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Libertarian Party of Indiana Standing Rules

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Affiliate Organizing Conventions

Section 1. Organizing Convention. Members of the Libertarian Party of Indiana inhabiting any county in the state of Indiana which does not have a County Organization may call for an Organizing Convention to affiliate with the Libertarian Party of Indiana. Upon request for an Organizing Convention, the State Central Committee shall send notice by first class U.S. mail of the date, time and location of said Organizing Convention to all Members of the LPIN in that county. The Organizing Convention must be attended by at least two (2) Members of the LPIN inhabiting said county. County Organizations are authorized to charge dues as a condition for speaking and voting in County Organization business meetings, but no Member of the LPIN shall be denied attendance in a County Organization business meeting. Further, no Member of the Libertarian Party of Indiana in said county shall be denied the right to attend, speak at, and vote in any convention of a County Organization. The County Organization shall mail notice of the date, time and location of all County Organization conventions to all Members of the LPIN in that county by first class U.S. mail thirty (30) days in advance of any convention.

Section 2. Adoption of County By-laws. By-laws shall be adopted at the Organizing Convention of the County Organization by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Members of the LPIN from that county in attendance. These by-laws shall address the following matters:

- Name of the County Organization (the name shall be the Libertarian Party of _____ County);
- County Organization membership requirements (if different than membership in the LPIN);
- Provision for at least one annual County Convention to nominate candidates or elect County Organization Officers and Delegates to the Annual Business Meeting held at the State Convention;
- Procedures for selecting County Organization Officers and Delegates to the Annual Business Meeting held at the State Convention;
- Procedures for amending the County Organization's by-laws;
- Procedures for nominating candidates for public office.

Section 3. Adoption of LPIN By-laws. After adoption of their own by-laws at the Organizing Convention, County Organizations shall adopt these LPIN by-laws by majority vote, and certify such adoption by submitting a Petition for Affiliation to the State Central Committee on a standard form adopted by the State Central Committee. The Petition for Affiliation must be signed by the Chairperson and Treasurer of the County Organization, and filed with the Secretary of the LPIN. County Organizations shall file any change in their officers, by-laws and standing rules with the Secretary of the LPIN within thirty (30) days of the change.

Section 4. Membership Requirement. The Officers of all County Organizations must be Members of the LPIN.

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Section 5. Officer Vacancies. A County Organization may continue in existence as long as it observes all requirements herein stated, and as long as it maintains a Chairperson and a Treasurer. A County Organization has forty-five (45) days to fill vacancies in said officer positions, such period to begin from the date of actual notice of such vacancy to the remaining officer(s) of the County Organization.

Section 6. Suspension of Affiliate. The State Central Committee shall have the authority to suspend, terminate or refuse affiliate status in the LPIN to a County Organization by a three-fourths (3/4) vote. The State Central Committee shall immediately notify both the Chairperson and Treasurer of such County Organization by certified mail of the suspension, termination, or refusal, and the reasons for such, affording the County Organization the right to appeal to the State Central Committee at one of its next two meetings, or to appeal at the Annual Business Meeting at the State Convention. Upon such appeal, the decision of the State Central Committee or of the Annual Business Meeting at the State Convention, as the case may be, shall be final and binding. If the decision is adverse to a County Organization, it will be binding for a period of one year from the appeal decision, after which time the County Organization may re-apply for affiliation with the LPIN. The State Central Committee shall notify all current Members of the LPIN within the affected county by first class U.S. mail of the disposition of the appeal. The State Central Committee has authority to notify other persons or entities, including the news media, of its decisions.

Section 7. Removal or Suspension of County Officers. The State Central Committee may suspend or remove any officers of an affiliated County Organization by a three-fourths (3/4) vote. The State Central Committee shall immediately notify all other officers listed on the County Organization's Petition for Affiliation of this removal, and the reasons for such, by certified U.S. mail, return receipt requested. The State Central Committee shall also immediately notify all current Members of the LPIN within the affected county by first class U.S. mail. The State Central Committee has authority to notify other persons or entities, including the news media of the suspension or removal.

Section 8. Choice of County. In case a Member of the LPIN inhabits more than one county, such person shall claim one county for purposes of voting in county conventions, and no Member shall claim to inhabit more than one (1) county in the same ninety (90) day period.

Annual Business Meeting

Section 1. Order of Business. The order of business of the Annual Business Meeting shall be as follows. After the Call to Order, the first item of business is to credential and seat Delegates to the Annual Business Meeting. The second item of business is the reading and approval of the minutes of the first preceding Annual Business Meeting. The third item of business is to adopt rules for the Annual Business Meeting. The fourth item of business is to adopt an agenda for the Annual Business Meeting. The State Central Committee, or a committee appointed thereby, shall submit proposed rules and an agenda for initial consideration. The Delegates shall adopt rules and an agenda for the Annual Business Meeting by majority vote. In the absence of the adoption of rules and/or an agenda, the Chairperson shall adopt rules and an agenda on the Chairperson's own initiative. The fifth item of business is the financial report by the State Central Committee, including a statement of the business conducted since the preceding Annual Business Meeting.

Section 2. Motions in Writing. All motions to amend the rules and/or the agenda proposed by the State Central Committee, to amend these by-laws, and/or to adopt or amend a platform shall be in writing, submitted to the Chairperson thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the Annual Business Meeting. The State Central Committee shall promptly publish such proposals at least to Members of the LPIN with e-mail.

Section 3. Membership Required. All Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Annual Business Meeting at the State Convention shall be Members of the LPIN for not less than twenty (20) continuous days as of the starting date of the State Convention and currently in good standing as of the starting date, subject to verification by the Credentials Committee, and must inhabit the counties for which County Organizations they serve as Delegate or Alternate Delegate. In case a Member of the LPIN inhabits more than one county, such Member shall choose one (1) county from which to serve as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the Annual Business Meeting, and no Member shall claim to inhabit more than one (1) county in the same ninety (90) day period.

Section 4. Selection of Delegates by County Organizations. Delegates to the Annual Business Meeting at the State Convention shall be selected by affiliated County Organizations according to their by-laws. Each affiliated County Organization shall be allocated one (1) Delegate for every ten (10) Members of the LPIN, or fraction thereof, who inhabit said county, plus one (1) Delegate for every thousand (1,000) votes cast, or fraction thereof, in said county for the Libertarian Party candidate in the last Secretary of State race. The Credentials Committee shall fill county Delegate vacancies with Members of the LPIN from said counties who have been appointed by the said county's Chairperson and are in attendance at the Annual Business Meeting, such approval by the Annual Business Meeting not to be unreasonably withheld. The LPIN Chairperson is automatically considered a delegate, with voting and speaking privileges, and does not count against his/her home county's delegate allocation.

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Section 5. Selection of Other Delegates. Members of the LPIN attending the Annual Business Meeting from counties with no County Organization shall be allocated one (1) Delegate for every thousand (1,000) votes cast in said county for the Libertarian Party candidate in the last Secretary of State race. Such members may submit to the Credentials Committee their request to be seated as Delegates to the Annual Business Meeting. The Credentials Committee shall bring the request to the full Annual Business Meeting during the meeting's first item of business, approval of which should not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 6. List of Delegates. At least two (2) weeks prior to the Annual Business Meeting, each Chairperson of an affiliated County Organization shall submit to the Credentials Committee of the State Central Committee a list of Delegates and Alternate Delegates who have been selected in accordance with the County Organization's by-laws. The Credentials Committee shall be responsible for verifying the membership of each such delegate. No voting by proxy shall be permitted.

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