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**Date Heard:**

**Vote:**

**BYLAWS ARTICLES 3.3, 11.3(c) and (d), Article 17.1 ADD NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

**Problem:** Best practice is to provide notice for Bylaws amendments and for most state parties, the same is true for Platform as they are governing documents. We have never had notice requirements which can lead to ambush and insufficient protection of absentees as well as having ill-formed proposals moved on the floor.

**Solution:** Strike a balance while still allowing floor proposals which would allow items (typically exigent items) with broad support to be heard, but with a higher threshold.

**Benefits:**  Saves time, better proposals, some modicum of planning and support while protecting absentees.

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| **Current Wording** | **Proposed Amendment** | **If Adopted, Will Read** |
| SEE ATTACHED | SEE ATTACHED | SEE ATTACHED |

**SPONSORS:** Harlos

**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

## ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM.

3. The current platform shall serve as the basis of all future platforms**~~. The existing platform may be amended only at regular conventions.~~** **~~A platform plank may be deleted by majority vote. New planks or amendments to existing planks require a 2/3 vote.~~**

## NOTE THIS LANGUAGE WILL CONFORM TO PRIOR PROPOSAL ON PLANK DELETIONS IF THAT ONE IS PASSED FIRST.

## ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES

3. Committee Procedures

**c. The Platform Committee and the Bylaws and Rules Committee must provide reports of their recommendations along with minority reports to the Party Secretary at least thirty-five days prior to the regular convention which shall then be published on the Party website within five days of receipt.**

**d. Any Party sustaining member may submit proposals to the Platform and Bylaws and Rules Committee for consideration provided they are signed by twenty-five sustaining members and provided to the Party Secretary within sixty days prior to the regular convention. These proposals shall be forwarded to the respective committee chairs and published on the Party website within five days of receipt. The committees may include recommendations on these proposals in their reports.**

## ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT

1. The Party platform and these bylaws may be amended by the delegates at any regular convention as follows:
   1. With a 2/3 vote provided **they were included in the published report or minority reports of the Platform or Bylaws and Rules Committee or in timely valid submissions from Party membership.**
   2. **By a 3 / 4 vote from the floor without prior notice.**
   3. **Any platform plank may be deleted by a majority vote. [THIS IS THE OTHER PROPOSAL TO MAKE DELETION A 2/3 VOTE FAILS OR IS NOT HEARD]**
2. Article 3, Section 1, or this Section, shall not be amended by a vote of less than 7/8 of all registered delegates at a regular convention.

# WE WILL NEED TO DEAL WITH STANDING RULES ON HEARING MEMBER SUBMISSIONS IF THIS IS PASSED. ALSO NEED TO DEAL WITH WHETHER PRIOR PROPOSAL ON COMBINING STANDING RULES ON THESE COMMITTEES IS PASSED.