**Proposal O – Amendment 1**

**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** |
| **ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM**   1. 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.   **ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES**  3. Committee Procedures  […]  **ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT**   1. These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any regular convention.   […] | **ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM**   1. 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.~~**   **ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES**  3. Committee Procedures  […]   1. **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.** 2. **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 at the time of proposal submission 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. Proposals submitted in this manner shall be heard beginning with the proposal with the greatest number of sustaining member signatures and continuing in descending order.**   **ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT**   1. **The Party platform and ~~T~~t**hese bylaws may be amended by **~~a 2/3 vote of~~** 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~~** 2. **With a 2/3 vote for any timely valid submissions from the Party membership.** 3. **~~b. By~~With a 3/4 vote from the floor without prior notice.** 4. **~~c.~~ Any platform plank may be deleted by a majority vote.**   […] | **ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM**   1. The current platform shall serve as the basis of all future platforms.   **ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES**  3. Committee Procedures  […]   1. 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. 2. 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 at the time of proposal submission 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. Proposals submitted in this manner shall be heard beginning with the proposal with the greatest number of sustaining member signatures and continuing in descending order.   **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.    2. With a 2/3 vote for any timely valid submissions from the Party membership.    3. With a 3/4 vote from the floor without prior notice.    4. Any platform plank may be deleted by a majority vote.   […] |

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**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