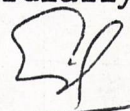


June 8, 1972

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Attached is proposed Constitution for the National Party. If you have any suggestions for changes other than those indicated, would you send them to me, or call me before noon of Wednesday, June 14th, when I leave for the National Convention..

Cordially,



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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
AND
CONSTITUTION
OF THE
LIBERTARIAN PARTY
a non-profit corporation

ARTICLE I

NAME - The name of the corporation shall be the "Libertarian Party," hereinafter referred to as the "Party."

ARTICLE II

PERIOD OF DURATION - The duration of the Party shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSES - The purposes for which the Party is organized are:
a. To nominate candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States, and to support candidates for political office, including, but not necessarily limited to, candidates for President and Vice-President.
b. To charter, ~~supervise~~, and coordinate affiliate parties throughout the United States.
c. To enter into educational and other like activities and programs necessary to advance the objective of a free society.

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ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Party shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. All of these officers shall be elected at a Regular Convention of the Party by the attending Party members or delegates and shall take office immediately upon the close of such convention and serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next meeting.

Section 2. One person may hold both the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, but no other offices may be combined.

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

Section 4. The officers shall be full, voting members of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Chairman shall preside at all conventions and at all meetings of the Executive Committee. He shall be the chief executive officer of the Party and shall exercise general supervision over the activities of the Party.

Section 6. The Vice-Chairman shall act as Assistant to the Chairman, and shall perform the duties of the Chairman in the event the Chairman is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of his office.

Section 7. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party, and shall provide or make provision for legal services to the Party.

Section 8. The Treasurer shall receive, expend, and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision and direction of the Chairman and Executive Committee.

Section 9. Except as otherwise provided herein, the officers of the Party shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed in the by-laws.

Section 10. The Executive Committee shall appoint new officers where and if vacancies occur, such officers to serve until the next election.

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Party shall be composed of the following:

- a. The elected officers of the Party;
- b. Four members elected at large by all the delegates at the Regular Convention; and
- c. One member from each Regional Division containing at least five per cent. of the Party's and all affiliate parties' members, and one additional member from each Regional Division containing at least fifteen per cent. of the Party's and all affiliate parties' members, said Executive Committee members to be elected by the attending members or delegates from the respective Regional Divisions at the Regular Convention.
- d. The aforementioned Regional Divisions shall be:
 - Region 1 (West) - California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, and Alaska;
 - Region 2 (West Central) - Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas;
 - Region 3 (Southwest) - Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana;
 - Region 4 (Central) - Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri;
 - Region 5 (East Central) - Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky;
 - Region 6 (Southeast) - Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi;
 - Region 7 (Mid-Atlantic) - Pennsylvania, West Virginia, N.J., Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia.
 - Region 8 (Northeast) - New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the Regular Convention and serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention.

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

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall have the control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with this Constitution.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall meet in the manner, time, and places prescribed in the by-laws.

ARTICLE VI

CONVENTIONS

Section 1. The Party shall hold a convention every year, beginning in June, 1972, at the time and place selected by the Executive Committee. Regular Conventions, however, shall be held only in even-numbered years, beginning in June, 1972, and all such business and Party affairs required herein to be performed at Regular Conventions shall be performed at the Regular Conventions only.

Section 2. Conventions other than Regular Conventions shall be open to all Party and affiliate party members.

Section 3. At the first Regular Convention, in June, 1972, the convention may be attended by all members of the Party or affiliated party who wish to attend. Beginning in 1974, and thereafter, each state and the District of Columbia shall be entitled to send delegates according to the following criteria:

a. Every state and the District of Columbia shall have at least two delegates together with two alternates.

b. Each state and the District of Columbia shall have one additional delegate for every 100 members of either the Party or an affiliated party within the state or district.

c. Each state and the District of Columbia shall have one additional delegate for every 5,000 votes obtained by the best-running Party candidate in the state or district in the most recent general election.

d. In addition to the foregoing, each Party of affiliated party member elected to public office, each chairman of an affiliated party, each member of the Party's Executive Committee, and each of the Party's elected officers shall be a delegate from his respective state or district.

e. The delegates in subsections a, b, and c shall be selected by the affiliate parties in such manner as the affiliate parties may provide. For those states in which there is no affiliate party, delegates shall be chosen by the Executive Committee of the Party from among those who apply for delegate status.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES - The Party shall have no standing committees. There shall be a Platform Committee and a Rules, Constitution and By-Laws Committee formed for each Regular Convention, the chairmen and members of which shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

PLATFORM

Section 1. The Party shall adopt a platform at its first regular convention in June, 1972. Said platform shall remain the platform of the Party thereafter; provided, however, said platform may be amended at the Regular Conventions in the manner set forth herein.

Section 2. The platform shall be adopted on a plank-by-plank basis by the Party members and affiliate party members in attendance at the first Regular Convention. Each plank must receive approval by a vote of 2/3 of the voting members for inclusion in the platform.

Section 3. Beginning with the Regular Convention of 1974 and at each Regular Convention thereafter, the platform may be amended by deletion, substitution, or addition of any plank. A plank may be deleted by a simple majority vote of the convention delegates. The substitution of a new plank for an old plank, or the addition of a new plank, shall require approval by a vote of 2/3 of the delegates.

ARTICLE IX

NOMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Section 1. Nominations of candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States shall be made at the Regular Convention of the Party held in the Presidential election year.

Section 2. No candidate may be nominated who is ineligible to serve as President under the United States Constitution, or who has not expressed a willingness to accept the nomination of the Party.

Section 3. Nominations shall be made from the convention floor by the members or delegates. All balloting shall be done by roll-call vote of the states and District of Columbia by alphabetical order.

Section 4. The Party's nominee for President of the United States shall be chosen by majority vote of the members or delegates in attendance at the time of the balloting. If after two ballots no candidate has attained a majority vote, all nominations who have received less than 10 per cent. of

the total vote shall be struck from subsequent ballots. If after four ballots no candidate has attained a majority vote, the candidate with the least votes shall be struck from subsequent ballots, this procedure to be repeated after each even numbered ballot in which no candidate has received a majority vote until some one candidate attains a majority.

Section 5. The Party's nominee for Vice-President shall be chosen by the same procedure as for the Presidential nominee, except that the Presidential nominee shall have the power to veto any candidate for Vice-President with whom he does not wish to run.

ARTICLE X

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DESIGNATION OF AFFILIATE PARTIES - The Executive Committee of the Party shall designate affiliate parties from those organizations requesting such status in each state and the District of Columbia. No organization shall be designated an affiliate party which does not agree to support the Party's platform and nominees for President and Vice-President. The Executive Committee shall have the power to revoke affiliate party status from any organization by a 2/3 vote of the Committee. *substantially*

ARTICLE XI

BY-LAWS

Section 1. The by-laws of the Party shall be approved by majority vote of the members in attendance at the first Regular Convention. Upon such approval, the Executive Committee shall officially adopt and promulgate the by-laws in accordance with applicable law.

Section 2. The by-laws of the Party may be amended by a majority vote of the delegates at any subsequent Regular Convention of the Party, or by a vote of 3/4 of the Executive Committee at any other time.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION - This Constitution may be amended by a vote of a majority of the members in attendance at the first Regular Convention, and thereafter by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any subsequent Regular Convention, or by a vote of ninety per cent. or more of the Executive Committee at any time other than when a Regular Convention is being held.

