds of the By-Laws Committee.

The Chair is responsible to distribute any proposed amendments to this Constitution to the membership of the Arkansas Libertarian Party at least thirty days prior to the State Convention.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of attending members of the Arkansas Libertarian Party attending the annual State Convention.