

CONVENTION RULES OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS  
As Amended through April 30, 2006

RULE I. STATE CONVENTION

Section 1. There shall be an annual State Convention at which all Party Officers and National Convention delegates are elected and statewide candidates are nominated.

Section 2. These shall be a business session to consider Party finances, Bylaw changes, and a membership report.

Section 3. No Party member shall be charged admission for the business session.

Section 4. Business session minutes shall be treated as regular minutes as stipulated in Bylaw IV, Section 4(c) (4).

Section 5. The interval between consecutive State Conventions shall be no fewer than eight months and no greater than sixteen months. After the second convention in 2005, the interval between consecutive State Conventions shall be no fewer than ten months and no greater than fifteen months.

Section 6. The convention shall be located in Springfield during gubernatorial election years; in the Chicago area during presidential election years; in rotating areas of North, South, and Central areas of the state in alternate years.

RULE II. VOTING

Section 1. Any person who is a Party member in good standing for the thirty days immediately preceding the State Convention and who is present at the Convention business session may vote. Persons whose membership expired within the previous four years may attain good standing by renewing this membership prior to the opening of the business session.

Section 2. Any person who is a Party member in good standing may give a Proxy to any other person who is a member in good standing. No person may hold more than two (2) proxies. Proxies may not be transferred among recipients, and must be recorded by the Secretary. Valid proxies are to be treated in the same manner as votes personally cast in all matters, including the determination of quorums, majorities, pluralities, etc.

Section 3. A Party member in good standing is one who meets the requirements of Bylaw III.

Section 4. A quorum for conducting State Convention business sessions shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) Party members in good standing who are qualified under Section 1 of this Rule.

RULE III. ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR OFFICERS

Section 1. All candidates for Party offices may declare their candidacy at any time without prior notice.

Section 2. Nominating speeches shall be no longer than two minutes each. There shall be no more than two seconding speeches of no longer than one minute each.

Section 3. "None of the above" shall automatically be a candidate for each office.

Section 4. Elections shall, at the request of any Party member, be by secret ballot.

Section 5. Any candidate getting a number of votes equal to a majority of people voting shall be elected.

Section 6. After the results of the second (and subsequent) ballots are announced, the candidate with the fewest votes will be dropped from consideration, except "None of the Above."

#### RULE IV. NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

In years when delegates, alternates, or other representatives are to be elected to the National Convention, the following rules shall apply.

Section 1. Each candidate shall nominate him- or herself or otherwise indicate a willingness to serve.

Section 2. No person who is not an Illinois resident and current Party member shall be a candidate.

Section 3. The election shall be by secret ballot and each person (or Proxy) may vote for as many delegates as allotted by the National Committee to Illinois, but no one shall cast more than one vote for each delegate.

Section 4. Candidates shall be ranked by total votes and the Secretary shall record the ranking. The first and subsequent ranks are delegates, up to the number allotted by the National Committee. Thereafter, candidates are alternates, with floor preference determined by their ranking. Tie rankings are to be settled by a coin toss.

Section 5. After the results are announced, the Chair shall call the question, "Does the Convention reaffirm this vote?" If the question fails, each delegate will run individually against "None of the Above." If any delegate receives fewer votes than "None of the Above," he or she will be struck from the delegate list.

Section 6. The LPI convention delegation will elect one of its members as Delegation Chair prior to or at the National Convention.

Section 7 In the event that the State Convention fails to elect a sufficient number of delegates to the National Convention, the SOC is authorized to select delegates as needed

#### RULE V. DEBATE

The following shall apply during debate:

Section 1. Each proposed rule or amendment shall be debated for a maximum of ten minutes. Debates may be extended or closed by a two-thirds vote.

Section 2. The Chair of the Convention may require that any motion be made in writing, signed by the maker, and delivered to the Convention Secretary.

Section 3. Voting shall be by voice vote, except where stated otherwise in these Convention Rules. A show of hands or rising vote may be taken at the request of any Party member.

#### RULE VI. STATEWIDE ELECTIONS

Section 1. Statewide candidates shall be nominated at the State Convention, unless this task is delegated in whole or in part to the State Organizing Committee by a two-thirds vote of the State Convention.

Section 2. All statewide candidates must; (a) meet eligibility requirements for their offices; (b) have expressed a willingness to accept the nomination; and (c) have signed the following pledge: "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

Section 3. Until the Party becomes an established party under Illinois law, presidential electors are not required to live in separate Congressional districts.

Section 4. In the event that a statewide candidate or presidential elector resigns or changes residence, the State Organizing Committee may appoint a replacement.

#### RULE VII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the conduct of the State Convention unless inconsistent with these Convention Rules.