

Proposal # _____

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the Party’s existing electoral methods to elect Party officers and at-large members of the National Committee are outdated, inefficient, may result over-representing some voting cohorts while under-representing some voting cohorts in at-large member elections, and are inconsistent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.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
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<p><i>Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.</i></p>		

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