Proposal #____ RULE 8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Problem: The Party's existing electoral method to elect Party officers of the National Committee is outdated and inefficient. The Libertarian Party platform "support[s] ... election systems that are more representative of the electorate...."

Solution: Implement Ranked Choice Voting to elect Party officers of the National Committee.

Benefits: Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is a balloting method that eliminates multiple rounds of voting, facilitates greater voter expression than a single choice ballot, and mitigates the "wasted vote" problem. Using RCV also helps our Party practice what we preach by implementing more competitive and representative electoral methods, familiarizes Party members with the use of such methods, and models the use of such methods to external audiences.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
1. Nominations for Party	1. Nominations for Party officers shall	1. Nominations for Party officers
officers shall be from the	be from the floor. The election shall	shall be from the floor. The
floor. The election shall	be conducted in the following	election shall be conducted in the
be conducted in the	manner:	following manner:
following manner:	a. For each office, a majority vote	a. Officer elections shall be
a. For each office, a	will be necessary for election.	conducted using Ranked Choice
majority vote will be	b. Each delegation shall tabulate	Voting. For each office, a
necessary for election.	its total vote, and the delegation	majority vote of all the ballots cast
b. Each delegation shall	chair shall deliver a written total to	in that round shall be necessary
tabulate its total vote,	the Secretary. When all	and sufficient for election.
and the delegation chair	delegations have submitted their	b. Ballots shall allow delegates to
shall deliver a written	votes, the Secretary shall declare	rank their choices of candidates in
total to the Secretary.	the voting closed.	order of preference, such as First
When all delegations	c. In cases where no candidate	Choice, Second Choice, Third
have submitted their	receives a majority, runoff votes	Choice, etc.
votes, the Secretary	will be held, dropping the	c. All individual ballots shall be
shall declare the voting	candidate with the fewest votes	turned in to the Secretary along
closed.	after each ballot.	with the tabulations by affiliate of
c. In cases where no		the First Choice votes.
candidate receives a	a. Officer elections shall be	d. In cases in which no candidate
majority, runoff votes will	conducted using Ranked Choice	receives a majority of First Choice
be held, dropping the	Voting Instant Run-Off Voting. For	votes in the first round, the
candidate with the	each office, a	candidate with the fewest votes
fewest votes after each	majority vote of all the ballots cast	shall be eliminated and the ballots
ballot.	in that round shall be necessary	of voters indicating that eliminated
	and sufficient for election.	candidate as their First Choice
	b. Ballots shall allow delegates to	shall be redistributed to the
	rank their choices of candidates in	remaining candidates according to
	order of preference. , such as First	the next choice indicated on those
	Choice, Second Choice, Third	ballots for each subsequent round.
	Choice, etc.	The ballots shall then be recounted
		in each subsequent round.

	c. All individual ballots shall be	e. If no candidate has a majority
	turned in to the Secretary along	vote for all the ballots cast for that
	with the tabulations by affiliate of	round, for each subsequent round
	the First Choice votes. THIS DOES	the process of eliminating the
	NOT ALLOW FOR ELECTRONIC.	candidate with the fewest votes,
	d. In cases in which no candidate	redistributing according to the next
	receives a majority of First Choice	choice on those ballots, and then
	votes in the first round, the	recounting shall be repeated until
	candidate with the fewest votes	one candidate has a majority.
	shall be eliminated and the ballots	f. The Secretary shall retain the
	of voters indicating that eliminated	record of all voting rounds and
	candidate as their First Choice	make it available to
	shall be redistributed to the	delegates upon request.
	remaining candidates according to	g. The Secretary shall announce
	the next choice indicated on those	the winner of the election after
	ballots for each subsequent round.	votes have been fully tabulated.
	<u>The ballots shall then be</u>	
	recounted in each subsequent	
	round. RECOUNTED BY WHOM?	
	e. If no candidate has a majority	
	vote for all the ballots cast for that	
	round, for each subsequent round	
	the process of eliminating the	
	candidate with the fewest votes,	
	redistributing according to the	
	next choice on those ballots, and	
	then recounting shall be repeated	
	until one candidate has a majority.	
	f. In the event of a tie in any round	
	which makes a difference in who	
	advances, ties shall be broken by	
	retaining the candidate that had	
	the most First Choice votes, and if	
	still a tie, then the most Second	
	Choice votes, etc. If this method	
	results in a tie up through the	
	current round, the tie shall be	
	broken randomly.	
	<u>g. The Secretary shall retain the</u>	
	record of all voting rounds and	
	make it available to delegates	
	<u>upon request.</u>	
	h. The Secretary shall announce	
	the winner of the election after	
	votes have been fully tabulated.	

SPONSORS: Latham

MARK-UP LEGEND

- In replacements, deletions precede additions.
 Deletions are in red bold italic strikethrough.
 Additions are in blue bold underline.

- Per LPUS Bylaws, Article XVII, Section 1, the bylaws require a 2/3 vote to pass.
 Per RONR t8 #13, the convention special rules of order require a 2/3 vote with notice or a majority of the entire convention membership