**Proposal #P (4th Substitute)**

**RULE 3: POLLING PROCEDURE**

**Problem:** The Libertarian Party platform “support[s] … election systems that are more representative of the electorate … such as proportional representation, alternative voting systems, and explicit inclusion of ‘none of the above’ on all ballots.” However, the Party’s existing electoral methods to elect Party officers and at-large members of the National Committee are outdated, inefficient, may result over-representing some voting cohorts while under-representing some voting cohorts in at-large member elections, and are inconsistent with our platform. Although electoral methods such as proportional ranked choice voting can be conducted by a hand count, the use of electronic methods to tabulate the results can help expedite the process.

**Solution:** Authorize the use of electronic methods for ballot tabulation to elect Party officers and at-large members of the National Committee, provided that such methods generate paper receipts that enable a manual recount.

**Benefits:** Using electronic balloting 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.

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| **Current Wording** | **Proposed Amendment** | **If Adopted, Will Read** |
| **RULE 3: POLLING PROCEDURE**  […]  3. In cases where computer readable ballots are used, each delegate must sign the ballot and submit it to the delegation chair. After verifying that the number of votes cast does not exceed the number the state is entitled to, the chair of each delegation shall submit the ballots to the Secretary. During the period of time allotted for such votes, the business of the convention shall continue without interruption. | **RULE 3: POLLING PROCEDURE**  […]  **~~3. In cases where computer readable ballots are used, each delegate must sign the ballot and submit it to the delegation chair. After verifying that the number of votes cast does not exceed the number the state is entitled to, the chair of each delegation shall submit the ballots to the Secretary. During the period of time allotted for such votes, the business of the convention shall continue without interruption.~~**  **3. Electronic voting may be used instead of manual tabulation by affiliate delegation provided that written notice of the electronic voting system to be used is published on the Party website at least 90 days prior to the regular convention. A delegate or alternate must be physically present to cast an electronic ballot. The electronic voting system must provide for the following:**  **a. Casting an electronic vote generates a physical ballot, which the voting delegate or alternate gives to their respective Delegation Chair for placement into a designated envelope provided for this purpose.**  **b. The system generates a report of votes by affiliate delegation for display to the convention.**  **c. The system allows delegates to cast write-in votes.**  **4. If a recount is successfully ordered, the recount must be done using the physical ballots collected by the Delegation Chairs.** | **RULE 3: POLLING PROCEDURE**  […]  3. Electronic voting may be used instead of manual tabulation by affiliate delegation provided that written notice of the electronic voting system to be used is published on the Party website at least 90 days prior to the regular convention. A delegate or alternate must be physically present to cast an electronic ballot. The electronic voting system must provide for the following:  a. Casting an electronic vote generates a physical ballot, which the voting delegate or alternate gives to theirrespective Delegation Chair for placement into a designated envelope provided for this purpose.  b. The system generates a report of votes by affiliate delegation for display to the convention.  c. The system allows delegates to cast write-in votes.  4. If a recount is successfully ordered, the recount must be done using the physical ballots collected by the Delegation Chairs. |
| ***Proviso:*** *This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.* | | |

**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