Proposal #____
RULE 8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Problem: The Party's existing electoral method to elect Party officers of the National Committee is outdated and inefficient.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 Ranked Choice Voting to elect Party officers of the National Committee.

Benefits: Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) 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 RCV 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.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
1. Nominations for Party officers shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted in the following manner: a. For each office, a majority vote will be necessary for election. b. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Secretary shall declare the voting closed. c. In cases where no candidate receives a majority, runoff votes will be held, dropping the candidate with the fewest votes after each ballot.	1. Nominations for Party officers shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted in the following manner: *a. For each office, a majority vote will be necessary for election.* *b. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Secretary shall declare the voting closed.* *c. In cases where no candidate receives a majority, runoff votes will be held, dropping the candidate with the fewest votes after each ballot.* **a. Officer elections shall be conducted using Ranked Choice Voting. For each office, a majority vote of all the ballots cast in that round shall be necessary and sufficient for election.** **b. Ballots shall allow delegates to rank their choices of candidates in order of preference**, ~~such as First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice, etc.~~ ~~c. All individual ballots shall be turned in to the Secretary along~~	1. Nominations for Party officers shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted in the following manner: a. Officer elections shall be conducted using Ranked Choice Voting. For each office, a _majority vote of all the ballots cast in that round shall be necessary and sufficient for election. b. Ballots shall allow delegates to rank their choices of candidates in order of preference~~, such as First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice, etc.~~ _ c.~~ All individual ballots shall be turned in to the Secretary along with the tabulations by affiliate of the First Choice votes.~~ ~~d.~~ In cases in which no candidate receives a majority of First Choice votes, the candidate with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and the ballots of voters indicating that eliminated candidate as their First Choice shall be redistributed to the remaining candidates according to the next choice

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Proviso: *This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*	

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MARK-UP LEGEND

- o In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- o Deletions are in *red bold italic strikethrough*.
- o Additions are in **blue bold underline**.

- o Per LPUS Bylaws, Article XVII, Section 1, the bylaws require a 2/3 vote to pass.
- o 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