**Proposal #\_\_\_\_**

**ARTICLE 6. OFFICERS**

**Problem:** The Party’s existing electoral method to elect Party officers of the National Committee is outdated and inefficient.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 Preferential Voting, also known as Ranked Choice Voting, to elect Party officers of the National Committee. The Party’s parliamentary authority has outlined a process for conducting election using preferential voting for at least two decades.

**Benefits:** Preferential Voting 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 Preferential Voting 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.

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| **Current Wording** | **Proposed Amendment** | **If Adopted, Will Read** |
| 1. The officers of the Party shall be:  o Chair,  o Vice-Chair,  o Secretary, and  o Treasurer.  All of these officers shall be elected by a regular convention of the Party, shall take office immediately upon the close of the convention and shall serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next regular convention. No person shall serve as an officer who is not a sustaining member of the Party. | 1. The officers of the Party shall be:  o Chair,  o Vice-Chair,  o Secretary, and  o Treasurer.  All of these officers shall be elected by **preferential voting at** a regular convention of the Party, shall take office immediately upon the close of the convention and shall serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next regular convention. No person shall serve as an officer who is not a sustaining member of the Party. | 1. The officers of the Party shall be:  o Chair,  o Vice-Chair,  o Secretary, and  o Treasurer.  All of these officers shall be elected by preferential voting at a regular convention of the Party, shall take office immediately upon the close of the convention and shall serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next regular convention. No person shall serve as an officer who is not a sustaining member of the Party. |
| ***Proviso:*** *This amendment to take effect at the close of the convention.* | | |

**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