

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE AND SCOPE

These bylaws govern the Libertarian Party of Alabama, hereinafter referred to as the "Party," whose purpose is to pursue liberty and promote libertarian political ideals consistent with the Libertarian Party Statement of Principles by:

- a) Disseminating information about libertarian ideals and principles;
- b) Nominating and promoting candidates for local, state, and national public office;
- c) Promoting and coordinating district and local organizations throughout the state;
- d) Selecting and sending delegates to Libertarian Party national conventions.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. A person may become a member of the Party by fulfilling all of the following qualifications:

- a) Making application; and
- b) Paying such dues as are set by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Secretary shall automatically terminate membership if a member requests in writing such termination. Membership may be terminated for failure to remit dues. The entire Executive Committee, by two-thirds vote, may revoke an individual's membership for cause.

ARTICLE III: THE OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Party shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Director, whose duties are described below, as well as special officers chosen as needed to serve functions or duties not described herein. The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected at the Annual Party Convention by all Party members present and take office immediately following the close of the Convention. The Executive Director and other officers are appointed by the Executive Committee. No offices shall be combined. No officer shall be a member of or hold office in another political party, nor shall an officer support a candidate of another political party in opposition to a candidate of the Libertarian Party of Alabama.

Section 2. The Chair shall preside at all Party Conventions and at all meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall be the chief executive officer of the Party.

Section 3. The Vice-Chair shall act as assistant to the Chair and

shall perform the duties of the Chair during periods in which the Chair is unable to perform those duties.

Section 4. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the Party membership list, taking minutes of Executive Committee meetings, and keeping other records as required by the Chair or Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, disburse, and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision of the Chair and the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual report and make available any financial information required by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Executive Director shall assist the other officers in the day to day operation of the Party functions. The Executive Director may assume the functions of the Secretary and/or Treasurer during periods of time that they are absent or unable to carry out their duties. The temporary assumption of these official duties must be with the agreement of the Secretary or Treasurer or of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee is composed of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Director, and a District Representative from each of the following nine metropolitan areas: Florence, Huntsville, Gadsden, Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Auburn, Montgomery, Dothan, and Mobile. The exact geographic composition of each district shall be determined by the Executive Committee. No person shall hold more than one title.

Section 2. Each District Representative is chosen at the Annual Convention by caucus of the Party members present who reside in that district. A District Representative must be a Party member residing within the district he or she represents and is charged with the responsibility of promoting the activities described in Article I within the district. A District Representative is also responsible for organizing county-level subunits within the district as well as college campus groups or other local organizations promoting libertarian goals.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall appoint new officers if vacancies occur, such officers to complete the term of the office vacated. The Executive Committee may also appoint District Representatives to fill vacancies, so long as an appointee is a Party member residing within the district and is willing to serve.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place as determined by action of the Committee or call of the Chair, except however the Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly. If a meeting is to be held at a time and/or place not arranged at a previous meeting it is the responsibility of the Secretary to give

reasonable notice to all Executive Committee members.

Section 5. A meeting of Executive Committee members numbering more than half the total number of Officers and District Representatives (currently filled) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Committee business.

Section 6. An Officer, District Representative, or other member holding a Party position may be removed from that position for cause by two-thirds vote of the entire Executive Committee.

Section 7. The Executive Committee may establish rules of order for its meetings, which need not include recording individual votes on every decision; however votes will be recorded by the Secretary on any decision made under Article II, section 2 or Article IV, sections 3 or 6 and on any decision for which a recorded vote is requested by one or more members of the Committee.

Section 8. A summary of the results of Executive Committee meetings shall be published in the next issue of the Party newsletter.

ARTICLE V: CONVENTION

Section 1. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to set the time, place, and schedule of events for the Annual Convention. At least thirty days notice must be provided to the members concerning these arrangements. In order to vote at the Convention a Party member must have been a member at least 30 days prior to the date of the Convention. The Executive Committee may waive this rule at its discretion.

Section 2. Candidates for public office shall be chosen by majority vote at the Convention from among those put into nomination there. A Party candidate for public office must be a member of the Party, legally eligible to serve in the office, and willing to accept the nomination. In cases such as the death, resignation, disqualification, or suspension of a Party nominee, offices for which no candidate is chosen at the Convention, and circumstances such as special elections, redistricting, etc. requiring new candidates to be put forward, the Executive Committee shall be responsible for the selection of Party candidates. A candidate's nomination may be suspended for cause by 2/3 vote of the entire Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting at an Annual Convention. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted by any Party member, but must be made available to the Executive Committee prior to the Convention so that preparations for their proper consideration at the Convention can be made.