

Proposal #1

Article III

B. Voting Membership and Dues

1. Voting Members: A voting member is a person who meets all of the qualifications of membership above and is also a Dues-Paying member.

2. Dues-Paying Members: A dues-paying member is a person who meets the membership qualification and the minimum Annual Dues

3. Annual Dues: Annual dues shall be \$25

4. Dues Waiver: A dues waiver will be a waiver of a voting member's annual dues by one of the following methods:

a. In-Kind donation waiver. An in-kind donation is a donation made meeting of exceeding the value of the annual dues

b. Service-based waiver. A service-based waiver is a waiver made to a person or persons working the number of hours deemed sufficient by a county, regional or state chair. (Note: in no event shall a member of a committee be given a dues waiver for services directly related to fulfilling the duties of their office.)

Reasoning/Synopsis:

People that take action to actualize the Libertarian Party's statement of principles – to challenge the cult of the omnipotent state – do so in a variety of ways. Those that are doing things like creating libertarian youtube content, spreading information on the blockchain, passing out jury nullification pamphlets, etc, though not contributing in orthodox ways, are all doing a service to the party and our principles regardless of whether said individuals pay dues to the state party.

The dues waivers, though going to some lengths to correct this, are subject to the arbitrary whims of those that have the authority to award them, and there is no way to know whether a county, regional, or state chair will award a waiver in such cases. Even if such a guarantee existed, it would be particularly challenging to enumerate such an exhaustive list in the bylaws.

Any dues requirements, no matter how minor, function as a disincentive to join the party, which is regrettably smaller in number compared to many of our counterparts. Dropping the dues requirements entirely, and replacing them with no substitute whatsoever, will solve these issues both by rewarding those contributing with voting power in the state conventions, and ensuring greater membership and participation in the state party in general.

Proposal #2

Article IV

A. Elected officers shall consist of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary, *and Social Media Director*. Officers shall take office at the close of the convention in which they are elected, and they shall serve until their successors are elected or confirmed. All officers of the LPTN shall have signed the National pledge rejecting the initiation of force.

C. Duties of Officers:

5. Social Media Director: It is the responsibility of the Social Media Director to manage regular content creation of all LPTN social media accounts, including:

- a. Twitter*
- b. Facebook Page*
- c. Facebook Group*
- d. MeWe Page*
- e. MeWe Group*
- f. Any other accounts as approved by the elected officers*

Proposal #3

Purpose: set one year term for regional officers

Author: Joshua Eakle

Article IV Section E

Elected Regional Officers shall consist of Chair and may consist of a Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Officers shall take office at the close of the convention in which they are elected, and they shall serve until their successors are elected or confirmed. All regional officers of the LPTN shall have signed the National pledge rejecting the initiation of force and be members of the National Libertarian Party. Officers can be recalled by the same procedures listed in Section B. of Article IV of the LPTN Bylaws. Officer Duties will be the same as listed in Section C. of Article IV of the LPTN Bylaws except to their designated region. All officers shall reside in their respective region and no Tennessee Regional Officer may be a currently elected State officer. *Should a region not already have adopted regional bylaws directing otherwise, e*Elected Regional Officers shall be elected *at each annual state convention by a majority* ~~by a 51% majority~~ of the respective region's county chairs. *If no majority can be achieved, the current regional chair will cast the tie breaking vote.*

Article V Section A

Conventions will be held annually. Business conventions for the election of officers will be held in the years without statewide public elections. Conventions held in years with statewide elections will be for LPTN candidates for public office. *Elections for regional officers will happen annually.* Party business (Other than the annual budget and approval, as required in Article VII, and election of delegates to the national convention) may only be conducted if a bylaw amendment meeting the requirements as stated in Article VI has been presented with the proper advance notification.

**This proposal is contingent on Proposal #3 passing (below verbiage is from Proposal 3, not the current bylaws) **

Proposal #4

Purpose: elect executive committee members at every convention by vote of delegates within their region

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Article V Section A

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Proposal #5

Purpose: create two at-large seats on the executive committee

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F. Elected At-Large Officers shall take office at the close of the convention in which they are elected, and they shall serve until one year terms until their successors are elected or confirmed. Officers can be recalled by the same procedures listed in Section B. of Article IV of the LPTN Bylaws. Officer Duties will be to represent the state body at large and facilitate any needs thereof. All officers shall reside in Tennessee and no At-Large Officer may be a currently elected State officer. Elected At-Large Officers shall be elected yearly at convention by a 51% majority of the delegates.

G.F. Elected County Officers shall consist of Chair and may consist Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Officers shall take office at the close of the convention in which they are elected, and they shall serve until their successors are elected or confirmed. All county officers of the LPTN shall have signed the National pledge rejecting the initiation of force and be members of the National Libertarian Party. Officers can be recalled by the same procedures listed in Section B. of Article IV of the LPTN Bylaws. Officer Duties will be the same as listed in Section C of Article IV of the LPTN Bylaws except to their designated region.

Proposal #6

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~~Secretary~~ **Coordinator and Alternate**. Officers shall take office at the close of the convention in which they are elected, and they shall serve until their successors are elected or confirmed. All regional officers of the LPTN shall have signed the National pledge rejecting the initiation of force and be members of the National Libertarian Party. Officers can be recalled by the same procedures listed in Section B. of Article IV of the LPTN Bylaws. Officer Duties will be the same as listed in Section C. of Article IV of the LPTN Bylaws except to their designated region. All officers shall reside in their respective region and no Tennessee Regional Officer may be a currently elected State officer. Elected Regional Officers shall be elected by a 51% majority of the respective regions county chairs.

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Proposal #8

Article VI

F. Elected County Officers shall consist of Chair and may consist Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Officers shall take office at the close of the convention in which they are elected, and they shall serve until their successors are elected or confirmed. All county officers of the LPTN shall have signed the National pledge rejecting the initiation of force and be [voting](#) members of the ~~National Libertarian Party~~ [LPTN](#). Officers can be recalled by the same procedures listed in Section B. of Article IV of the LPTN Bylaws. Officer Duties will be the same as listed in Section C of Article IV of the LPTN Bylaws except to their designated region.

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All County officers shall reside in their respective county and no Tennessee Chair may be a currently elected State officer, which includes Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer. The County Chair may however serve as a regional officer. Elected County Chairs shall be elected by a 51% majority of the respective county's Libertarian members. If there is no county activity, ~~an interim chair~~ **a county coordinator** may be appointed by the State Chair **or Regional Coordinator** until a minimum number of 4 active LP members exist, at which time an election will be held. An inactive ~~interim county chair~~ **county coordinator** may be replaced at the discretion of the state chair **or Regional Coordinator** **A county coordinator serves only to be a point of contact until a quorum of four LP members are able to form a county affiliate and does not share voting power given to elected county chairs.**

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[Multiple counties may come together to form an official local/regional affiliate by submitting a charter statement and/or bylaws to the LPTN executive and/or judicial committee](#)

Proposal #11

Purpose: To add a body of expertise in our state's bylaws and parliamentary procedure in order to better facilitate complaints and actions against our elected officers in regards to the state bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

A. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of Five (5) Party members elected at each LPTN state Business convention. No current member of the Executive Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee, once selected, shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee at the first meeting following convention. The Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the convention at which elected and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next state Business convention. All Judicial Committee members shall have been Party members at least four years at the time of their selection and are preferred to have experience as state or regional officers and/or working knowledge of parliamentary procedures. If vacancies occur, the remaining members of the Judicial Committee shall appoint new members to fill such vacancies and such appointees will serve until the final adjournment of the next Business convention. Should all Judicial Committee positions be vacant, an Intervening convention may fill such vacancies.

B. The subject matter jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee is limited to the discussion, consideration, and facilitating, per the ByLaws Of The Libertarian Party Of Tennessee, of only the matters expressly identified as follows:

1. Recalling of elected county, regional and state officers (via procedures listed in Section B. of Article IV of the LPTN Bylaws)
2. Recalling of county affiliates (recalled by the same procedures listed in Section B. of Article IV of the LPTN Bylaws)
3. Fielding complaints made against the LPTN executive committee for acting in opposition of the LPTN bylaws