FREE LIBERTARIAN PARTY MID-HUDSON AREA

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "Free Libertarian Party, Mid-Hudson Area" hereinafter called the "Party". This organization is a "County Organization" as provided for in the by-laws of the Free Libertarian Party, Inc. of New York State.

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPLES, OBJECTIVES, AND GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDRIES

Section 1 - Statement of Principles

- AP Each individual possesses the inalienable right to life, liberty, and to justly acquired property.
- B) No person or institution, public or private, has the right to initiate the use of physical force against another.
- C) All individuals are entitled to choose their own life styles as long as they do not forcibly impose their values on others.
- D) The only moral basis of politics is the preservation and protection of individual rights.
- E) The voluntary exchange of goods and services is fundamental to any socioeconomic system which provides for the harmonious integration of divergent value systems.

Section 2 - Objectives

The Party is a political organization which has as its primary objectives the extension of individual freedom to its furthest limits by conducting the following activities consistent with the Statement of Principles:

- A) disseminating Libertarian political philosophy by entering into political information activities
- B) nominating and supporting candidates for political office
- C) promoting and co-ordinating the activities of local units
- D) supporting state and national Libertarian Party Candidates

Section 3 - Geographic Boundries

The Party shall normally conduct its activities only within the Mid-Hudson Area counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Westchester, and Ulster in the State of New York. Any activities outside the Mid-Hudson Area must be co-ordinated with and approved by the Free Libertarian Party organization having jurisdiction over the areas affected.

Section 4 - Secession

Any county wishing to secede from the Party shall do so by applying for a charter from the Free Libertarian Party. Upon approval of the seceding county's charter by the Free Libertarian Party, the seceding County Organization shall receive a proportion of the unencumbered treasure based on their former membership persentage of the Party.

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Membership'in the Party shall be open to any individual residing within the area specified in Article II, Section 3, who:

A) subscribes to the Principles and Objectives set forth in Article II

B) submits a signed application

C) pays such dues as may be required by the Executive Committee

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Section 1 - Qualifications

Only a person who is a member of the Party and who has expressed a willingness to serve shall be eligible for election to any elected position of the Party.

Section 2 - Officers

The Officers of the Party shall be a Chalrperson, Vice-Chalrperson, a Secretary, a Treasurer, State Representative, and an Alternate State Representative, All of these officers shall be elected at the Annual Convention.

Saction 3 - Duties

- A) Chairperson The Chairperson shall preside at all Party meetings and at all meetings of the Executive Committee. The Chairperson shall be the chief executive officer of the Party.

 B) Vice-Chairperson The Vice-Chairperson shall act as assistant
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- c) Secretary The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party.
- Treasurer The Treasurer shall receive, expend, and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision and direction of the Chairperson and the Executive Committee. The Treasurer may co-ordinate fund raising activities.
- She State Representative The State Representative shall represent the Party at all meetings of the Free Libertarian Party State Committee and serve as general liaison between the Party and the Free Libertarian Party, Inc.
- Alternate State Representative The Alternate State Representative shall act as assistant to the State Representative, and shall perform the duties of the State Representative in the event the State Representative, is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office.

Section 4 - Suspension

Any officer of the Party shall be declared impeached upon submission of a petition signed by a majority of the entire membership. Said officer may subsequently be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership.

Section 5 - Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson until the next regular election of officers. In the event of the vacancy of any other elected office the Executive Committee may select any Party member to fill such vacancies until the next regular election of officers.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 - Function

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the control and management of all of the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party, consistent with these By-laws and any Resolutions which may be adopted at Party meetings.

Section 2 - Composition

The Executive Committee of the Party shall be composed of the following:

- A) the elected officers of the Party
- B) the Chairperson of each Standing Committee
- C) any Working Committee Chairperson who is ratified at a meeting of the membership

Section 3 - Term of Office

Fach Executive Committee Member shall take office immediately upon selection and serve thereafter until the selection of a replacement or until the position is eliminated.

Section 4 - Meetings

The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place as may be determined by action of the Executive Committee, by call of the Chair person, or by the written request to the Secretary of one-third or more of the members of the Executive Committee. A written or verbal notice of the time and place of all meetings shall be given to each member of the Executive Committee not less than 3 days prior to said meeting. Executive Committee meetings shall be open to all members of the Party, and notice is to be given to any member expressing interest in attending Executive Committee Meetings.

Section 5 - Quorum

A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for any meeting.

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Section 6 - Transaction of Business

The Executive Committee may, without meeting together, transact business by voting on questions submitted to them by or with the approval of the Chairperson. Two weeks shall be allowed for the return of the votes thereon by mail to the Party Secretary. If at the expiration of the applicable time period a quorum of the Executive Committee have not returned their votes, the measure being voted upon shall be deemed to have failed: in all other cases a majority of the votes returned shall carry the measure except where a higher vote is required by the By-laws. The Secretary must preserve all such votes until the next meeting of the Executive Committee, at which meeting the Executive Committee shall order the disposition of such votes.

Section 7 - Proxy Voting

A member of the Executive Committee may be represented by any Party member at any meeting of the Executive Committee by written proxy.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

Baction 1 - Standing Committee

The Executive Committee may recommend the establishment of such standing committees as it deems appropriate. The Chairperson of each Standing Committee is to be elected at a meeting of the membership. A Standing Committee can be dissolved by vote of the membership.

Section 2 - Working Committee

The Executive Committee shall establish such Working Committees as it deems appropriate and shall appoint a Chairperson for each committee. Working Committees shall exist at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. The Working Committee Chairpersons ratified by a vate of the membership shall be members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Section 1 - Frequency

At most 3 calendar months shall be allowed to elapse between meetings of the membership.

Section 2 - Annual Convention

The Party shall conduct a meeting each year to hold Party elections and conduct such other business as may come before it. This meeting shall be called the Annual Convention of the Party.

Section 3 - Quorum

A quorum shall be defined as 10 members or 25% of the membership, whichever is greater.

ARTICLE IX - FINANCES AND ACCOUNTING

Section 1 - Fiscal Year

The fiscal term of the Party shall begin on the first day following the adjournment of each Annual Convention.

Section 2 - Accounting System

The Executive Committee shall cause an efficient system of accounts to be installed and maintained.

Section 3 - Disbursements

All disbursements exceeding \$20.00 shall be made solely by check.

ARTICLE X - CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

Section 1 - Selection Committee

A Candidate Selection Committee consisting of all officers and an equal number of members-at-large elected at the annual convention, shall pass on the qualifications of each person seeking the Party's endorsement for any political office within the geographic boundries as set forth in these By-laws.

Section 2 - Reports

The Candidate SElection Committee shall make available a detailed recommendation report on each candidate, using Article #2, SEction 1, the Statement of Principles, as a guide.

Section 3 - Special Meeting

The Candidate Selection Committee shall convene in special session to vote on their recommendations not less than sevendays and not more than eighteen days after the issuance of their recommendations.

Section 4 - Endorsements

Upon a two-thirds vote of the Candidate Selection Committee in approval of a candidate, that candidate shall be declared to have the official Party endorsement for said office.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any meeting of the Party membership provided the amandment was proposed at the previous meeting, and notification of the proposed amendment accompanied the notice for the meeting at which the amendment will be considered.

ARTICLE XII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order as newly revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of proceedure not specifically covered by these By-Laws.

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CONVENTION RULES

ARTICLE I - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order as newly revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these Rules.

ARTICLE II - VOTING ELIGIBILITY

All Party members shall be eligible to vote on all matters. In order to vote on a given matter, a Party member must be present at the time the vote is taken. Each Party member present shall have one vote.

ARTICLE III - VOTING PROCEDURE

On all matters except elections and nominations, voting will be by voice vote or show of hands. If any Party member objects to the Chairperson's ruling on the outcome of the vote, a roll call vote will be held. Voting on elections and nominations will normally be by secret ballot unless a race is uncontested, in which case a voice vote or show of hands may be used.

ARTICLE IV - AGENDA

The business of a meeting may consist of the following items which shall be conducted in the following order:

- A) reports of Party officers
- B) Committee reports
- C) elections
- D) resolutions and other business

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS

Nominations for the Farty offices shall be from the floor. For each office, a majority vote will be necessary and sufficient for election. In cases where no candidate receives a majority vote on the first ballot, runnoff votes will be held fropping the lowest running candidate after each ballot.

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